

# First Nation Student Educational Opportunities: Scholarships, Resources & Support



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## Introduction

Welcome to the First Nation Student Education Opportunities: Scholarships, Resources and Support, a guide to help students in search of resources to assist them during their post-secondary education.

This document was created during the summer of 2017. The information provided in this document consists of scholarships, bursaries, post-secondary institution, resources and employment information.

On behalf of the Department of Education's Office of First Nation Education, we hope you find this document helpful and we wish you all the best through your educational journey.

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## Scholarships Available to Indigenous Students Graduating High School (4)

### 1. UNBI Pipeline Scholarship

**Value:** \$500

**Deadline:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Awarded to any qualifying high school student from the Maliseet and Mi'kmaq registered UNBI (Union of New Brunswick Indians) communities (Eel River Bar, Eel Ground, St. Mary's, Kingsclear, Oromocto, Woodstock, Madawaska, Pabineau, Metepenagiag, Buctouche, Indian Island and Fort Folly).

**For more information please contact:**

Stone Bear, Indigenous Relations Manager, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline  
Phone: (506) 261-1343 Email: [ssbear@spectraenergy.com](mailto:ssbear@spectraenergy.com)

**New Address Information:**

Union of New Brunswick Indians, Inc. Training Institute  
75 Melissa Street - Unit 1  
Richibucto Road, NB  
E3A 6V9

<http://unbi.org/unbi-pipeline-scholarship>

<http://www.arcgroup.ca/nb-scholarships.html>

### 2. Indspire – Petro-Canada Award for Indigenous Students

**Value:** \$750

**Deadline:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11:59 p.m. EST, awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Must be an Indigenous person enrolled in an accredited Education program.

**For more information:**

Please email [education@indspire.ca](mailto:education@indspire.ca) or call 1.855.INDSPIRE (463.7747).

<https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>

### 3. Mawiw Student Award 2017

**Value:** \$500

**Deadline:** July, Awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Awarded to any qualifying Indigenous student who is graduating in any given application year. Must be apart of the Mawiw Council Inc. communities (Tobique First Nation, Elsipogtog, and Esgenoopetitj).

**For more information please contact:**

Phone: (506) 455-2323

Email: [mnpscholarship@arcgroup.ca](mailto:mnpscholarship@arcgroup.ca)

<https://www.mawiwcouncilinc.com/>

<http://www.arcgroup.ca/nb-scholarships.html>

### 4. The 14th PotashCorp Aboriginal Youth Financial Management Awards

**Value:** \$15,000 in scholarships awarded

**Deadline:** Friday, May 24, 2019 @ 9 PM EST (**OPEN**)

**Eligibility:** Open to Canadian Indigenous youth in Grades 11 and 12. Must be interested in pursuing an education after high school in the field of financial management.

**For More Information:**

Call us: 1-866-722-2362 or

Email us: [youthawards@afoa.ca](mailto:youthawards@afoa.ca) or

Visit us: [www.afoa.ca](http://www.afoa.ca)

[http://www.afoa.ca/afoaen/About\\_Us/Awards\\_Scholarships/Abo\\_Yth\\_Awards/en/01\\_About/08\\_Awards\\_Scholarships/03\\_Abo\\_Yth\\_Fin\\_Mgmt\\_Conf\\_Awards.aspx?hkey=9e78c605-d6b8-456b-9d74-07a554c50849](http://www.afoa.ca/afoaen/About_Us/Awards_Scholarships/Abo_Yth_Awards/en/01_About/08_Awards_Scholarships/03_Abo_Yth_Fin_Mgmt_Conf_Awards.aspx?hkey=9e78c605-d6b8-456b-9d74-07a554c50849)

## Scholarships Available to Indigenous Students Attending New Brunswick Post-Secondary (4)

### 1. JEDI/Brun-way Bursary

**Value:** (2) \$1 000 bursary scholarships

**Deadline:** Nov. 1-30, awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Full time Indigenous students residing in New Brunswick with proof of indigenous status and enrollment in a post-secondary institution. Preference may be given to those enrolled in University degree programs due to the depth of commitment and expense involved. The applicant must submit an essay of 500-1000 words outlining their objectives, future goals and aspirations, their commitment to education, volunteer work, and their desire to help NB First Nations communities thrive. Applicants must also include a copy of their resume.

**For more information:**

For more information and to apply, please contact JEDI at 506-444-5650 or [download the application](#) and submit it along with your resume, essay and proof of studies to the JEDI office, attn: Val Polchies. Applications must be submitted between November 1-30, 2017.

