For all opportunities listed below, please contact award provider for more information and to confirm the deadline for applications.

The Banff Centre – Indigenous Arts
The Banff Centre’s Indigenous Arts programs enhance opportunities for Indigenous artists – writers, musicians, dancers and choreographers, visual and new media artists, and others – to research, conceive, and produce work with cultural integrity and artistic merit. Programming includes performances, concerts, residencies, presentations, workshops, publications, and exhibitions. Our goal is to contribute to the development of strong and vibrant Indigenous arts communities in Canada and around the world.

Canada Council for the Arts
The Canada Council for the Arts is a federal Crown corporation created in 1957 to “foster and promote the study and enjoyment of, and the production of works in, the arts.” To fulfil this mandate, the Canada Council provides grants and services to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations in: dance, inter-arts, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, writing and publishing.

Métis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives Society (STI)
Under the direction of the Métis Settlements General Council, the Métis Settlements Strategic Training Initiatives Society (STI) empowers Métis people from settlements with training that helps them realize their potential – and their dreams. STI delivers Labour Market Development Programs through the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy (ASETS) to assist Métis Settlements residents for the workforce and for a career by preparing, obtaining, and maintaining employment. STI training also provides options for disabled persons. Basic client eligibility for Individual Sponsorships or Group Training Projects is based upon the following: 1) Must be a Métis person physically residing on a settlement, or a settlement member on an authorized leave of absence, as defined by the Métis Settlement Act, section 85; 2) Must be a high school graduate or 18 years of age or older and have been out of the public school system for not less than one year. STI will not sponsor high school studies in a public school system; 3) Must require assistance to overcome existing or anticipated labour market barriers; 4) Proposed training must fulfill an area of need or be part of a defined career plan.
University of Alberta Northern Research Awards

The UofA Northern Awards is sponsored by the Office of the Provost, University of Alberta. These awards are open to graduate and senior undergraduate students of the University of Alberta. They provide funds in support of research in any subject area. The geographic area of focus is the circumpolar north (any area of the world north of the southern limit of the boreal forest). The priority is for costs related to field research expenses, but other expenses are considered. NOTE: These grants will NOT support the acquisition of equipment, or a salary for the applicant.

The Northern Scientific Training Program (NSTP) Grant

The Northern Scientific Training (NSTP) grants are sponsored by Polar Knowledge Canada. The block grant awarded to the UofA is based on a submission of individual projects and reports on awards from previous years. These grants are open to graduate and senior undergraduate students (CDN Citizens or Permanent Residents) at the University of Alberta in a program leading to a northern specialization. The geographic area of focus is Canada, north of the discontinuous permafrost zone. The terms of reference for these grants were extended in 1994 and the committee now accepts applications for research in other circumpolar areas, provided that the research has applicability to northern Canada.

Freehorse Family Wellness Society Award

Freehorse Family Wellness Society (FFWS) administers the Post Secondary Funding Program on behalf of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). This program is run according to the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and UCEPP Policies and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Development (DIAND). The Post Secondary Funding Program assists students who have regained their status as a result of Bill C-31 from various Alberta First Nations, and students who are residents of Alberta with Northwest Territories or Inuit Treaty Status.

Indigenous Scholarship Program – Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown

The Holiday Inn Vancouver Downtown is proud to present its Indigenous Scholarship Program in which – each year – one or more qualified and deserving Indigenous students will received a two thousand dollar ($2,000) scholarship with which to pursue post-secondary education. The scholarship will be awarded to the student (or students) that best demonstrate – academic merit, financial need and a commitment to continuing education.

AHS & NADC Joint Bursary Partnership Program

Alberta Health Services & the Northern Alberta Development Council are proud to offer this unique bursary opportunity. This bursary partnership program will match between $1000 and $3000 per student – to a total of $6000 per year. Successful applicants must be willing and able to sign separate Return of Service agreements from both AHS and the NADC. To satisfy the terms of both Return of Service agreements, students will be required to obtain a position within an AHS facility within the NADC’s geographic area. The bursaries will assist students with the financial costs of post-secondary education, while supporting recruitment efforts for positions under pressure in health-care and meeting future workforce demands within northern Alberta. Students selected for the bursary are notified of their role and responsibilities within the program. A portion of the funding has been designated to support individuals who identify as Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit). Applicants who self-identify as Aboriginal must be able to provide proof of status upon acceptance of the award. Managed and administered by AHS, this program recognizes the value and importance of attracting learners in specific health related programs to health-care in northern Alberta.
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Indigenous Fellowship Programme

The Indigenous Fellowship Programme (IFP) is a comprehensive human rights training programme that was established by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the context of the first International Decade of the World’s Indigenous Peoples (1995-2004). The programme contributes to build the capacity and expertise of indigenous representatives on the UN system and mechanisms dealing with human rights in general and indigenous issues in particular, so they are in a better position to protect and promote the rights of their communities at the international level. Since the launch of the training programme in 1997, more than 300 indigenous men and women from all over the world have been trained. They provided human rights training to many more in their communities. Who can apply?: 1) The candidate must be indigenous (non-indigenous persons will not be taken into consideration, even if they have close links with indigenous communities and/or organizations); 2) Age should not be a limitation to participation in the programme; 3) Formal education should not be a limitation to participation in the IFP given the socio-economic barriers confronted by many indigenous peoples that limit access to formal educational institutions; 4) Candidates should agree to train other indigenous persons after the return to their respective communities/organizations; 5) The candidate should be proposed and his/her candidacy supported by his/her indigenous organization and/or community. It is desirable that the sponsoring organization has a firm constituency or membership and that it is representative; 6) The candidate should have a good working knowledge of the language, in which the programme is imparted.

EXTERNAL AWARD LISTINGS

Augustana’s Financial Aid & Awards Office External Awards Listing
AMMSA Aboriginal Scholarship Guide
Rupertsland Institute – Métis Scholar Awards
AUCC Higher Education Scholarships
AANDC Aboriginal Bursary Database
Government of Alberta Alberta Learning Information Service
Maclean’s On Campus Scholarship Finder

Note: Information in this document is subject to change. Please contact award providers for up-to-date guidelines prior to submitting an application.

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