



**Saskatchewan
Indigenous
Mentorship
Network**

Graduate Student Travel Award

Purpose: to provide funding to support graduate First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students to support travel to present at conferences or in community.

Funding Details:

Use of Funds:

- Conference fees, travel (including mileage, airfare, parking, bus or train fare), per diem for meals (following U of S tri-council and travel guidelines), accommodation, baggage fees.
- Poster printing, equipment and supplies for presentation.

Funds available: The total amount available for this funding opportunity is **\$10,000 per fiscal year** (April 1 - March 31). Of this, \$5000 is specific to University of Saskatchewan applicants (source of fund is OVPR in-kind contribution) and \$5000 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 three times a year (Fall, Winter and Spring/Summer) and reviewed by the SK-IMN Awards & Adjudication committee until the annual amount available is expended. Priority will be given to first time applicants and awardees can receive one award per fiscal year.

Location	Max Amount
Provincial meeting/conference/event (within Saskatchewan)	Up to \$500
National meeting (within Canada)	Up to \$1000
International Meeting (outside of Canada)	Up to \$1500
Northern Travel (within SK or Canada)	Up to \$2000

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, or Saskatchewan Polytechnic.
- Have submitted or been accepted to present at a conference, gathering, or community activity*
 - *Confirmation of submission/acceptance/invitation must be provided prior to release of funds

Application Requirements:



- Completed application form
- Completed SK-IMN registration form
- Documentation from conference/meeting/community confirming acceptance of the abstract or invitation to present.
- Abstract or brief summary of what will be presented (max 250 words)
- Proof of First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry. Please see our [website](#) for what is considered acceptable proof of ancestry.

Evaluation of Applications

- Applications will be reviewed three times each academic year by the SK-IMN Awards and Adjudication Committee
- Priority will be given to students who do not have other funding support or who do not have sufficient funding support
- Priority will be given to first time applicants and awardees can receive one award per academic/fiscal year.
- Priority will be given to students presenting on topics related to health, wellness, and community-based research.
- Students can resubmit an unsuccessful application if there is more than one deadline between the first submission and the conference/activity itself. (i.e. conference is in May, student can submit to fall competition and if unsuccessful can resubmit in Winter competition).

Annual Adjudication Schedule (please check above for the date of each round's deadline)

	Deadline	Results
Fall Term	October	November
Winter Term	February	March
Spring/Summer	April	June