<http://www.jedinb.ca/bursaries.html>

### 2. Graydon Nicholas Aboriginal Scholarship in Engineering

**Value:** \$3 000, renewable for up to 5 years

**Deadline:** September 1<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently closed**)

**Eligibility:** For Canadian Indigenous students studying engineering at UNBF, UNBSJ or Université de Moncton

**For More Information:**

Email: [rachael@apegnb.com](mailto:rachael@apegnb.com)

Fax: 506-451-9629

<https://www.apegnb.com/wp-content/uploads/GN-Graydon-Nicholas-Indigenous-Scholarship.pdf>

### **3. UNBI Pipeline Scholarship**

**Value:** \$1 000

**Deadline:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Maliseet/Mi'kmaq students registered to Union of New Brunswick Indian (UNBI) communities in New Brunswick (Eel River Bar, Eel Ground, St. Mary's, Kingsclear, Oromocto, Woodstock, Madawaska, Pabineau, Metepenagiag, Buctouche, Indian Island and Fort Folly). Full-time students enrolled in the academic year.

**For More Information Contact:**

Union of New Brunswick Indians, Inc.

Training Institute

75 Melissa Street – Fredericton, NB E3A 6V9

Tel: 506-458-9444 Fax: 506-458-2850

<http://unbi.org/unbi-pipeline-scholarship>

### **4. Mawiw Student Award 2017**

**Value:** \$1000

**Deadline:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Awarded to students accepted or enrolled in full-time study in a Post-Secondary institute. Note: Available only to community members of Mawiw Council Inc. in New Brunswick (Tobique First Nation, Elsipogtog, and Esgenoopetitj).

**For More Information:**

Phone: (506) 455-2323

Email: [mnpsscholarship@arcgroup.ca](mailto:mnpsscholarship@arcgroup.ca)

Website: [www.arcgroup.ca](http://www.arcgroup.ca)

## **Scholarships Available to Indigenous Students Attending Nova Scotia Post-Secondary (6)**

### **1. Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship**

**Value:** \$5 000 a year and renewable for up to four years (total \$20 000)

**Deadline:** January 15<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently Closed**)

**Eligibility:** Provided to African-Canadian or Canadian Indigenous students attending University of King's College in their 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year of journalism

**For More Information Contact:**

Catherine Read

Information and Awards Coordinator, Registrar's Office

catherine.read@ukings.ca | 902 422-1271 ext. 193

Website: <https://ukings.ca/admissions/finances/scholarships/new-student-scholarships/undergraduate-scholarships/dr-carrie-best-scholarship/>

### **2. Evelyn Negus Scholarship in Nursing**

**Value:** \$4000 (\$1000/yr)

**Deadline:** March 15<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually (**Apply if accepted into Dalhousie University**)

**Eligibility:** Dalhousie University entrance scholarship available to students accepted into Dalhousie Bachelor of Science – Nursing. Preference given to Mi'kmaq students.

**For More Information:**

Contact the Awards Office - Monday to Friday - 9am to 4pm

Email: awards@dal.ca

Phone: (902) 494-2450

Toll Free: 1 (866) 729-4400

Website:

<https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/admissions/GeneralEntranceScholarship%20Web.pdf>



### 3. Jeannine Deveau Scholarship

**Value:** \$15 000 (\$3000/yr)

**Deadline:** St. Francis Xavier Entrance scholarship – June, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** This award is available to Indigenous Canadian and African Nova Scotian students who are entering a diploma or degree program at StFX directly from high school. Preference will be given to students from Mi'kmaw and African Nova Scotian communities. Students must demonstrate high school achievement, evidence of leadership and community involvement. The scholarship is \$3,000 per year, renewable for a maximum of five years.

**For more information:**

<https://www.stfx.ca/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships/general>

### 4. First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship

**Value:** \$12 000 (\$3 000/yr)

**Deadline:** Dalhousie Entrance scholarship – awarded annually, March 15 (**Apply if accepted to Dalhousie University**)

**Eligibility:** Open to First Nations and indigenous Black residents of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island. The First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Entrance Scholarship is open to both high school (min. 80% admission average) and transfer students (min. GPA of 2.70) currently registered in a program at another institution.

**For more information:** Registrar's Office (Awards) | Dalhousie University | 6299 South St Room 130 | PO Box 15000 | Halifax NS B3H 4R2

Applications may be faxed to 902.494.1630

<https://cdn.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/admissions/GeneralEntranceScholarship%20Web.pdf>

## 5. Nova Scotia Power Employment Equity Scholarship

**Value:** \$1500

**Deadline:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently closed**)

**Eligibility:** Available to all fields of study. Available for students who are disabled, a visible minority, or Indigenous.

