



Indigenous
Initiatives

Indigenous Graduate Student Research Award 2021-2022

- **The Indigenous Graduate Research Award aims to grow the next generation of Indigenous scholars doing Indigenous research and to financially support Indigenous graduate students enrolled at Western with research-related expenses.**
- **Awards will be determined by a Committee of representatives including Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars. This committee will be chaired by the Vice Provost /Associate Vice President (Indigenous Initiatives)**
- **Awards will vary between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each, depending on students' needs.**

Application Requirements

1. All applicants must self-identify as an Indigenous.
2. All applicants must be registered in a graduate program at Western at the time of application.
3. All applicants must complete an application form and outline their research project (i.e. title, background, purpose, and methodology within one-page single space not including reference list)
4. All applicants must provide a budget that outlines the requested research-related expenses and how these expenses and/or activities will contribute to completing their research.
5. All applicants must provide a name and email address for one academic reference (i.e. their academic/thesis supervisor, faculty member or research partner including Elder or community member) who will be contacted by Office of Indigenous Initiatives and invited to fill out a reference form.

Application due dates are May 31st, 2021 and September 30th, 2021

(There are two deadlines to accommodate graduate students' terms which start in May and September 2021)

Application Forms and Award Guidelines are available from:

<https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/> under Financial Assistance category or from:

Indigenous Student Centre
Western Student Services Building, 1151 Richmond Street
London, Ontario, Canada, N6A 3K7
Email: dnoah@uwo.ca

For more information about Indigenous Graduate Student Research Award,
Please contact the Donna Noah (dnoah@uwo.ca) the Indigenous Financial Aid
Coordinator.

Indigenous Student Research Award: Application Guidelines and Procedures

Only **completed** application packages will be reviewed. Use this checklist to ensure that you have submitted all the required information. A completed application package will contain the following pieces of information:

- A completed Indigenous Graduate Student Research Award Application Form including your original signature and date.
- Outline of your research project** (one page single spaced not including reference list), which includes the following:
 - **Title of Project:** Provide a descriptive title for your project;
 - **Background:** Provide a brief summary of the proposed project
 - **Methodology:** Explain the methodological approach to the research
- Budget** that outlines the requested research-related expenses and how these expenses and/or activities will contribute to completing your research.
- One academic reference** (i.e. academic/these supervisor, faculty member or research partner including Elder or community member) who will complete the reference form and provide a signed reference letter directly to Donna Noah at dnoah@uwo.ca.
- Submit one complete application package** including this completed check-list guideline form as an email attachment to Donna Noah (dnoah@uwo.ca), Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator by either May 31st 2021 and or September 30th 2021.



**Indigenous Graduate Student Research Award:
Academic Reference Form
Submission Deadline: May 31st 2021 and September 30th 2021**

INSTRUCTIONS

This form is composed of two parts.

- **Section A:** The candidate must provide personal information, as requested.
- **Section B:** Academic reference form to be completed by the referee (an individual who is familiar with the candidate's academic work), together with a signed letter detailing the following:
 - Why the candidate is exceptional in relation to other students.
 - Details on the student's outstanding qualities and abilities to persevere in the face of challenges.
 - Length of time you have known the candidate; and
 - The capacity you have known the candidate
 - The referee must send the completed form and letter as an attachment directly to Donna Noah (dnoah@uwo.ca), Indigenous Financial Aid Coordinator. A verbal reference may be provided via telephone if preferred.

A. TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE

Full Name:		UWO Student Number:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Part-time Student	Degree Sought:	Year of Study:

B. TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFEREE

1. Please check the most appropriate box for each characteristic.

Characteristic	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Below Average	Inadequate opportunity to observe
A. Demonstration of connection to community					
B. Research potential					
C. Industriousness					
D. Judgment					
E. Oral and written skills					
F. Overall ability					

2. Please elaborate in more detail on the assessment provided above with a supporting letter.

3. I have known the candidate for the period _____ to (dates) _____ in
my capacity as _____

Name:	Position:
Department:	Institution:
Signature:	Date:

**Indigenous Student Research Award:
Application Form
Submission Deadlines: May 31st 2021 and September 30th 2021**

A. PERSONAL DATA

Last Name:	First Name and Middle Initial
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UWO Student #:	Email address:
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Faculty:	Program:	Year of Study:
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Number and Street Name	Apartment or Unit Number
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City, Town, or Post Office	Province	Postal Code	Area Code and Telephone
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<p>Indigenous Identity</p> <p>Canadian Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Nation/Community:</p> <p>First Nations (status or non)</p> <p>Inuit _____</p> <p>Metis _____</p>
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B. REFERENCE

Name of Reference	Position	Institution	Email

C. DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all information given on this application is true and complete in every respect. I understand that I may be required to repay all or part of this assistance if the information is found to be inaccurate for any reason.

Signature

Date