



**UNIVERSITY
OF ALBERTA**

INDIGENOUS GUIDEBOOK
FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS & INUIT STUDENTS
2023 - 2024



WORKING
TOGETHER.

With Purpose.

At the largest Northern research institute in Canada.

U OF A in EDMONTON

TOP 5

UNIVERSITY IN CANADA

TOP 110

UNIVERSITY IN THE WORLD



1,800+
INDIGENOUS
STUDENTS
STUDY HERE

2nd LARGEST
URBAN INDIGENOUS
POPULATION IN CANADA
IS IN EDMONTON



1st
FACULTY OF
NATIVE STUDIES
IN NORTH AMERICA

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The University of Alberta, its buildings, labs, and research stations are primarily located on the traditional territory of Cree, Blackfoot, Métis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, and Ojibway/Saulteaux/Anishinaabe nations; lands that are now known as part of Treaties 6, 7, and 8 and homeland of the Métis. The University of Alberta respects the sovereignty, lands, histories, languages, knowledge systems, and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit nations.



DELWILIAH

INDIGENOUS STUDENT

Tansi, My name is Delwiliah Brown.

*Tansi, Delwiliah Brown nitisikson.
Nehiyaw iskwew nîya. Treaty 6
Neyaskweyahk ohci nîya ekwa
Maskwacîs, Alberta*

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I am Plains Cree of Treaty 6 from Ermineskin Cree Nation of Maskwacis.

I am in my 4th year in the Faculty of Education in Secondary Education. My major is in Social Studies with a minor in Indigenous Curriculum & Pedagogy. I was also a facilitator of the Indigenous Language Club supported by First Peoples' House.

One of the most important decisions I made in my life was to come to the University of Alberta. I told myself that I belonged at the U of A, that I belonged in this learning environment and during this experience I learned that I was needed and my voice mattered.

It is our different Indigenous perspectives, personal experiences, cultures, languages and histories that are needed. As a First Nations student, it was challenging walking in two worlds but I always carried my culture with me when I left my community.

My favourite things to do on campus are going to the First Peoples' House, relaxing on the quad by the sweetgrass bear, and studying with my friends in the Indigenous Students' Union lounge.”



TIPI RAISING | PHOTO BY RYAN WHITEFIELD
EVERY SPRING ON NORTH CAMPUS

FUNDING YOUR FUTURE

SCHOLARSHIP AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SPECIFICALLY FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Financial Advice

Whether you have financial barriers or you would just like more information about scholarships, awards and funding options available to you – First People’s House offers one-on-one advising. Appointments can be made with the Engagement Co-ordinator at fph@ualberta.ca.

Tuition Deposit

If you will be funded by your band or another third party, you may qualify for a waiver for the \$500 tuition deposit required when you accept your admission offer. Contact an Indigenous Recruiter to find out more at indigenous@ualberta.ca

Third-Party Funding Options

First Nations students

- First Nation or Tribal Council
- Freehorse Family Wellness Society

Métis students

- Métis Settlement
- Rupertsland Institute (RLI) Post-Secondary Funding
- Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award

Inuit & northern students

- NWT and NU Student Financial Assistance
- Regional Council
- Freehorse Family Wellness Society

All Indigenous students:

- Indspire

Scholarships and Awards

The U of A administers more than \$40.6 million in undergraduate financial support. Many faculties and departments offer awards and scholarships for Indigenous students. Explore more of your scholarship, bursary, and financial support options at uab.ca/awards

Admission-based

You might receive a scholarship you didn’t even have to apply for. Eligibility for these awards is based on your admission average at the time of your admission offer.

Indigenous Entrance Scholarship – Self-declaring First Nations, Métis, or Inuit students with an average of 80%+ may receive \$1,500.

Application-based

Fill out a single application and we will assess your eligibility based on your background, experiences, academics, and interests. The deadline for application-based awards is January 12, 2023 (unless otherwise stated).