**For More Information:**

<https://www.nspower.ca/en/home/community/scholarships/default.aspx>

## 6. Nova Scotia Black and First Nations Graduate Entrance Scholarships

**Value:** \$15 000

**Deadline:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually (**Apply if entering a graduate program at Dalhousie**)

**Eligibility:** Preference given to Nova Scotia Black or First Nation students entering a graduate program

**For More Information:**

Contact the Awards Office - Monday to Friday - 9am to 4pm

Email: [awards@dal.ca](mailto:awards@dal.ca)

Phone: (902) 494-2450

Toll Free: 1 (866) 729-4400

<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/gradstudies/funding/approces/scholarshiprefs/nsbfn.html>

## **Scholarships Available to most Indigenous Students in Canada (3)**

### **1. Indspire Scholarship**

**Value:** \$1000

**Deadline:** February 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Awarded to a Canadian Indigenous student enrolled in full-time studies in a post-secondary education program. Also, specific scholarships available for students who meet requirements.

**For More Information:**

Email [education@indspire.ca](mailto:education@indspire.ca)

Call 1.855.INDSPIRE (463.7747)

Website: <https://indspire.ca/for-students/bursaries-scholarships/>

### **2. RBC Aboriginal Students Award Program**

**Value:** \$4,000 each academic year for two to four years

**Deadline:** July 31<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently closed**)

**Eligibility:** Awarded to a Canadian Indigenous student enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies, with at least two years completed of their post-secondary education.

**For More Information:**

Fax: 1-866-626-3358

Email: [aboriginalstudentawards@rbc.com](mailto:aboriginalstudentawards@rbc.com)

Website: <https://www.rbc.com/dms/enterprise/scholarships.html>

### **3. Husky Energy – Aboriginal Education Awards Program (3)**

**Value:** (3) \$5000 for university student - awarded up to 5 years,  
\$3500 for community/technical college student - awarded up to 2 years and  
**\$1000 for a high school student – one-time award**

**Deadline:** June 1<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Canadian Indigenous students studying Business, Engineering, Geosciences, Environmental Studies, Computer Sciences, Law, or skilled trades, including power engineering and instrumentation technician courses.

**For More Information:**

Website:

<http://www.huskyenergy.com/socialresponsibility/aboriginalaffairs/educationawards.asp>

Email: [awards@univcan.ca](mailto:awards@univcan.ca)

## **Specific Scholarships Available to Indigenous Students (16)**

### **1. ACLS Foundation Geomatics Scholarship Program**

**Value:** (3) \$1500

**Deadline:** May 15<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually (**Currently closed**)

**Eligibility:** For Canadian Indigenous students enrolled in the field of geomatics for a degree or diploma.

**For More Information:**

Call: 1-613-723-9200

Website: <https://www.acls-aatc.ca/aboriginal-expertise/educational-funding/>

### **2. Aboriginal Education Incentive Award**

**Value:** \$1000

**Deadline:** August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017, awarded annually (**Currently closed**)

**Eligibility:** For Indigenous students who have been out of school for at least 1 year and are continuing into their second year of study. Must complete an essay describing your challenges in school and being out of school.

**For More Information:**

Email: [CanadaPost@GoToApply.ca](mailto:CanadaPost@GoToApply.ca)

Fax: 1-866-458-1025

Website:

<https://www.canadapost.ca/web/en/pages/aboutus/details.page?article=aboriginaleducation>

### **3. Canadian Aboriginal Art/Writing Challenge – Our Story**

**Value:** \$500

**Deadline:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Canadians of Indigenous ancestry ages 9-29. Must write 200-400 words for a writing piece challenge or explain an art work and how it relates to Indigenous heritage/culture.

**For More Information:**

Website: <http://www.our-story.ca/>

#### 4. Gillis Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship

**Value:** \$4000

**Deadline:** November 1, awarded annually (**Currently closed**)

**Eligibility:** Awarded to Canadian Indigenous students enrolled in journalism at a Canadian university/community college or actively involved in volunteer work at a broadcast/communication station.

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://www.thecanadianpress.com/about/careers/gil-purcell-memorial-journalism-scholarship/>

#### 5. Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award

**Value:** \$1000 award given to 4 applicants

**Deadline:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Must be an Indigenous woman under the age of 31. Priority is given to student studying law or justice related fields.

**For More Information:**

Email: [cchristmas@nwac.ca](mailto:cchristmas@nwac.ca)

Website: <https://www.nwac.ca/get-involved/helen-bassett-award/>

#### 6. National Unions Scholarship Program 2019

**Value:** \$1500

**Deadline:** July 4, 2019 (**Open**)

**Eligibility:** Scholarship available to Indigenous students. Must be a child/grandchild of a member who works for the National Union(NUPGE)

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://nupge.ca/content/national-unions-scholarship-program-2019>

#### 7. Nexen Aboriginal Education Award Program

**Value:** \$2500 will be awarded to 10 applicants, renewable for up to 4 years (total \$10000)

**Deadline:** December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Canadian Indigenous student enrolled full-time in a recognized Canadian Post-Secondary institution, studying in the fields related to gas and oil industry.

