



BC NEIHR

FUNDING AWARDS FOR INDIGENOUS POST- SECONDARY STUDENTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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BC NEIHR GRADUATE AWARDS

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BC NEIHR Graduate Scholarship Program: Masters Scholarship

Award Overview

The BC NEIHR launches an annual competition for nine (9) Master's Scholarships with the objective to help develop research skills and assist in the training of Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) Master's students in British Columbia (BC) institutions, who demonstrate achievement in undergraduate and early graduate studies, and partnership potential with Indigenous communities, collectives and organizations.

Value and Duration: One year; \$17,500 (non-renewable).

Eligibility: To be eligible you must:

- Self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) on the BC NEIHR Registration Survey and have one of your letters of support confirm your Indigenous identity;
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- Not have previously held a BC NEIHR Master's Scholarship;
- Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission to a CIHR eligible (<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>) graduate program at the Master's level at a British Columbia institution (funds will not be released until we have received proof of enrolment);
- Submit a completed application prior to the deadline posted on the funding opportunity; and
- Have completed, at the time of the application deadline, between zero and 12 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which you are requesting funding.

Additional Considerations:

- If you have completed more than 12 months of full-time studies in the program for which you are requesting funding, you are not eligible to apply.

Program of Study Eligibility: The BC NEIHR accepts applications from all disciplines; however, an eligible program must have a significant research component. A significant research component is considered to be one that requires students to undertake original, autonomous research as a requirement for completion of the program. Examples include: completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit that is merit/peer-reviewed at the institutional level.

Additional considerations:

- Joint programs with a professional degree (for example, JD/MA, MBA/PhD, MA/MBA) are eligible if they have a significant autonomous research component, as described above.
- Clinically-oriented programs of study, including clinical psychology, are also eligible programs if they have a significant autonomous research component, as described above.
- Master's programs that are based only on course work are typically not eligible as they do not include a significant autonomous research component.

AWARD APPLICATION OPENS: NOV 1st, 2022

DEADLINE TO APPLY: FEB 1st, 2023

For detailed instructions on how to apply for this award, go to:

https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/bcneihr/wp-content/uploads/sites/4766/2021/10/2021_Masters-Overview-and-Instructions_BC-NEIHR.pdf

For more information on this award, please contact Network Coordinator,

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BC NEIHR Graduate Scholarship Program: Doctoral Scholarship

Award Overview

The BC NEIHR launches an annual competition for three (3) Doctoral Scholarships each year with the objective to help develop research skills and assist in the training of Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) Doctoral students in British Columbia (BC) institutions, who demonstrate achievement in early graduate studies and partnership potential with Indigenous communities, collectives and organizations.

Value and Duration: One year, \$35,000 (possible one-year renewal)

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply you must:

- Self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) on the BC NEIHR Registration Survey and have one of your letters of support confirm your Indigenous identity;
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- Not have previously held a BC NEIHR Doctoral scholarship**;
- Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission to a CIHR eligible (<https://cihr-rsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>) graduate program at the Doctoral level at a British Columbia institution (funds will not be released until we have received proof of enrolment);
- Submit a completed application prior to the deadline posted on the funding opportunity; and
- Have completed, at the time of the application deadline, between zero and 36 months of full-time studies (or full-time equivalent) in the program for which you are requesting funding.



Additional Considerations:

- If you have completed more than 36 months of full-time studies in the program for which you are requesting funding, you are not eligible to apply.

Program of Study Eligibility: The BC NEIHR accepts applications from all disciplines; however, an eligible program must have a significant research component. A significant research component is considered to be one that requires students to undertake original, autonomous research as a requirement for completion of the program. Examples include: completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit that is merit/peer-reviewed at the institutional level.

Additional considerations:

- If registered in a joint doctoral program (e.g. MD/PhD, DVM/PhD) or a clinically-oriented doctoral program, applicants must include in their proposal, a description of how their program contains a significant research component.

AWARD APPLICATION OPENS: NOV 1st, 2022
DEADLINE TO APPLY: FEB 1st, 2023


For detailed instructions on how to apply for this award, go to:

https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/bcneihr/wp-content/uploads/sites/4766/2021/10/2021_Overview-and-Instructions_BC-NEIHR-Doctoral-Scholarship-1.pdf

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Research Experience Award

Award Overview

The BC NEIHR launched this new award with the objective to support Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) graduate students studying in British Columbia (BC), who are pursuing Indigenous wellness-related research and seeking to gain additional research-related experience.

