INDIGENOUS STUDENTS
FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS, & INUIT | 2020 – 2021 HANDBOOK
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**PART OF OUR HISTORY**

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

Edmonton is home to the second-largest urban Indigenous population in Canada.

“The most rewarding part of university has been meeting people who encourage me to create and develop what I’m passionate about.”

**DELANEY (BSC ’20)**

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**COME TO CAMPUS**

We host events for Indigenous students and the community throughout the year:

- **Open House Indigenous Student Experience:** October 19, 2019
- **Round Dance:** January 25, 2020
- **Indigenous Student Discovery Day:** Spring 2020
- **Bridges Orientation:** August 2020
- **Transition Year Program (TYP) Orientation:** August 2020
- **TAWOW Welcoming:** August 2020

Visit [uab.ca/fph](http://uab.ca/fph) for more details.

**CHOOSE TO STUDY AT THE U OF A**

Join over 1,300 Indigenous students from a diverse range of nations and territories across Canada. See their stories online. [uab.ca/mystory](http://uab.ca/mystory)
BRAIDED SUPPORTS

From admission to graduation, Indigenous-specific programming and supports are available for you from North Campus to Camrose.

DEDICATED HOUSING OPTIONS
We offer diverse on-campus housing options for Indigenous students. First Peoples’ House works directly with Residence Services to offer secured residential options — including options for single students, families, and student couples. uab.ca/fph

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROJECTS
You could help fulfill Indigenous community-driven projects in Northern communities. Engage North is a U of A based organization that connects Northern community-based organizations with Southern resources. The internship program works directly with community-based organizations to develop projects for undergraduate and graduate students for a four-month placement. uab.ca/engagenorth

ELDERS & HONOURING CEREMONIES
You can be honoured by an elder onstage at convocation in recognition of your academic achievements. Elders and students are invited to wear traditional regalia to the ceremonies.

FIRST PEOPLES’ HOUSE (FPH)
For 44 years, FPH has supported First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students on our North Campus. Services include:
- Academic, financial, and housing supports
- Elder visits and ceremonial room
- Dedicated student wellness worker
- Community meals
- Computer lab and printing

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INDIGENOUS STUDENT SERVICES (ISS)
ISS is housed in the community space within the Wahkohtowin Lodge, on our Augustana Camrose Campus. Services include:
- Indigenous student mentors
- Traditional Knowledge Keepers
- Community gatherings and celebrations
- Computer lab and printing

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780.679.1562
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FUNDING YOUR FUTURE

We have a variety of scholarship and funding opportunities available specifically for Indigenous students.

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

By self-declaring as a First Nation, Métis, or Inuit student you will be notified of scholarship and award opportunities, job and volunteer opportunities, and events just for Indigenous students.

You can self-declare when completing your application or at any time. uab.ca/fph

THIRD-PARTY FUNDING OPTIONS

First Nations students:
- First Nation or Tribal Council
- Freehorse Family Wellness Society

Métis students:
- Métis Settlement
- Rupert’sland Institute (RLI) Post-Secondary Funding
- Belcourt Brosseau Métis Award

Inuit & Northern students:
- NWT and NU Student Financial Assistance
- Regional Council
- Freehorse Family Wellness Society

All Indigenous students:
- Indspire

AWARDS & FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The U of A administers more than $28 million in undergraduate financial support each year.

The following are awards specifically for Indigenous students:

Indigenous Entrance Scholarship
$1,500 — automatic consideration

First Peoples’ House Awards
Up to $5,000 — various awards available

In addition, many faculties and departments offer awards and scholarships for Indigenous students. Go online to explore all of your scholarship, bursary, and financial support options. uab.ca/awards

TUITION DEPOSIT

If you will be funded by your band or another third party, you may qualify for an extension to pay the $500 tuition deposit required when you accept your admission offer. uab.ca/fnmi

GET FINANCIAL ADVICE

Whether you have funding barriers or you would just like more information, First Peoples’ House offers one-on-one advising.
FIND YOUR ADMISSION ROUTE

No matter where you are on your academic journey — whether you are coming directly from high school or you are a mature student — we have a route for you.

DIRECT ENTRY (FROM HIGH SCHOOL)

For direct entry, you will need to present competitive grades in five core academic 30-level courses, including English Language Arts 30-1 plus four other core courses. The additional four core courses vary by program. uab.ca/calendar

Deadline for direct entry: March 1, 2020

YOU COULD CHOOSE NATIVE STUDIES

We are the only university in Canada to offer this independent faculty. uab.ca/programs

TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you are transferring from another post-secondary institution, you will need to consult your faculty of interest for full admission details. As a transfer applicant, you will be evaluated on both your high school and post-secondary coursework. Once admitted, you will automatically be evaluated for transfer credit.

INDIGENOUS HEALTH INITIATIVES PROGRAM

In 1988, the U of A was the first medical school to reserve seats for Indigenous students.

MATURE STUDENTS

To qualify for admission as a mature (or non-matriculated) student, you must be 21 or older as of September 1 in the year you wish to attend and must not have completed any previous post-secondary schooling. uab.ca/nma

TRANSITION YEAR PROGRAM

The Transition Year Program (TYP), offered through First Peoples’ House at our North Campus in Edmonton, is designed to provide post-secondary opportunities to Indigenous students. The program is a full-time university program for first-year Indigenous students who may not meet the direct-entry requirements. Upon completion, you will be eligible to transfer into participating faculties. uab.ca/fph

Deadline to apply (Fall): May 1, 2020*
Deadline to apply (Winter): October 1, 2020**

* Participating faculties include: Agricultural, Life & Environmental Sciences; Arts; Business; Education; Engineering; Native Studies; Nursing; Kinesiology, Sport, and Recreation; and Science.

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WE CAN SHOW YOU MORE

START THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE
We host events all year! Sign up for notifications specific to Indigenous students at uab.ca/Top5

TAKE A TOUR
Take a guided tour led by our Indigenous Ambassadors. Book online or call 780.492.3113. uab.ca/tours

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US.
Our Indigenous advisors are here to help!
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