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://intl.cnoc ltd.com/en/related-content/community-investment/scholarships>

**8. 2017 Indigenous Learning Centre Bursary Program**

**Value:** (10) \$2000 bursaries awarded (**Currently closed**)

**Deadline:** July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Canadian Indigenous student enrolled in a post-secondary institution related to the fields of study: business management, accounting, business administration, commerce and/or finance related programs.

**For More Information:**

Website:

[http://www.afoa.ca/afoaen/ILC\\_Charity/ILC\\_Bursary/en/Indigenous\\_Learning\\_Centre/ILC\\_Bursary\\_and\\_Scholarship/ILC\\_Bursary.aspx?hkey=0484b735-5cf8-4f89-9466-774fb7522dd1](http://www.afoa.ca/afoaen/ILC_Charity/ILC_Bursary/en/Indigenous_Learning_Centre/ILC_Bursary_and_Scholarship/ILC_Bursary.aspx?hkey=0484b735-5cf8-4f89-9466-774fb7522dd1)

Email: pr@afoa.ca

Telephone: 1-866-722-2362

**9. Hebron Diversity Program**

**Value:** (3) \$1500 award

**Deadline:** awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Full time students at any campus who have Indigenous status, a disability, or represent a visible minority. Recipients must be enrolled in a certificate or diploma-level Industrial Trades or Engineering Technology program. Award is based on academic merit.

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://www.hebronproject.com/benefits/sd.aspx>

**10. Indigenous Bar Association Law Student Scholarship**

**Value:** \$2000

**Deadline:** June 30<sup>th</sup>, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Must be an Indigenous, studying law at an accredited university. Must have completed at least one year at law school.

**For More Information:**

Website: [http://indigenousbar.ca/awards/educational\\_scholarship.html](http://indigenousbar.ca/awards/educational_scholarship.html)

Email: [achalmers@indigenousbar.ca](mailto:achalmers@indigenousbar.ca)

### **11. Aboriginal Peoples Television Network Scholarship Program**

**Value:** (2) Scholarships valued at \$2000

**Deadline:** June 22, 2018 awarded annually **(Currently closed)**

**Eligibility:** Canadian Indigenous student enrolled in a full-time study at an accredited post-secondary institution. Must have at least two years of post-secondary schooling completed. Priority given to students in the field of journalism, film production, television production, broadcast engineering and broadcast technology

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://aptn.ca/pdf/Jobs/Scholarship-Posting.pdf>

### **12. Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship**

**Value:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** Dec. 7, 2018, awarded annually **(Currently Closed)**

**Eligibility:** Canadian Indigenous student must be in at least second year of medical studies.

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://fafm.cfpc.ca/h-a/opportunities-medical-students/>

### **13. Aboriginal Clean Energy Scholarship**

**Value:** \$3000

**Deadline:** Spring 2019, awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be a member of an Indigenous community (band or settlement), including First Nations, Métis and Inuit; a resident of Canada; and pursuing full-time studies at an accredited Canadian trades or technical school, college or university in fields that relate to clean energy sector.

**For More Information:**

Website: <http://www.blueearthrenewables.com/community-investment/aboriginal-clean-energy-scholarship/>

**14. CPA Indigenous Student Award**

**Value:** \$10,000

**Deadline:** awarded annually

**Eligibility:** Must be an Indigenous Canadian attending an accredited post-secondary institution in Canada. Must have completed at least two years of post-secondary in field of physiotherapy.

**For More Information:**

Website: <https://physiotherapy.ca/cpa-indigenous-student-award>

**15. Aboriginal Ambassadors in the Natural Sciences and Engineering Award**

**Value:** \$5000

**Deadline:** Awarded Annually (first come, first serve)

**Eligibility:** Indigenous Canadian enrolled full-time in a field of study of natural sciences or engineering. Must complete at least two years of studies. Have a minimum of a B equivalent GPA or greater.

**For More Information:**

Website: [http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Aboriginal-Autochtones\\_eng.asp](http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Students-Etudiants/Aboriginal-Autochtones_eng.asp)

**16. The Jim Bourque Scholarship**

**Value:** \$1,000

**Deadline:** July 15, 2017

**Eligibility:** Canadian Aboriginal students currently, or intending to enroll in education, environmental studies, traditional knowledge, or telecommunication. Proof of Canadian Aboriginal descent must be provided at time of application.