Value and Duration: Short term, \$2,000 (non-renewable)

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply you must:

- Self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) on the BC NEIHR Registration Survey and have one of your letters of support confirm your Indigenous identity;
- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;
- Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission to a CIHR eligible (<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/36374.html>) graduate program at a British Columbia institution (funds will not be released until we have received proof of enrolment); and
- Submit only one application to the BC NEIHR Research Experience Award program.

For detailed instructions on how to apply for this award, go to:

https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/bcneihr/wp-content/uploads/sites/4766/2022/07/Overview-and-Instructions_Research-Experience-Award.pdf

University of Northern BC Entrance Award

Award Overview


The BC NEIHR offers three (3) UNBC Entrance Awards annually. We accept applications from January-August prior to the fall semester (i.e., September-December) start of the academic year. Awardees will receive their funds in full during their first fall semester. The objective of the BC NEIHR UNBC Entrance Award is to support Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) students who are entering a UNBC graduate program that has a significant research component (see program of study eligibility).

Value and Duration: \$1000, (non-renewable)

Eligibility: To be eligible to apply you must:

- Self-identify as Indigenous (First Nations, Métis or Inuit) on the BC NEIHR Registration Survey and have your letter of support confirm your Indigenous identity;
- Be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- Not have previously held a BC NEIHR UNBC Entrance Award;
- Be enrolled in, have applied for, or will apply for full-time admission to a UNBC graduate program at the Master's or Doctoral level (funds will not be released until we have received proof of enrolment); and
- Submit a completed application prior first fall semester (September-December) start of your program**

**This year (2022/2023) we will be accepting late applications for the 2022 Fall semester until December of 31st, 2022.



Additional Considerations:

- If you are starting your program in the winter semester (January-April) or summer semester (May-August), you must still have submitted your application by August 31st prior to the start of that academic year.

Program of Study Eligibility: The BC NEIHR accepts applications from all disciplines; however, an eligible program must have a significant research component. A significant research component is considered to be one that requires students to undertake original, autonomous research as a requirement for completion of the program. Examples include: completion of a thesis, major research project, dissertation, scholarly publication, performance, recital and/or exhibit that is merit/peer-reviewed at the institutional level.


Additional considerations:

- Joint programs with a professional degree (for example, JD/MA, MBA/PhD, MA/MBA) are eligible if they have a significant autonomous research component, as described above.
- Clinically-oriented programs of study, including clinical psychology, are also eligible programs if they have a significant autonomous research component, as described above.
- Programs that are based only on course work are typically not eligible as they do not include a significant autonomous research component.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR STUDENTS STARTING SEPTEMBER 2022 UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST 2022

For detailed instructions on how to apply for this award, go to:

<https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/bcneihr/wp-content/uploads/sites/4766/2022/07/UNBC-Entrance-Award-overview-and-instructions.pdf>





**EXTERNAL
POST-
SECONDARY
AWARDS**

ATCO Indigenous Education Awards Program

Undergraduate & Graduate: Any Program

Admission Deadline: Program will reopen March 2023

Amount: \$1000 for Trade, Diploma or Certificate Programs

\$1500 for Degree or Graduate Programs

Eligibility: Self identify as an Indigenous person (First Nation, Metis or Inuit). Are enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution or training program and NOT the child of an ATCO employee.

BC Hydro Awards, Scholarships, and Bursaries

Undergraduate & Graduate: Part-time and full-time students in degree, diploma, certificate, or technical/trades programs connected to BC Hydro careers

Admission Deadline: APRIL-JULY (annual award will reopen spring 2023).

Amount: Various Awards and Bursaries.

- **Eligibility:** From a BC First Nation or are an Indigenous permanent resident of BC.
- Registered at an accredited post-secondary institution between September 2022-April 2023 in a full-time program that closely matches careers at BC Hydro (see website for more detail).

BCAAFC First Citizens Fund

Undergraduate, Graduate & Trades: Any Program

Admission deadline: 15-JAN, 15-MAY, 15-SEP

Amount: \$700-\$1200

Eligibility: Post-secondary and trades students of Indigenous ancestry (First Nation, Metis and Inuit). Registered in a recognized BC post-secondary institution. Minimum GPA of 2.5+.

