

University of Ottawa

Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people

I. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to clarify the University's assessment criteria for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants eligible for dedicated admissions streams, reserved seats or scholarships and bursaries intended for Indigenous students at the University of Ottawa. We have improved access to services and education for Indigenous students and ensured that the integrity of these dedicated seats for admission and access to scholarships and bursaries are upheld.

Various criteria exist within different provincial and federal institutions to determine who can be recognized as First Nations, Inuit or Métis applicants. This document sets out the following for the University of Ottawa:

- Criteria for Indigenous admission and scholarships or bursaries
- Admissions processes and policies for the dedicated admission stream or reserved seats for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants
- Processes and policies for scholarships and bursaries for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants and students

II. Criteria for Indigenous admission and scholarships or bursaries at uOttawa

If you are applying for admission, scholarships or bursaries related to programs and services reserved for Indigenous students, you must provide documents proving your Indigenous identity. See below for documents accepted at the University of Ottawa.

You must meet one of the following two sets of criteria:

First set of criteria: Status, beneficiary, citizenship documentation

The following are accepted as proof of Indigenous identity in Canada for University of Ottawa admission, scholarship and financial aid:

- A certified copy of an Indian status card
- A certified copy of a Métis Nation citizenship card from one of the five provincial affiliates (Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation British Columbia), of the Métis National Council a membership card from one of the Metis Settlements of Alberta or a membership card from the Northwest Territory Métis Nation
- A certified copy of an Inuit enrolment card issued by any one of the four Inuit modern treaty bodies—Nunavut, Nunatsiavut, Nunavik or Inuvialuit
- Written confirmation of membership from a federally-recognized band
- Written confirmation of Métis identity by a Métis local, council or education authority within the Métis Nation homeland recognized by the Metis National Council

OR

Second set of criteria: Declaration of identity

If you do not have the documentation listed above, you must submit a statement about your existing, ongoing relationship to a legally recognized and inherent Indigenous community, nation or people. You must state your Indigenous identity with specific information about your First Nation, Inuit or Métis community and include details about your treaty, scrip, land claim, and territory or region.

The Office of Indigenous Affairs and the University of Ottawa Indigenous Education Council can assist in interpreting and validating your submitted documents, if needed by the faculties or services responsible for assessing eligibility for admission and scholarships or bursaries.

III. Admission processes and policies for dedicated admission stream or reserved seats for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants

To be considered for the dedicated admission stream or reserved seats for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants, you must:

- Meet the criteria for Indigenous admission at uOttawa as per this document.
- Meet the admission requirements for the given program.
- Follow the regular admission process described in our official documentation.

Please note that:

- Meeting the criteria in section II does not guarantee admission to any program. Admission to the University of Ottawa is competitive, and admissions committees make their selections from among the best qualified applicants.
- If you do not meet the criteria in section II, your application will be processed as a general application for the program in question.

IV. Scholarships and bursaries processes and policies for First Nations, Inuit and Métis applicants and students

To be considered for a scholarship or bursary for First Nations, Inuit and Métis people, you must:

- Meet the requirements to be considered for Indigenous scholarships or bursaries at uOttawa in this document.
- Meet the requirements of the scholarship or bursary for which you are applying.
- Follow the regular process for the given scholarship or bursary.

Important to remember:

- Meeting the criteria in section II does not guarantee access to any scholarship or bursary.
- If you do not meet the criteria in section II, you can apply for scholarships and bursaries offered to other uOttawa students.