**For More Information:**

Visit the website: <http://arctic.ucalgary.ca/jim-bourque-scholarship>



## **Information on Post-Secondary institutions in the Maritimes (17)**

### **New Brunswick (9)**

#### **1. University of New Brunswick Fredericton & Saint John**

There are two programs specifically available to Indigenous students: Bridging Year(BY) and First Nation Training and Education Program(FNTEP). The University has five designated seats for Indigenous students in nursing. The Lorne Joseph Simon award is available to Indigenous students each year in field of study relevant to English/writing. There is one scholarship awarded to a M. Ed student for \$2500 and three bursaries available for B. Ed students. The Faculty of Engineering supports Indigenous students that meet minimal requirements.

#### **2. Maritime College of Forest Technology**

There are designated admissions for Indigenous Canadian students. There are also designated seats for Indigenous Canadian students in the two programs: Forest Technology(FT) & Utility Arboriculture(UA). There are scholarships available to all students.

#### **3. NBCC – New Brunswick Community College**

NBCC has designated seats available for Indigenous students in the regular tuition programs. There are programs placed on Indigenous communities for their members. There is at least one designated seat available to First Nation students per program. Please be advised that St. Mary's First Nation in partnership with NBCC will be offering a 2 year Business Administration: Marketing Program. This Diploma program is set to begin in the fall of 2013 and will have a seat capacity of 16.

This program is open to all First Nations interested.

#### **4. Crandall University**

There are no designated admissions for Indigenous students

## **5. Mount Alison University**

There are no designated admissions for Indigenous students. There are some support services for Indigenous students which includes:

- Support in their transition to university
- Elder in residence,
- Indigenous affairs coordinator,
- Indigenous support group,
- Indigenous mentorship program and designated Indigenous gathering space.

There are two scholarships specifically for Indigenous students: Kluskap First Nations Bursary and the TransAtla Indigenous Scholarship.

## **6. St. Thomas University**

There are no designated admissions for Indigenous students. The University offers the Mi'kmaq-Maliseet Bachelor of Social Work program exclusively for Indigenous Students. The Indigenous Student Services offers academic, cultural, and personal support to Indigenous students while studying at St. Thomas University. The University's Wabanaki Resource Centre also provides Indigenous students with a culturally and spiritually rich environment for academic and personal support. An Elder in residence is also available to support Indigenous students. An Indigenous Community Entrance Award is available to eligible Indigenous students.

## **7. l'Université de Moncton**

There are no scholarships/bursaries available specifically for Indigenous students. There are no designated admissions or seats for Indigenous students.

## **8. BayTech College**

Offers four programs in the following areas: welding, electrical ,plumbing and carpentry. There are no designated seats specifically for Indigenous students as the College is able to accommodate all students. For information on scholarships visit website at: [www.baytechcollege.ca](http://www.baytechcollege.ca).

## **9. St. Stephen University**

St. Stephen's University is a very small school with a maximum intake of 30 students each September. The university has three seats reserved for Indigenous students each year. There are three annual scholarships available in the amount of \$2000. For more information on scholarships visit website: <http://ssu.ca/indigenous-scholarship/>.

### **Nova Scotia (7)**

#### **1. St. Francis Xavier University**

There are designated admissions for Indigenous Canadian students at St. Francis Xavier University. The Education program has three seats designated for Indigenous students and the Nursing program has two seats designated for Indigenous students. There are scholarships available to all eligible students.

#### **2. Acadia University**

There are no designated seats for Indigenous or minority students at Acadia University. There are scholarships available to all eligible students.

Support Services available for Indigenous students include: Indigenous Student Advisor, free tutoring in various subjects, fee-based tutoring (Acadia Tutoring Service), MASH Centre (Math and Stats Help), the Writing Centre, accessible learning services, career services, Student Resource Centre (counselling), and on-campus health clinic.

Facilities available for Indigenous students include: Welkaqnik – Gathering Space and Resource Centre with access to computer/printer, resource library, meeting space, and sweatlodge.

There is also a club for Indigenous students: Indigenous Student Society of Acadia (ISSA).

#### **3. Mount Saint Vincent University**

The University does not offer designated admissions for Indigenous students. There is an Indigenous student centre available to Indigenous students at the University. There is a scholarship available for an eligible mature female Indigenous students.

The University's Indigenous Student Centre offers an educational and culturally engaging space for all students to study and learn more about Indigenous culture from the collection of resource materials available in the library. The Indigenous Student Centre staff are available to provide academic advising and counseling for Indigenous students.

#### **4. University of King's College**

There are no designated admissions for Indigenous students. There are no designated seats for Indigenous students. There are three scholarships that are specifically available to eligible Indigenous Canadians and African Canadians. These three scholarships are: ATV / CTV Scholarship, Dr. Carrie Best Scholarship and the Alumni Association Minority Scholarship.

#### **5. NSCC – Nova Scotia Community College**

The college has a designated seats for Indigenous students. The College provides Indigenous students with: opportunities to build relationships with Indigenous community-based groups, one seat that is designated in each program section for an Indigenous student resident of Nova Scotia, advisors for Indigenous student, and student services staff who offer culturally appropriate services and events.

