

Indigenous Scholarships & Bursaries

TCA partner institutions offer a variety of financial support options to help students pursue their post-secondary education. These include general entrance scholarships open to all students, as well as dedicated awards specifically for Indigenous students. Below are some Indigenous Scholarships & Bursaries from Dalhousie University, L'Université Laval, Université du Québec à Rimouski (UQAR), and Memorial University that may be of interest. Please note that the scholarships and bursaries below were last reviewed on October 8th, 2025

Dalhousie University

i. Dalhousie Indigenous Graduate Scholarship

- Valued at \$15,000/year
- Awarded annually to an Indigenous/Aboriginal student who has either recently started or is planning to pursue graduate studies at Dalhousie.

[Find out more](#)

ii. First Nations & Indigenous Black Students Scholarships (Undergraduate)

- \$3,000 renewable entrance scholarships
- Available to First Nations and Indigenous Black students from the Maritime provinces

iii. Nova Scotia Black and First Nations Graduate Entrance Scholarships

- \$15,000 renewable scholarships
- available to Nova Scotia Black and First Nations graduate students (master's or doctoral level)

iv. Morris Saffron Award

- Available to Status or Non-Status Indigenous graduates of Dalhousie's Transition Year Program

vi. Additional Dalhousie bursaries

- Dalhousie can also help all eligible students with some financial support [through various bursaries.](#)

Laval University (ULaval)

<p>i. 4200G – Mentoring award for Indigenous students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: 2 \$2,000 awards Deadline: December 31, 2025, 4pm <p>Eligibility: Indigenous students (all programs).</p>	<p>iv. 4202G – Research Award for Indigenous students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: 1 \$6,000 award Deadline: Completed (next competition winter 2026) Eligibility: Indigenous students.
<p>ii. 4203G – Perseverance and Success Award – Doctorate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: 1 award, variable amount Deadline: December 31, 2025, 4pm Eligibility: Indigenous doctoral students. 	<p>v. 4201G – New Horizons Award for Indigenous students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: 2 awards, variable amount Deadline: Completed (next competition winter 2026) Eligibility: Indigenous students.
<p>iii. 3078G – Pierre J. Durand Doctoral Recruitment Fellowship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: Several \$10,000 fellowships Deadline: Coming soon (autumn 2025) <p>Eligibility: MD candidates (3rd cycle), Indigenous students encouraged to apply.</p>	<p>vi. 4331G – Research award from the Centre for Research and Co-creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amount: 1 \$3,000 award Deadline: October, 2025 <p>Eligibility: Research project with tangible benefits for the economic and social growth of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples</p>

University of Québec at Rimouski (UQAR)

UQAR has a number of recurring annual bursaries:

- 6 admission awards of \$5,000 each, in collaboration with FRQ research funds;
- 1 excellence award of \$2,000, in collaboration with the UQ network;

Where possible, we also offer support and perseverance awards to our indigenous students. This varies from year to year, depending on needs, resources and available funding.

For more information, please visit [Bourses](#).

Memorial University

i. Anna Maly Memorial Bursary

- Valued at \$6,000
- Indigenous full-time students in Engineering, Nursing, Pharmacy, Science, or Social Work at Memorial; must show financial need.

ii. Cherie Lynn Richard and Nathaniel Catchway Memorial Award

- \$500 (rotates annually between undergrad & grad)
- Available to Indigenous students, any program, any year (part- or full-time)

iii. Duley Award

- Portion of endowment income (amount not fixed)
- Indigenous undergraduate students from NL; preference for academic achievement if tied.

iv. Every Child Matters Award

- Valued at \$2,500
- Indigenous undergraduate students after their 1st year.

v. Dr. Evan Simpson Indigenous Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship

- Up to 4 scholarships of \$1,000 each
- Indigenous residents of Newfoundland & Labrador entering full-time undergrad.

vi. Moving Forward Together Campaign Award

- Value at \$1,800 (renewable up to 2 years)
- Indigenous undergraduate students beyond 1st year, one award each at St. John's and Grenfell campuses.

vii. SLB Canada Indigenous Student Award

- Endowment income (renewable up to 5 years total)
- Indigenous full-time undergrads; preference for majors in Engineering, Business, or Science.

For more information, please visit the [website](#) and [Indigenous Scholarship Handbook 2025-2026](#).

Other Bursaries and Awards

INDSPIRE

[Indspire](#), an Indigenous-led registered charity that invests in the education of Indigenous people, also offer bursaries and scholarships.

NWAC Helen Bassett Commemorative Student Award

Every year, Native Women's Association of Canada coordinates the [Helen Bassett Commemorative Award](#) granted to four young Indigenous women in the amount of \$1,000 each. The awards are made possible by the generous donation of Helen Bassett. Helen Bassett was an Ontario artist and an amazing woman who tried to make a difference as an individual and engage the government into fair solutions to Aboriginal land claim issues.

STEAM Horizon Awards

[STEAM Horizon Awards](#) are available to Canadian students aged 16-18 who will be/are pursuing post secondary studies in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts or Math at a Canadian university.

Loretta Saunders Community Scholarship Fund

The [Loretta Saunders Community Scholarship Fund](#) is a scholarship fund to support indigenous women in their chosen field of study.

NIB Trust Fund

The NIB Trust Fund supports education programs aimed at healing, reconciliation and knowledge building. Funds are available to First Nation and Métis individuals. [Visit the website](#) for more information.