Indigenous Careers Award - Self-declaring First Nations, Métis, or Inuit students who are residents of Alberta

completing degrees in programs with high-demand career outcomes may receive \$2,000 per semester. Eligible students must apply before October 13, 2023 (unless otherwise stated).

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Student Awards – Various awards of up to \$5,000 available. Students must apply before October 13, 2023.

Turtle Spirit Pathway Award for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students – Assisting Indigenous students who are entering the U of A and who have demonstrated financial challenges and barriers to attending university. Through the program, students will be considered for up to \$8,000 per year in award funding. Up to 20 new students per year will qualify for the award.



MAKING THE LEAP



SWEETGRASS BEAR | STEWART STEINHAUER
SYMBOLIZES "MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER"

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO COME TO THE U OF A.

Direct Entry (from High School)

For direct entry, you will need to present competitive grades in five core academic 30-level courses, including English Language Arts 30-1 plus four other core courses. The additional four core courses vary by program. uab.ca/programs

The application deadline for direct entry is March 1, 2023.

Transfer Students

If you are transferring from another post-secondary institution, you will need to consult your faculty of interest for full admission details. As a transfer applicant, you will be evaluated on both your high school and post-secondary coursework. Once admitted, you will automatically be evaluated for transfer credit. If you are a transfer student from an Indigenous Post-Secondary Institution (IPSI), contact our IPSI Recruitment Co-ordinator for more information at indigenous@ualberta.ca

Mature Students

To qualify for admission as a mature (or non-matriculated) student, you must be 21 or older as of September 1 in the year you wish to attend and not have completed any previous post-secondary schooling. uab.ca/nma

Transition Year Program

The Transition Year Program (TYP), offered through First Peoples' House at our North Campus in Edmonton, is a one-year university access program designed for students who may not be prepared to enter a faculty through a direct entry route. The program is a full-time university program in Open Studies that partners with 9 faculties. Upon completion, you will be eligible to transfer 15-24* credits into the participating faculty of your choice. uab.ca/typ

Deadline to apply (fall):
May 1, 2023 *All Faculties

Deadline to apply (winter):
October 1, 2023 *Arts and Native Studies Only

AGRICULTURAL, LIFE & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	English 30-1, Math 30-1, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 ¹
ARTS	English 30-1, plus one course from Group A, B, or C ²
BUSINESS	English 30-1, Math 30-1
EDUCATION	English 30-1, plus one course from Group A, B, or C ²
ENGINEERING	English 30-1, Math 30-1, Chemistry 30, Physics 30
NATIVE STUDIES	English 30-1, plus one course from Group A, B, or C ²
NURSING	English 30-1, Math 30-1 or 30-2, Biology 30, Chemistry 30 or Science 30
KINESIOLOGY, SPORT & RECREATION	English 30-1, plus one course from Group A or C ³
SCIENCE	English 30-1, Math 30-1, plus two of Biology 30, Chemistry 30 or Physics 30

¹ BSc in Human Ecology: Biology 30 or Chemistry 30 is required and Math 30-2 or Math 30-1

² Group A (Humanities): Social Studies 30-1, Aboriginal Studies 30, or a 30-level language other than English; Group B (Fine Arts): Art 30, Drama 30, and Additional Fine Arts courses may be considered; or Group C (Math and Science): Chemistry 30, Biology 30, Physics 30, Science 30, Math 30-1, 30-2, or Math 31.

³ Biology 30 recommended

No Fee to Apply To TYP

Initially, there is no fee to apply to TYP. However, the TYP application is a more involved process than a direct entry application requiring additional supporting documents. Indigenous

applicants are encouraged to start the application early. The application fee will be required once an admission offer is made and accepted. Apply online at uab.ca/typ

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FIND YOUR PURPOSE

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ASK US

You’ve got questions, and our advisors have answers.

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Indigenous Recruitment

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