Financial aid is designated to support students who are members of the Indigenous communities.

#### **6. Dalhousie University**

Dalhousie University's Indigenous Student Centre (ASC) is available to support students while at university. There is an Aboriginal Student Advisor to provide support and advocacy for all Indigenous students at Dalhousie University. The University also offers personal, educational, and career resources for students including: tutoring, study skills and writing development, cultural activities, scholarship and bursary information, educational and information sessions, networking opportunities, and referrals to supports on and off campus.

#### **7. Cape Breton University**

Cape Breton University offers an Indigenous support worker located in Unama'ki College. There is also a lounge for Indigenous students that includes: computers,

boardroom tables, and a kitchen area. Scholarship information is distributed throughout the year and assistance is available for students in completing the applications. The students also have an Indigenous Cultural society on campus with the student union.

The Elmetek program has been running for several years and offers half of their courses are within the communities and the other half on campus to help students transition into university. The BEd program is offered within the community for our Indigenous students. The University also offers a major/minor in Mi'kmaq studies for the BA/BACS degrees. There is a MBA (CED) First Nations option.

Scholarships and bursaries include:

- Irving scholarship and bursary valued at \$5000. Eligible for students enrolled in areas of sustainable energy and environment, business, and Aboriginal studies. Deadline for returning students is September 2017.
- Murdena Marshall science award is valued at \$1,000 and presented to a Mi'kmaq student who is graduating from a natural science or natural science related program with a minimum 65% average and 18 credits in the final year.
- Earth Tech/CBCL Award is valued at \$450.00 for eligible students in the Master of Science Information Technology (MSIT). program and with good academic standing. Recommendations are made by a Mi'kmaq Advisory Selection committee.
- Earth Tech/CBCL Award is an entrance award valued at \$100.00 available for an eligible Aboriginal student who places in the top three at the annual Mi'Kmaq Science Fair.

## **Newfoundland and Labrador (1)**

### **1. Memorial University**

There are several stand alone programs offered to Indigenous students at Memorial University. Information sessions are held for Indigenous students to help them with their application process, and accessing funding.

## **Resources Focused on Skills Needed for Post-Secondary Success (20)**

1. Indigeneous Student Success Guide

[https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/campuslife/studentervices/native/Native%20Student%20Handbook%202013\\_web.pdf](https://www.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/campuslife/studentervices/native/Native%20Student%20Handbook%202013_web.pdf)

2. Indigeneous Student Transition Handbook

<https://www.uvic.ca/services/indigenous/assets/docs/Aboriginal%20Student%20Transition%20Handbook%20Final.pdf>

3. Three Tips on Writing Scholarship Essays

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/bedfordsackvilleobserver/1443076-three-tips-on-writing-scholarship-essays>

4. A Guide to University Study Learning

[http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university\\_learning/accessibility/studying.html](http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university_learning/accessibility/studying.html)

5. A Guide to University Lecture Learning

[http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university\\_learning/accessibility/lectures.html](http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university_learning/accessibility/lectures.html)

6. University checklist for moving students

<https://www.topuniversities.com/blog/what-take-university>

7. Complete Guide to University

[http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university\\_learning/](http://www.learningcommons.uoguelph.ca/guides/university_learning/)

8. Guide to housing for Post-Secondary Students

<https://www.rentboard.ca/rentals/student-housing/index.aspx>

9. Living on Your Own Guide

<https://www.incharge.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Lesson-4-Teacher-Guide-High-School.pdf>

10. Improve your memory!

<http://www.wikihow.com/Improve-Your-Memory>

11. Suggestions for Students Who Are Struggling

<https://www.ufv.ca/counselling/study-skills-counselling/suggestions-for-students-who-are-struggling/>

12. For Aboriginal Students Who Wish to Pursue a Career in Medicine

<http://talentegg.ca/incubator/2013/02/12/medical-school-application-information-aboriginal-applicants/>

13. Tips for College students

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/here-there-and-everywhere/201008/50-tips-college-students>

14. 7 tips for time-management

<https://www.topuniversities.com/blog/7-time-management-tips-students>

15. 63 Student Tips by Students

[http://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/worklife/campus/tips/g2127/63\\_tips\\_for\\_students\\_from\\_students/?slide=10](http://www.cosmopolitan.com/uk/worklife/campus/tips/g2127/63_tips_for_students_from_students/?slide=10)

16. Aboriginal Learning Links – Scholarships, Grants and Bursaries Information

[www.aboriginallearning.ca](http://www.aboriginallearning.ca)

17. Grant Canada

[www.grantcanada.com](http://www.grantcanada.com)

18. Scholarships Canada

[www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)

19. Student Awards

[www.studentawards.com](http://www.studentawards.com)

20. School Finder

[www.schoolfinder.com](http://www.schoolfinder.com)

## Organizations Offering Support for Student Employment (9)

### 1. FutureReadyWabanaki

**What:** FutureReadyNB is a partnership between NB employers, universities, indigenous students, and the Government of New Brunswick. It works to ensure that Indigenous university students have equal access to meaningful and valuable real work experiences with local employers, while connecting employers with top New Brunswick talent.

