



**Summer 2017
Indigenous Summer Scholars Program
Research Proposal Form**

Program Start Date: June 12, 2017

Program End Date: August 18, 2017

The **Indigenous Summer Scholars program (ISSP)** is a response to the strategic direction of Indigenization set by the University of Winnipeg in 2016. Central to this strategic direction is welcoming the transformation of the academy with the inclusion of Indigenous students and faculty members, and Indigenous ways of knowing and Indigenous knowledge.

The Indigenous Summer Scholars Program is a **10-week** applied research program that engages Indigenous undergraduate students (or recent graduates) in a variety of scholarly, collaborative, and community-based research projects. Under the management of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Associate Vice-President Indigenous Affairs, Summer Scholars will participate in a paid summer program, through which they will be matched with UWinnipeg faculty members and contribute to their ongoing research projects. Each researcher or research team will host one student, to whom they will award a \$5,000 stipend. The student will be immersed in the research team and supervised directly by an assigned faculty member. The student will have specific roles, responsibilities, and deliverables, as assigned by the supervisor in the context of the research of the team. Supervisors will be asked to participate in a program orientation before the beginning of the program.

During the **first two weeks** of the program, Summer Scholars will participate in a series of workshops to build their academic and research skills. Of central importance will be a course in research methodologies, including Indigenous research methodologies, and a short, immersive course in Indigenous languages. Other workshops may include academic writing, community engagement, collaborative team-building, and communications. During these two weeks, Summer Scholars will be encouraged to live in residence in order to facilitate their full participation in workshops and in social and cultural activities, such as a welcoming feast, a sweat, and sharing circles, conducted in collaboration with Elders. Research supervisors are welcome to participate in these social and cultural activities as well.

In **weeks three to ten**, Summer Scholars will work with their research teams and supervisors, with weekly talking circles at which they can share experiences, challenges, successes, and questions. At the end of the program, all Summer Scholars will be asked to make a presentation about the research project with which they were engaged. In addition to their faculty supervisors, a current UWinnipeg Indigenous graduate student will act as a mentor to the Summer Scholars.

If you would like to host a Summer Scholar, please complete and return the following form to the Faculty of Graduate Studies **before February 15, 2017**.

Please submit questions and completed applications to:

Jessica Fontaine, Office Assistant (j.fontaine-ra@uwinnipeg.ca)
Faculty of Graduate Studies, 1BC06 (Buhler Centre)
515 Portage Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba
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RESEARCH PROPOSAL:

Project Title:

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Project Description:

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Overview of the work you expect the Summer Scholar to undertake:

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By signing this form, you agree to reserve a \$5,000 stipend for a Summer Scholar in this program.

Are you able to sponsor the Summer Scholar's two weeks of training (\$1200) in addition to providing her or him with a research stipend?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Faculty Signature

Date (YYYYMMDD)