FAQs – Indigenous Summer Research Institute

Question: What is the Indigenous Summer Research Institute?

- The Indigenous Summer Research Institute is a 3-week residence program for undergraduate students in the upper years of their program. It is hosted in partnership between the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the Office of Indigenization, University of Regina. The program intends to enhance the writing and research skills of undergraduate students to encourage them to pursue graduate studies.

Question: What are the dates for the Indigenous Summer Research Institute?

- The program runs Monday August 6, 2018 to Friday August 24, 2018.

Question: What should I expect to learn from the Indigenous Summer Research Institute?

- Through an examination of Indigenous-centred research methods, methodologies, and ethics, this institute provides students with critical analysis tools to understand the historical development of colonial representations and systems of oppression of Indigenous peoples in academia. Strategies for transformation and for the empowerment of Indigenous peoples are considered though the practice of Indigenous-centred and anti-oppressive research practices.

Question: What disciplines is the Indigenous Summer Research Institute curriculum based on?

- Drawing from the Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, and Sciences, the curriculum is multidisciplinary with specific focus on:
  - Indigenous Research Methodologies
  - Community Economic Development
  - Art and Material Culture
  - Science and Water
  - Environmental/Land-based Education and School Curriculum

Question: What extra-curricular activities are a part of this program?

- Graduate student mentorship
- Indigenous-centred scholarship panel
- Indigenous-centred knowledge in science and mathematics workshop
- Artist and writers panel
- Land-based learning
• Indigenous languages workshop
• Traditional and cultural teachings with Elders/knowledge keepers
• Fieldtrips

Question: Getting to Regina:

• Located in the heart of the North American continent, Regina is an easily accessible city. It is the capital of Saskatchewan and located in the southern portion of the province. Regina is connected to other cities by road and air. The Regina International Airport is served by several regional and international airlines, and Greyhound bus services provide daily travel service.
• For more information, please visit Tourism Regina: http://tourismregina.com/plan/gettingaround/.

Question: What to do in Regina:

• Regina is a vibrant urban centre, with plenty to do. The city is situated on Treaty 4 lands, and these are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšinâpêk, and Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis.

• The nêhiyawak originally referred to Regina as oskana kâ-asastêki which literally means "The place where bones are piled up." This is why Regina's nickname is "Pile O'Bones." It also reflects the name of Wascana Park, which is where the University of Regina is located. Regina’s Wascana Park is the largest urban park in North America. The park extends across the city, with a lake and boasts excellent paths for biking, running, or walking. It is also houses the provincial Legislature, the MacKenzie Art Gallery, and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum.

• Regina’s Victoria Park, situated downtown, is a hub of activity all summer. The space hosts many cultural events, music events (including the Regina Folk Festival), and farmers markets. The city is also the home to the Saskatchewan Roughriders CFL Football team and the Regina Pats Junior hockey team. As well, the U of R is home to a variety of sports teams, clubs, and camps including the Cougars and Rams football team. During the summer months, the U of R campus is busy with academic programs, camps, and events.

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1 nêhiyawak - nay-hi-yuh-wuk (Cree)
Anihšinâpêk - uh-nish-i-naa-payk (Saulteaux)
oskana kâ-asastêki - os-kuh-nuh-kaa-us-us-tay-kih.
• For more on things to do in Regina, please visit: http://tourismregina.com/plan/things-to-do/.

• For more on the University of Regina, please visit: https://www.uregina.ca/.

Question: Do I have to stay in the University residence?

• Participants do not have to stay in campus residences. While, we do encourage students to stay in residence, they may choose not to do so. Regina residents do not have to stay in campus residences. They may, however, choose to stay in residence.

Question: If I have dependents, can they accompany me?

• Yes, the University of Regina’s residences are equipped to accommodate family living with 2-4 bedroom apartments. Please remember that all travel costs are the responsibility of the program participants. As well, the Indigenous Summer Research Institute is not responsible for childcare and food for all dependents is the responsibility of participants.

Question: If I live in Regina and decide to remain in my own residence, will I still receive the scholarship?

• Yes, the scholarship is provided to all participants of the program.

Question: Does the Indigenous Summer Research Institute cover the costs of travel?

• No, the Indigenous Summer Research Institute does not cover travel. It is the responsibility of the program participant to organize and cover the costs of their travel to the University of Regina.

Question: What does a typical day look like for Indigenous Summer Research Institute participants?

• The program runs Monday to Saturday for its first two weeks and Monday to Friday for its third week. Mornings are spent in the classroom, where readings will be discussed in seminar style and led by the course instructor. Afternoons are based on various panels, workshops, and fieldtrips. These will take place in the classroom, outside in the Office of Indigenization’s outdoor classroom, or as fieldtrips off-campus. Time is scheduled throughout the day for reading and assignments. There are several optional Indigenous-based ceremonial and evening activities scheduled, but this time can also be used
independently. While not a credit course, participants are expected to complete one final assignment related to Indigenous-centred research proposal or ethics proposal to complete the program.

Question: How do I apply?

- For applications, please visit: https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/Indigenous-Summer-Research-Institute.html

Question: If I have further questions, who do I contact?

- Please refer to the Terms of Reference: https://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/assets/forms/Financial%20Aid/ToR%20March%202018%20FGSR%20UR%20Indigenous%20Summer%20Research%20Institute%20Scholarship.pdf
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