



# Aboriginal Bursaries & Scholarships

## Attention First Nations students!

### First Nations Health Bursary Program

The FNC is pleased to announce our 2011 that awards five bursaries of \$1000 each to First Nations students currently enrolled and attending academic programs related to the advancement of First Nations health.

#### Who is eligible for the 2011 bursary?

- First Nations students attending a post-secondary institution in an area of study that has a direct impact on First Nations health.
- Enrolled in an academic program related to health care (listed below)
- Other areas of study may be considered (for example: public administration, research) if there is an accompanied acceptable rationale of the impact the skills and knowledge acquired through such studies may contribute to the advancement of First Nations health.
- To be eligible for apply for a bursary the applicant must be attending full-time studies. Applications from students enrolled in part-time or vocational studies will not be considered for bursaries.

Eligible Programs of Study:		
Behavioral Neuroscience	Biochemistry	Biostatistics
Biology	Cellular & Molecular Medicine	Chemical and Environmental Toxicology
Chemical Engineering	Chemistry	Epidemiology
Environmental Health	Genetics and Complex Diseases	Health Policy and Management
Human & Molecular Genetics	Human Kinetics	Master of Public Health (MPH)
Microbiology & Immunology	Neuroscience	Nursing
Nutrition	Population and International Health	Population Health
Psychology	Society, Human Development, and Health	

#### Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Proof of First Nations ancestry
- Completed essay
- Transcripts
- Proof of financial demand and student status
- Two (2) letters of reference

#### How do I apply?

- To download an application form click [here](#)
- All applications and supporting documentation must be submitted in full completion in order to be considered.
- Applications must be received by the First Nations Centre at the National Aboriginal Health Organization no later than September 30th at 5:00 pm EST.
- Applications can be submitted by mail, email or fax at the following addresses:
  - By mail/courier: 220 Laurier Avenue West, Suite 1200, Ottawa, ON K1P 5Z9
  - By email: [fnc@naho.ca](mailto:fnc@naho.ca)
  - By facsimile: (613) 237-1810

## **Who decides who gets awarded?**

The Selection Committee

The FNC Health Student Bursary is subject to change without notice according to the availability of funding.

The FNC reserves the following rights:

- To give consideration to fair distribution in the allocation of awards
- To withhold an award in any year in which there is no candidate who meets the selection criteria
- To cancel and require repayment of an award if the recipient commits misconduct, or if the recipient's misconduct on or off campus is deemed to be unprofessional and not in accord with the principles promoted by the University
- To cancel and require repayment of an award if the recipient is not registered in the required number of credit hours by last date to drop classes and remain registered throughout the semester in which the award is paid

## **Funding Details**

Unless otherwise stated, scholarships and bursaries are awarded annually in the Fall semester. They must be accepted for the semester(s) for which they are offered.

Deferrals of scholarships will be allowed in the following circumstances only:

- Students on a Co-op work term: the award will be deferred to the semester following completion of the work term;
- Students who have been granted any full-semester deferrals of term work or final examinations are not eligible to be awarded a scholarship

**To qualify for an award**, a student must have removed all incomplete grades, completed deferred examinations and had any grade changes completed within six weeks following the end of semester.

**Receipt of awards** is conditional upon the recipient's compliance with all the terms, conditions, guidelines and regulations as set out in the terms of reference. Students who did not supply their social insurance number on their application for admission form must not provide it to the Student Awards & Financial Aid office for income tax purposes. Students who do not have a social insurance number need to apply for one as quickly as possible. Visa students who are not eligible for a social insurance number should consult Student Awards & Financial Aid.

**Scholarships** are credited to the recipient's student account after the last date to drop classes. This date is available in the Undergraduate Calendar or online at Academic Schedule. The first charges against them are tuition and fees, followed by any other outstanding debits on the account. Once the student account is clear, any remainder is issued to the student, as a cheque. In some cases, scholarships are paid in two installments, of which the second may be conditional on academic performance; such conditions are noted in the descriptions of awards.

A student's official transcript shows the receipt of Convocation prizes and all other awards except for bursaries based on financial need only with an undergraduate grade point average below 70%.

**Appeals of awards regulations** are considered by first the Associate Registrar (Student Awards and Financial Aid). These decisions may further be appealed to the Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, which meets in late September and early May. The decision of the Undergraduate committee is final and there is no further appeals process. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Student Awards & Financial Aid Office, and must be accompanied by a certificate from an attending physician if the appeal is on medical grounds.

## **The New Relationship Trust**

The New Relationship Trust (NRT) is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to strengthening First Nations in BC through capacity building. NRT was created in 2006 as a response to the vision of a new relationship in the province, one based on "respect, recognition, and accommodation of aboriginal title and rights." This vision was jointly agreed to

in the spring of 2005 by leaders from the First Nations Summit, the BC Assembly of First Nations, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the Province of BC. Today, NRT supports Nation Building by assisting First Nations and their communities in five key capacity development areas: governance, education, language & culture, youth & Elders, and economic development. <http://www.newrelationshiptrust.ca/initiatives/education>

## **NAAF Building Brighter Futures**

The National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation (NAAF) has evolved into the largest non-governmental funding body for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis post secondary students across Canada. Bursary and scholarship awards are provided to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students annually across a diverse range of disciplines. In total, NAAF has disbursed over \$32 million to over 8400 recipients since its inception. NAAF offers financial assistance (scholarships and bursaries) through four major categories: Post-Secondary Education, Fine Arts, Health Careers, and Oil & Gas Aboriginal Trades & Technology. [http://www.naaf.ca/bursaryscholarship\\_faq](http://www.naaf.ca/bursaryscholarship_faq)

### **Post-Secondary Education**

- Business, science, law, engineering, technical studies, computer science, education, social work, and the social sciences. This category includes the Aboriginal Veterans Scholarship Trust and the Diana Fowler LeBlanc Aboriginal Social Work Scholarship.

### **Fine Arts Bursary awards Program**

- Post Secondary studies, personal development, training with a professional or at a non-accredited arts organization, in fields such as visual, performing, media, theatre, production, graphic and literary arts.

### **Aboriginal Health Careers**

- Health sciences such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, biology, chemistry, clinical psychology, physiotherapy, pharmacy, laboratory research and any other health field in which a study of hard sciences is a prerequisite. Health Canada's First Nations and Inuit Health Branch provides funding for health bursaries and scholarships, Blueprint for the Future career fairs and Health in the Classroom.