**Who:** For Indigenous Students and employers

**Website:** <https://www.futurereadynb.ca/wabanaki/>

### 2. Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP)

The Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) allows hundreds of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students obtain employment related to their field of education within the federal public service across Canada.

Five Indigenous students working in different departments and agencies share their positive experience in the federal public service.

#### What is it?

The Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP) offers full-time students real work experience in the federal public service.

We conduct ongoing recruitment and maintain an inventory of students:

1. At all levels: High school, college, technical institute and university students
2. In 14 areas of study and over 250 specializations
3. Who indicated interest among 14 job types (agriculture, environment, geography, heritage, parks, client services, policies, programs, projects, etc.)
4. Available to work in various cities across Canada

#### Why use FSWEP?

Because it is:

1. A quick and easy recruitment option for temporary jobs while assisting students to obtain work experience and develop skills
2. Access to new, upcoming talent
3. Available all year round
4. An opportunity to support your employment equity (EE) strategy by considering students who belong to one or more of the designated EE groups
5. A student employment program that allows for the extension of the duration of your successful FSWEP (CO-OP or Research Affiliate Program) student.

#### How it works

1. Complete and submit an FSWEP Request for Students (Updated as of May 18, 2017). Be prepared to: °Sell your job to students. Provide text in both official languages



2. Receive the list of randomly selected student applications that meet your selected criteria and are interested in your job.
3. Select students to assess, according to the job requirements. Be sure to request proof of full-time student status and citizenship at this point.
4. Inform the students of the results of your process.
5. Record the process results for all students with the Public Service Commission.
6. Hire your student!

Website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-service-commission/services/staffing-assessment-tools-resources/human-resources-specialists-hiring-managers/recruitment-options-managers/student-recruitment/federal-student-work-experience-program.html>

### **3. Student Employment Experience Development (SEED)**

#### **Overview:**

The Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) program provides funding to create summer job opportunities for post-secondary students. The program provides selected students with a summer job of up to fourteen (14) weeks in duration with a New Brunswick employer between April 29 and September 6, 2019.

#### **Program objectives:**

Provide a valuable work experience for students, experiential learning, mentoring and coaching;

- a) Help students develop and build transferable skills and/or find employment in their field of study;
- b) Provide a wage subsidy to employers to help them provide quality summer employment to students;
- c) Enhance students' employment prospects upon completion of their studies; and,
- d) Enable students to finance the continuation of their education.

#### **Eligibility:**

A participant must be:

- a) a resident of New Brunswick or a First Nation community in New Brunswick;
- b) eligible to work in Canada;
- c) a student in the current academic year and;
- d) attending a post-secondary institution full-time in the fall.\*

\*Note: grade 12 students are eligible if attending a full-time post-secondary institution in the fall.

#### **Description:**

This program provides students with employment opportunities during summer break. The average length of SEED summer placements ranges between eight (8) and ten (10) weeks. In order to be considered for placements, students must apply online at

**Deadline:** March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (**NOW OPEN**)

**Website:** <https://www.nbjobs.ca/seed-home>

#### **4. Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI)**

The Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI) provides a variety of programs and services to support Indigenous workforce development and economic development in New Brunswick. These include:

1. The Indigenous Innovation Partnership Program – which includes the JEDI Business Incubator and JEDI Business Accelerator Programs as well as training to employment in ICT and trades;
2. The Indigenous Apprenticeship Partnership;
3. The Provincial Indigenous Employment Coordinator Partnership;
4. The Indigenous Labour Market Information Partnership;
5. The Indigenous Adult Learning and Literacy Program;
6. The Indigenous Internship Program;
7. The JEDI/Brun-Way Bursary;
8. The New Brunswick Aboriginal Shipbuilding Engagement Strategy.

Each program and service is client-focused and responds to industry needs.

#### **5. Youth Employment Fund (YEF)**

##### **Overview**

The Youth Employment Fund (YEF) provides an entry point to long term employment for unemployed individuals between 18-29 years of age who require a work experience opportunity as identified through their employment action plan. By placing an individual with an employer, the youth may gain work experience and develop skills through basic workplace training, mentoring and coaching (from the employer).

