

## Indigenous Graduate Award 2018-2019

The Alberta Advanced Education (AAE) Indigenous Graduate Award is intended to encourage a larger proportion of Indigenous Albertans to pursue and complete graduate studies in Alberta. Doctoral or Master's degree program students are eligible to apply.

*Refer to Appendix 'A' for a list of applicable graduate programs.*

NAME: Indigenous Graduate Award

FUNDING PROVIDED BY: Government of Alberta

AMOUNT: \$7,500

NUMBER: Up to 24 Annually

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES: October 1, 2018

January 15, 2019

### Eligibility Requirements

1. Indigenous Ancestry – Students must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nation, Métis or Inuit. Students must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. *Refer to Appendix 'A'*
2. Students must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident. *Refer to Appendix 'A'*
3. Students must be actively enrolled in a Doctoral or Masters program at AU.
4. Students must be enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load.
5. Students are eligible for the award during any year of their program.
6. Students must be in satisfactory academic standing as determined by AU.
7. Students are eligible to apply a maximum of two times per academic year.

### Selection Criteria

1. Essay response on a topic such as leadership, community engagement, volunteerism, career plans upon graduation etc.
2. Program GPA

## Appendix A

### **Indigenous Graduate Award**

Applicable graduate programs include;

- Doctor of Business Administration
- Doctor of Education in Distance Education
- Master of Arts
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Counselling
- Master of Education
- Master of Health Studies
- Master of Nursing
- Master of Science

Indigenous Ancestry – Students must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nation, Métis or Inuit.

Students must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry. Acceptable forms of proof include one of the following;

- Certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
- Letter from their band verifying their status
- Métis membership card or letter issued by the Métis Nation he or she is registered with
- Letter or membership card from the Métis Settlements General Council
- A certified copy of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card or Inuit beneficiary card
- Letter of support from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
- For a non-status person, a letter of support from a FNMI organization

Students must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident.

As defined by AAE, an Alberta Resident is;

- A person who has maintained permanent residence in Alberta for a period of 12 months immediately prior to attending a post-secondary institution, or
- A person whose parents or guardians have maintained permanent residence in Canada for 12 consecutive months and reside in Alberta, or

- A person whose spouse/partner is an Alberta resident, or
- A person declared, or who falls within a class of persons declared, to be a resident in Alberta by the Minister.

*Clarification on particular cases may be determined by AU in consultation with AIAE.*

#### Full Time Eligibility

To be eligible to apply, students must be enrolled in full time studies. This means at least 60% of a full course load.

Refer to; [Full Time Enrolment Status](#) and/or [Full Time Status for Financial Aid Students](#) for complete details regarding full time eligibility for graduate students.

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Indigenous Ancestry and Residency Requirements	Value of Award
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis, or Inuit and be able to provide proof of Indigenous ancestry.</li> <li>You must be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada and an Alberta resident.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The value of this award can range between a minimum of \$7,500 to a maximum of \$15,000. Schools determine the specific amount to award each eligible applicant.</li> </ul>
Eligible School Requirement	Other Eligibility Criteria (if required)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must be attending a participating public post-secondary school in Alberta.</li> </ul>	
Course Load and Study Requirements	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must be enrolled in the 2018-19 Fall and/or Winter semester in order to be considered for these awards. A semester is defined as a study period of up to 17 weeks in length. If you complete one semester but do not continue as a full-time student, you may be eligible to receive the award but your school may adjust the award amount.</li> <li>You must be enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load.</li> <li>If you are a student with a documented permanent disability, you can be eligible if you are enrolled in at least 40% of a full course load.</li> <li>Your school determines what constitutes a full-time course load in each program.</li> <li>Co-op students, students in brokered programs, and students who are participating in an official exchange may be eligible.</li> <li>You must be in satisfactory academic standing as determined by your school - satisfactory academic standing may vary in how it is determined by school or program.</li> <li>You are not eligible to receive the award if you:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>withdraw from studies, or</li> <li>drop from full-time to part-time studies before the award is paid</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Credential and Eligible Programs of Study	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must be enrolled in a master's degree or doctoral degree program that is approved by the Minister of Advanced Education.</li> </ul>	
How to Apply	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must apply to the school you are attending. Check with your school for application deadlines.</li> <li>If you are a co-op student, a student in a brokered program, or participating in an official exchange, you must apply through the school that will issue your post-secondary credential.</li> </ul>	

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**Indigenous Ancestry**

Please indicate your Indigenous Ancestry:

- Status Indian/First Nations    Non-Status Indian/First Nations    Métis    Inuit

**Documentation Requirements:** You must provide proof of your Indigenous ancestry to your school to determine your eligibility. Acceptable documents of proof include:

- certificate of Indian Status, a status card or a valid band membership card
- letter from your band verifying your status
- Métis membership card or letter issued by the Métis Nation you are registered with
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Schools may use discretion and accept other documentation.

**Personal Information**

Last Name (*current full legal name*)

First Name (*current full legal name*)

Middle Initial

Apartment or Box Number

Street Address

City/Town

Province

Country

Postal Code

Mobile Number (format: 999-999-9999) to receive text messages

Telephone Number (format: 999-999-9999)

Email Address

Citizenship Status: (check one)

- Canadian    Permanent Resident    Protected Person

Social Insurance Number

Gender  Male

Female

Another/Prefer not to disclose

Birthdate

Day	Month	Year
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Are you an Alberta resident\*?  Yes  No

\*You are an Alberta resident if one of the following describes your situation:

- You maintained permanent residence in Alberta for a period of 12 months immediately prior to attending a post-secondary school, or
- Your parents or guardians have maintained permanent residence in Canada for 12 consecutive months and reside in Alberta, or
- Your spouse/partner is an Alberta resident, or
- You have been declared, or fall within a class of persons declared, to be a resident in Alberta by the Minister.

Alberta Student Number (obtained from Alberta Transcript of High School Achievement)

Full-time Studies Information

Name of School

[Grid for Name of School]

Program

[Grid for Program]

Program Specialization/Major

[Grid for Program Specialization/Major]

Program Outcome/Credential

Degree – Masters

Degree – Doctoral

What year of this program will you be in? (check one)

1st year or less  2nd year  3rd year  4th or 5th year

Length of your program of studies (check one)

1 year or less  2 years  3 years  4 or 5 years

Enter your program session start and end dates for the current school year.

Start

End

[Grid for Start Date: Day, Month, Year]

[Grid for End Date: Day, Month, Year]

Additional Questions

Declaration of Applicant

I have read and understand the instructions, and declare that:

- all information provided is true and complete and I understand it is subject to verification.
• I will immediately notify \_\_\_\_\_ if there are any changes to the information I have provided in this application.

[Large empty box for additional declaration]

- I authorize my post-secondary institution to disclose information collected on this application form, my program of study and any award details (if I am selected) to Student Aid Alberta, and I authorize Student Aid Alberta to collect this information from the post-secondary institution for the purposes of administering the Indigenous Graduate Award under the Student Financial Assistance Act, including confirming my eligibility and suitability for this award, for program evaluation and for research and statistical analysis.

Name of Applicant

Today's Date

[Grid for Name of Applicant and Today's Date]