*Not eligible for repeated courses due to failed grade or low grade.

BCAAFC Post-Secondary Student Support Program

College Entrance, Undergraduate & Graduate: Any Program

Admission deadline: 1-NOV, 31-MAR, 1-JUL

Amount: Varies per assessed need.

Eligibility: BC First Nations who are registered status-Indian students, affiliated with a BC Band, and do NOT have band membership, therefore leaving them unable to access band funding. Students can be enrolled in a preparation for post-secondary program or in a post-secondary program.

BC First Nations Forestry Council's Indigenous Forestry Scholarship Program

Undergraduate, Graduate & Trades: Forestry related programs

Admission deadline: undisclosed

Amount: undisclosed

Eligibility: First Nations, Inuit, or Métis Descent students interested in attending full-time studies in a designated post-secondary institution. Forestry Technician, Natural Resources, Environmental Technology, Business Management, Business Administration, Geographic Information Systems, Forestry Trades

Chief Joe Mathias British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship Fund

Undergraduate & Graduate: Any Program

Admission deadline: 17-JUN, 2022 (TBA 2023 deadline)

Amount: Varies per assessed need.

Eligibility: Member of a First Nation Band. Enrolled in an accredited BC post-secondary institution full-time or part-time. Certificate or degree programs. Demonstrated financial need.

Indspire Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Undergraduate, Graduate & Trades: Any Program

Admission deadline: 1-FEB, 1-AUG, 1-NOV

Amount: Varies per assessed need and award requirements.

Eligibility: First Nations, Metis & Inuit students enrolled in an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution or trades program.

Irving K Barber Aboriginal Scholarships

Apprenticeship, Trades, Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Graduate, Law & Medicine: Any Program

Admission deadline: Contact for upcoming dates.

Amount: \$1000-\$5000

Eligibility: First Nations, Metis & Inuit students enrolled in an accredited Canadian post-secondary institution or trades program.

Additional Program Specific Eligibility:

*Apprenticeship/Trades/Cert./Diploma: Programs can be no less than 7 consecutive weeks of study. Registered in a full-time course load as defined by your institution.

*Undergraduate, Law, Medical, Masters & Doctoral: Course of study at time of application will be no less than two semesters in length. Registered in a full-time course load as defined by your institution.

Irving K Barber Transfer Scholarship

Apprenticeship, Trades, Certificate, Diploma, Bachelors, Graduate, Law & Medicine: Any Program

Admission deadline: Contact for upcoming dates.

Amount: \$5000

Eligibility: First Nations, Metis & Inuit students transferring to a post-secondary institution after completing 1-2 full years of courses.

Awarded on the basis of academic achievement (B average minimum).

*1-Year Transfer: B-grade on best 30 credits. Clearly demonstrate significant community and/or school involvement and academic achievement. Two letters of support/reference.

*Undergraduate, Law, Medical, Masters & Doctoral: Course of study at time of application will be no less than two semesters in length.

Registered in a full-time course load as defined by your institution.

**2-Year Transfer: Have completed a minimum of 54 credits with B-grade on best 30 credits. Clearly demonstrate significant community and/or school involvement and academic achievement. Two letters of support/reference.

NIB Trust Fund

Wide range of activities for First Nations and Métis applicants pursuing education; Post-secondary education, Training, trade skills, Certification, etc.

Admission deadline: Applications re-open April 2023.

Amount: Varies per assessed need.

Eligibility: The Individual Call for Applications is open to First Nations and Métis individuals over the age 18 with a social insurance number. All educational activities must take place between September 1, 2023, and August 31, 2024. All applications are considered in a competitive process and funds are not guaranteed.

New Relationship Trust

Scholarships for Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorate levels. Bursaries for students pursuing certificate, diploma, associate degree and trades programs.

Application deadline: See next call for 2023 dates.

Amount: Varying amounts; multiple scholarships and bursaries available.

Eligibility: Scholarships and Bursaries:

Must identify as a member of a British Columbia First Nation community (status or non-status) and be planning to attend an accredited post-secondary institution on a full-time basis anywhere in the world.

*There may be individual requirements specific to each award. Be sure to check the website for more information.

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