##### **Eligibility**

###### Individual

- a) Must be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident
- b) Must be unemployed, underemployed or working less than 15 hours per week.
- c) Must be a resident of New Brunswick.
- d) The individual must have an employment action plan and be referred by an employment counsellor / case manager from one of the following:
  - Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour
  - Social Development
  - Employment Assistance Services organizations

- Indigenous organizations
  - Public Safety
  - Office of Human Resources (Equal Opportunity Program)
- e) The individual must not be a full time student. High school students who: are at least 18 year of age, graduating in June, not planning to attend full-time post-secondary education and plan to enter the labour force immediately after high school can apply to the program after May 1st for placements starting after graduation.
- f) Individuals must be between 18-29 (at least 18 years old but less than 30 years old at the time of application).
- g) Must have a resume before being placed with an employer.
- h) Have not previously participated in a YEF placement.
- i) An employer must inform the YEF Program Officer immediately when an individual has taken medical or personal leave. No placement will be held beyond eight weeks.
- j) The individual must not be an immediate family member of the employer (spouse, children, parents, brother, sister), nor can they be an officer or director of the organization or a member of their immediate families.

### **Placements**

- a) Must be for 30-hours per week for 26-weeks, consecutively (i.e. 6 months).
- b) Up to 8-weeks (2 months) of the 26-weeks may be for training.
- c) The job placement cannot displace permanent employees on layoff, vacation, parental or sick leave.
- d) The job must meet the individual's occupational goal as per their employment action plan.
- e) Where jobs are covered by collective agreements, the employers must consult with unions to ensure that placements are not in contravention with provisions of the collective agreement.
- f) The job placement must be in accordance with all Provincial and Federal Acts and Regulations.
- g) The placement cannot be for a post-secondary education practicum, a co-operative education work placement or Apprenticeship Block Release.
- h) The individual must not have already started with an employer prior to the position being approved by the YEF Program Officer.

### **Employer**

- a) Priority is for private sector businesses but other sectors will be approved (based on the client's needs) include:
- Non-profit organizations;

- Municipality;
  - Provincial Government Departments/Agencies only;
  - First Nations.
- b) Must be located in New Brunswick.
  - c) Needs to provide a quality (i.e. orientation, coaching and mentoring) work experience opportunity.
  - d) Have demonstrated commitment and positive experience in previous placements (if applicable).
  - e) Priority will be given to employers who express an intent to retain the participant after the placement period.

### **Description**

The Youth Employment Fund is through both provincial resources and by the Labour Market Development Agreement. It is a youth specific, work experience program designed to provide youth with an opportunity to develop skills and find jobs in the Province.

Through the case management process youth are matched with eligible employers for a 26-week (i.e. 6-month) work experience. Individual supports and wage subsidies are available to support the placement and skills training that are linked to an available job.

### **6. Indspire Job Opportunities Board**

There are job opportunities posted on the Indspire website.

Here is a list of jobs that may be available:

- a) Administrative Assistant
- b) Development Assistant
- c) Associate Director
- d) Corporate Sales Director

For further information visit the website:

Website: [http://indspire.ca/job\\_board/](http://indspire.ca/job_board/)

### **7. LYNX**

The LYNX Program provides online career services for Indigenous post-secondary students and recent graduates seeking meaningful employment and for employers seeking to hire qualified Indigenous post-secondary students and recent graduates.

Check out the Facebook page for job posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/LYNX.Aboriginal>

Sign up for an account online to find job opportunities:

<https://lynx.orbiscommunications.com/home.htm>

### **8. Talent Egg**

Indigenous Career Guide

Discover jobs and online resources designed to connect First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and recent grads to rewarding careers

Check out the website for more information:

<http://talentegg.ca/career-guides/aboriginal/>

### **9. The Canadian Aboriginal Peoples Job Seekers Portal**

Powered by Indigenous Link, this highly specialized employment portal is fully-dedicated to assisting Indigenous Job Seekers in researching and acquiring opportunities to develop their careers. Training resources, skill development, 'how-to' guides, and 1,000's of Indigenous job postings make this site ideal for Indigenous Job Seekers in all stages of their careers. AboriginalCareers.ca provides some of the best Indigenous employment opportunities in Canada.

For further information check the website out:

<http://aboriginalcareers.ca/>

## Conclusion

There are up to 40 different post-secondary institutions in the Maritimes; these are some of the potential opportunities available and gathered through research.

When applying or planning to apply for a scholarship/bursary please watch for deadlines as they are all different and may change each year.

Student employment opportunities may also be available throughout the school year at various post-secondary institutions and other organizations and may also have specific deadlines for applying.

Please make sure to contact the Guidance Counsellor at your school for questions regarding post-secondary options and opportunities.

The information provided in this document is not an exhaustive list of all possible opportunities available for students. If there is information missing that needs to be included in this guide, please contact the The Department of Education: Office of First Nation Education.

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