



IRSS Student Support Guide

Peer Tutoring: Undergraduate students who require academic support while pursuing their degrees can request free 1-1 help with courses, study skills, paper writing, exam preparation, and assignments, from another student. Upon request and when available, the student may be matched with a tutor who speaks the same first language.

[Book a tutor](#)

Academic Advising: Academic advisors help students choose and follow their educational path, while making sure they understand the objectives and requirements of their degree. Support includes degree planning, choosing courses, and interpreting regulations. Students can meet with an advisor in-person or virtually, or during scheduled drop-in times.

[Book an appointment](#)

Mentor Program: This program builds community on campus by matching new, first time students with an experienced student. A mentor can help students adjust to University life and provide peer-peer support through phone, zoom, text, or email, and in-person meetups.

[Request a mentor](#)

UWinnipeg Immigrant & Refugee Student Club: This student group brings immigrant and refugee students together to support each other socially and academically, create a sense of community, and to act as a voice for immigrant & refugee students on campus. New students are invited to join the student group to engage in social and academic events.

[Connect on Instagram: uw.irsc](#)

WUSC: WUSC is a student refugee program that identifies youth affected by global crises through UNHCR, IRCC, and IOM and sponsors them to Canada to pursue higher education through universities' Local Committees. The University of Winnipeg is one of several Canadian universities that have sponsored refugee students since the 1980s. It's a great way to get involved with helping others. For the WUSC Local Committee, please visit their social media page.

[Connect on Instagram: uofwpgwusc](#)

Counselling Services: Free counselling is available to all students registered at UWinnipeg to support their well-being. Services are provided by appointment only, via Zoom, phone or in-person appointments. You may connect with Student Wellness directly at the link below, or connect with IRSS if you would like support setting up your consultation.

[More information](#)

Accessibility Services (AS): AS facilitates an accessible learning environment for students with disabilities, mental health concerns, medical conditions and temporary injuries and other conditions. Students with concerns should connect with an AS Advisor to discuss possible academic accommodation arrangements.

Email: accessibility@uwinnipeg.ca; Phone: 204.786.9771

[More information](#)

Career Services: Career Services offers a wide range of supports, including assistance with career planning and job search, as well as resume writing and interview preparation.

[More information](#)

Study Skills workshops: IRSS collaborates with Academic Advising to hold study skill workshops on topics such as class participation and student resources, avoiding plagiarism: citing and paraphrasing (Library), effective time management, note-taking techniques, reading strategies, and critical thinking skills.

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If you would like a referral, assistance, or more information for any of the services listed, please contact:

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Library Services: The University of Winnipeg Library collaborates with Immigrant and Refugee Student Services (IRSS) to support newcomer students by providing access to essential resources and research assistance. This partnership is facilitated by Michael Dudley, the Accessibility, International, and Extended Services Librarian.

Email: m.dudley@uwinnipeg.ca; Phone: 204.982.1145

Awards & Financial Aid

AFA distributes scholarships, awards and bursaries to registered students, facilitates the government student loan process, and provides advice on budgeting and financial-related topics. They offer many informative sessions through their "Money Talks" webinars.

Opportunity Fund: Supports a bursary program for learners in financial need who are from underrepresented populations, including immigrants and refugees. It is an application-based bursary that is awarded each academic term.

[More information](#)

Government Student Aid: These are grants and loans from the federal and provincial governments that assist students with the cost of their studies.

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