



**Saskatchewan
Indigenous
Mentorship
Network**

Graduate Student Stipend

Purpose: to support First Nations, Metis, and Inuit graduate students studying in health, wellness and community-based research to engage in their individual development and mentorship needs.

Funding Details:

Use of Funds: Proposed activities to support the graduate student's mentorship needs are eligible. The funds could also be used to:

- Offset travel to mentors, Elders, Community celebrations and ceremony,
- Support access to any academic or personal development resources such as courses or workshops.
- Considering the value of direct research experience with established Indigenous health researchers, the funds awarded to the graduate students could also be used for self-funding their time as research associates in existing projects.
- Personal expenses to support your success in developing as a health and wellness researcher.

*No supervisor or university overhead costs can be deducted from the funds.

Funds available: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$30,000 per fiscal year (April 1 - March 31). Max \$3000/year for ten students, \$30,000 available annually. Of this \$15,000 is specific to University of Saskatchewan applicants (source of fund is OVPR in-kind contribution) and \$15,000 is open to First Nations, Métis, and Inuit graduate students registered at First Nations University of Canada, University of Saskatchewan, or the University of Regina. Applications are accepted and reviewed by the SK-IMN Awards & Adjudication committee once a year or until the annual amount available is expended. In the event of unused funds, these will be rolled into the next year's pool and/or used for graduate student travel awards.

Eligibility

- Métis, First Nations, and Inuit students enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program at the University of Saskatchewan, University of Regina, or First Nations University.



Application Requirements:

- Completed application form
- Completed SK-IMN registration form
- Proof of Indigenous ancestry. See our [website](#) for what is considered acceptable proof of ancestry.

Evaluation of Applications

- Applications will be reviewed once per year by the SK-IMN Awards & Adjudication Committee
- Priority will be given to first time applicants and awardees can receive one award per fiscal year.

Accountability

On condition of receiving the stipend, students have to meet specific obligations, including:

- Student will actively participate in the SK-IMN's resources and activities
- Student will be featured on the network's website i.e. info on program of study, research, mentor relationship?
- The student will present their research via a poster presentation and meet with the Network director or attend a poster workshop provided by the network.