Information for **Indigenous Students**

University of Regina

OUR COMMITMENT

Welcome to the University of Regina, located on Treaty 4 and Treaty 6 territories — the traditional lands of the nêhiyawak, Anihšinapek, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda peoples, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn, teach, and grow on this land, and we're committed to reconciliation through the inclusion of Indigenous knowledge, perspectives, and partnerships. From the welcoming ta-tawâw Student Centre to our collaborations with institutions like the First Nations University of Canada and Gabriel Dumont Institute, we're proud to support Indigenous students and build a more inclusive future for all.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

With over 150 undergraduate programs available, the University of Regina ensures students can find a program that matches thier interests. Below is a list of the facuties you can explore:

- Faculty of Arts
- Centre for Continuing Education
- Faculty of Education
- Faculty of Engineering & Applied Science
- Faculty of Kinesiology & Health Studies
- La Cite universitaire francophone
- Faculty of Media, Art, and Performance
- Faculty of Nursing
- Paul J. Hill School of Business
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Social Work

INDIGENOUS-FOCUSED PROGRAMS

In line with our commitment to reconciliation, the University of Regina partners with First Nations University of Canada, Yukon University, and the Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) to offer Indigenous-focused programs across various disciplines. These partnerships enrich learning by integrating Indigenous knowledge and perspectives. Some of the programs offered include:

- Indigenous Business & Public Administration
- Indigenous Communication Arts
- Indigenous Education
- Indigenous Health
- Indigenous Knowledge & Science
- Indigenous Languages
- Indigenous Literatures in English
- Indigenous Social Work
- Indigenous Studies
- Saskatchewan Urban Native Education Program (SUNTEP)
- Yukon Native Teacher Education Program (YNTEP)

ABOUT THE U OF R

2,178
Number of **self-declared** Indigenous students.

39
Number of programs with an **Indigenous focus**.

5
Number of **Indigenous languages** that are taught.

CHECK OUT OUR CAMPUS!

Come explore the University of Regina campus and get an inside look at student life - tour classrooms, residences, sports facilities, and favorite hangout spots. Discover what makes our campus a great place to live and learn!

Not on campus? No problem! Explore the U of R from anywhere with our video tour and interactive map, and discover everything the campus has to offer.

SCAN HERE FOR OUR CAMPUS TOURS!

ta-tawâw STUDENT CENTRE

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE. THERE IS SPACE.

taanishi (Michif), tanisi (nêhiyawêwin), anin sikwa (anihšinapemowin), edlanet'e (Dene), hau koda (Dakota, Lakota, Nakoda) — hello! The ta-tawâw Student Centre offers a respectful, inclusive space that supports Indigenous students' empowerment, connection, and cultural learning. As a hub for community, it promotes smooth transitions to university, increased retention, active participation in events, academic success, and pathways to the workplace.

The Centre provides a range of programs and events to help students thrive socially, academically, and professionally.

2026-27 ANNUAL EVENTS

SEP 25 - GLEN ANAQUOD ANNUAL MEMORIAL TIPI RAISING COMPETITION

Each September, the ta-tawâw Centre hosts the Glen Anaquod Annual Memorial Tipi Raising Competition, inviting university and high school students to engage in a fun, hands-on learning experience about Indigenous culture and values.

OCT 3 - MÉTIS FIDDLE DANCE

Get ready for a lively Métis fiddle dance featuring Tahnis Cunningham! Join Natalie McNabb for "Learn to Dance" sessions outside ta-tawaw on Sep. 23 and Oct. 21 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. to learn some steps before the big event.

FEB 6 - NEEKANEEWAK LEADERSHIP ROUND DANCE

The Neekaneewak Leadership Round Dance at the University of Regina is an annual event that celebrates Indigenous culture through music, dance, and community, providing students and faculty an opportunity to honor traditions and for NLI students to demonstrate leadership.

APR 2 - INTRODUCTION TO POW WOW

Intro to Powwow features live dance performances and explores the cultural, spiritual, and historical aspects of powwow, including its development, dances, and regalia, welcoming all who want to learn more.

PROGRAMS

nitôncipâmin omâ STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM
WE ARE HERE

The omâ program is here to provide first year Indigenous students with a supportive learning environment for up to 30 credit hours in a variety of disciplines. This program will help you become an academic leader by providing you with the tools you need to successfully navigate your academic path.

Why join omâ?

- Connection with other first-year students
- Detailed class material review sessions
- Student success workshops
- Priority access to tutors
- Cultural and social programming
- Scholarship opportunities

Who can join?

Students who have applied to the U of R and have been admitted into the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Media, Art, & Performance, or Faculty of Science. Seats are limited, so apply early!

SCAN HERE TO APPLY FOR OMA!

NEEKANEEWAK LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (NLI)

The NLI is a program where students are provided opportunities to enhance and develop the diversity of their leadership skills. Students participate in volunteer activities and any of the numerous events hosted in the Centre. Social gatherings are hosted throughout the academic year as a great way to network and connect with the campus and larger community. The ta-tawâw Student Centre hosts the Neekaneewak Leadership Initiative awards every year. The awards celebrate Indigenous students who support the community through their involvement and engagement in the Centre's programming.

The NLI focuses on four distinct areas of leadership development:

- Academic Leadership
- Professional Leadership
- Cultural Leadership
- Community Leadership

CULTURAL CREATIVITY

Take a break from studies and explore your creative side at the ta-tawâw Centre! The Centre offers art-making workshops for all skill levels, including ribbon skirt and shirt design, moccasin-making, and beadwork.

FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA

First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) is the only First Nations-owned post-secondary institution in Canada, designed to ensure student success while embracing Indigenous values, history, and culture. With campuses in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert, FNUniv provides comprehensive student services to support academic and personal growth. The Regina campus is located on the atim kâ-mihkosit (Red Dog) Urban Reserve, Star Blanket Cree Nation, and Treaty 4 Territory, with Star Blanket being the first First Nation in Canada to create an urban reserve dedicated to education.

- **Academically**, FNUniv offers tutoring in subjects like math, science, and Indigenous languages, along with writing clinics to help students refine their skills.
- **Community-wise**, FNUniv hosts a variety of events throughout the year in partnership with the student association, including orientation, welcome week, holiday celebrations, and winter solstice activities, ensuring students feel connected and engaged.
- **Personally**, students have access to Elder services and ceremonies, supporting mental and emotional well-being while strengthening cultural values.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A FEDERATED COLLEGE STUDENT?

FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA
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A federated college offers students a close-knit community within a larger university. First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv), one of the three federated colleges at the University of Regina, provides Indigenous students with a culturally supportive environment while they pursue their U of R degree. As U of R students, FNUniv students have access to all university services, classes, scholarships, and supports, alongside unique opportunities and a strong community.

FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA PROGRAMS AT THE U OF R

REGINA CAMPUS

- Indigenous Business & Public Administration
- Indigenous Communication Arts
- Indigenous Fine Arts
- Indigenous Education
- Indigenous Health Studies
- Indigenous Languages
- Indigenous Literatures in English
- Indigenous Social Work
- Indigenous Studies
- Indigenous Knowledge & Science

SASKATOON CAMPUS

- Indigenous Business & Public Administration
- Indigenous Literatures in English
- Indigenous Social Work
- Indigenous Studies

PRINCE ALBERT CAMPUS

- Indigenous Business & Public Administration
- Indigenous Education (Elementary only)
- Indigenous Languages
- Indigenous Literatures in English
- Indigenous Social Work
- Indigenous Studies
- Indigenous Knowledge & Science (online, remote)

CAMPUS LIFE & SUPPORTS

INDIGENOUS CAREER EDUCATION

Indigenous Career Education supports academic and career success with co-ops, internships, job postings, and workshops. Services include resume reviews, mock interviews, and an employer luncheon series to help you prepare for your career.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Living on campus means being part of a supportive community with fun events and great perks! Choose from furnished rooms or 7-bedroom apartments, all with free wi-fi, utilities, 24/7 support, and cozy lounges. Plus, Indigenous students can apply for a $1,500 housing award each year!

KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS

Sit with, learn from, and be guided by on-campus Elders. Students also have access to a cultural advisory room to smudge and seek one-on-one counsel.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

1. APPLY FOR ADMISSION

2. PAY THE $100 APPLICATION FEE*

3. REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

* If you plan to apply for band funding, please check with your post-secondary coordinator to find out if your application fee will also be covered. If so, you can request a deferral of the application fee by contacting Enrolment Services at *enrolment.services@uregina.ca*.

ADMISSION TYPES

We welcome students to start their studies either in the Fall, Winter, or Spring/Summer terms. The admission criteria for students is dependent upon your most recent educational experience. Here are the options:

- **High School Final**: Applicant has successfully completed their high school and has not attempted more than 12 credit hours from a recognized post-secondary institution.
- **Mature Admit**: Applicants may have either not completed their high school diploma or may not have the credits or average required to enter their program of choice. Applicants must be over the age of 21 and have not attempted more than 12 credit hours from a recognized post-secondary institution.
- **Adult 12**: Applicant completing their high school diploma through an ABE 12 program.
- **Upgrading**: Applicant is upgrading their high school courses to be admitted to their program of choice.
- **Post-Secondary Transfer**: Applicant has attempted 15 or more credit hours from a recognized post-secondary institution.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Paying for school can be tough, but there's good news—there are many financial supports available just for Indigenous students. In this section, you'll find helpful info on scholarships, bursaries, and other funding options to make your education more affordable.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

The University of Regina awards almost 4,000 scholarships and bursaries each year. There are a number of awards specifically for Indigenous students, including:

- CPA Saskatchewan Indigenous Student Entrance Award
- Compugen Young Indigenous Women in Saskatchewan Technology Award
- Honoring Our Future Entrance Bursary
- Shell Canada Engineering Indigenous Entrance Award
- University of Regina Indigenous Entrance Award

Visit *www.uregina.ca/safa* for a full listing.

MÉTIS STUDENTS

There are specific funding sources available for Métis students. For example, the Gabriel Dumont Institute provides scholarships to Métis students who are Saskatchewan residents and registered as full-time students. Students can contact the Gabriel Dumont Institute at *usponsorship@gdins.org.*

BAND FUNDING

Status Indian or Inuit students may be eligible for post-secondary funding through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. The program offers funding support to students in the following areas:

- Community college, diploma, or certificate programs
- Undergraduate programs
- Advanced or professional degree programs

Be sure to contact your post-secondary coordinator at your local band office to find out more!

STEPS TO APPLY FOR BAND FUNDING

1. **OBTAIN YOUR U OF R ACCEPTANCE LETTER.**
2. **TALK TO YOUR POST-SECONDARY COORDINATOR.**
3. **COMPLETE THE FUNDING APPLICATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE.**

See why you belong here! Explore campus at an open house, join faculty events, or meet an Enrolment Counsellor to get your questions answered. Book a tour or find events at *uregina.ca/admissions/visit*.

WANT TO ACCESS MORE INFORMATION?

SCAN HERE!