

**Indigenous Mentorship Network Program - Ontario  
Graduate Scholarship  
Information for Applicants**

The Indigenous Mentorship Network Program – Ontario (IMNP) provides financial support for Indigenous graduate students pursuing master’s and doctoral degrees and pursuing research in applied community-based Indigenous health. Financial support is provided in the form of scholarships.

**Scholarships**

All scholarships/fellowships are considered for a one-year term. Applicants may re-apply for each year of their program; however, awards are limited to two consecutive years. Students pursuing a Master’s (MA, MSc or equivalent) or doctoral (PhD or equivalent) degree are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 per year. The amount will be pro-rated at 50% for part-time students.

A student may hold another scholarship concurrently awarded by other major granting agencies, i.e., CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC, OGS; however, the total amount of all scholarships accepted must not exceed \$25,000.

It is the student’s responsibility to consider how success in this funding opportunity may impact other sources of financial support.

**Eligibility Criteria**

*In order to qualify for an IMNP scholarship:*

1. The applicant must self-identify as an Indigenous student.
2. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited program at the master’s or doctoral levels in the province of Ontario for the 2018-19 academic year. Proof of acceptance is not required at the time of application, but is mandatory before any award funds can be released.
3. The applicant must be undertaking or planning to undertake research in the area of applied community-based Indigenous health.

**Assessment Criteria**

*Reviewers will be assessing applications based on the following criteria:*

*Please ensure that these are explicitly addressed in the appropriate sections of your application.*

**Characteristics and Abilities of the Candidate**

- Academic performance
- Research abilities
- Critical thinking
- Organizational skills
- Originality

- Independence
- Perseverance

**Nature of the Proposed Research**

- Fit with the focus of the IMNP on applied community-based Indigenous health research.
- Community-based approach to the research topic and project development.
- Indigenous community/organization involvement in and support for the research project.
- Quality and innovation of the proposed research.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their academic performance and potential to succeed in the graduate program indicated. There must be a commitment to disseminate the information arising from the research.

If an applicant has taken a longer than average length of time to complete graduate work, please explain any graduate career interruptions or delays.

**Other Relevant Application Information**

The IMNP provides networking and training activities, i.e., student gatherings, for graduate students supported through our program. Participation in IMNP training activities is expected of successful applicants. Successful applicants must agree to provide a short biography and a photo for the IMNP website at the time of notification of the award, as well as a progress report near the end of their scholarship period.

It is the applicant's responsibility to obtain the required ethics approval for research involving humans from the relevant research ethics review board in their own institutions. Such approval is not required at the time of application, but should be submitted to the IMNP as soon as it has been granted.

**Completed applications should be sent to:**

Indigenous Health Lab  
Western University  
Social Science Centre Rm. 3107  
1151 Richmond St.  
London, Ontario, Canada  
N6A 3K7

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**Effective Date**

All applications must be received by **Friday, March 2, 2018 at 5pm EST**. No late applications will be accepted. All applicants will be notified of their result by March 29, 2018.