

# Information for Indigenous Students

## OUR COMMITMENT

The University of Regina is situated on Treaty 4 lands with a presence in Treaty 6. These are the territories of the nêhiyawak, Anihšīnapek, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakoda, and the homeland of the Métis/Michif Nation. Indigenous students are welcomed and supported at the University of Regina, and we are committed to Indigenization and reconciliation.

## WHAT PROGRAM SHOULD I TAKE?

With over 190 undergraduate academic programs across 9 faculties, we are confident that you will find a program that interests you. Here is a sampling of the many programs that we offer:

- Accounting
- Biology
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Education
- Engineering
- Film Production
- Health Promotion
- Human Justice
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Nursing
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Visual Arts

## INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS

In partnership with First Nations University of Canada, we offer Indigenous-focused programs in a variety of disciplines. Some of the programs you can study include:

- Indigenous Education
- Indigenous Literatures in English
- Indigenous Fine Arts
- Indigenous Health Studies
- Indigenous Languages and Linguistics
- Indigenous Social Work
- Indigenous Studies
- Reconciliation Studies

## WE ALSO OFFER AFFILIATED DEGREE PROGRAMS:

- Saskatchewan Urban Native Education Program (SUNTEP)
- Yukon Native Teacher Education Program (YNTEP)

## NEED HELP DECIDING?

You can book a one-on-one enrolment counseling appointment online at [urconnected.uregina.ca](https://urconnected.uregina.ca).



15%

Percentage of  
**self-declared**  
Indigenous  
students



39

Number of  
programs with  
an **Indigenous**  
**focus**



5

Number of  
**Indigenous**  
**languages** that  
are taught

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The ta-tawâw student centre has helped me gain a community of Indigenous people and strengthen the ties between me and my Métis culture. It has also made me feel welcome and supported while allowing me to gain resources that continue to come in handy throughout my university career.

**TAYLOR SODERBERG**

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4th Year | Human Justice



# Let's Talk Student Supports

## TA-TAWÂW STUDENT CENTRE

**WELCOME. THERE IS ROOM. THERE IS SPACE.**

Tansi! Anin! Taanishi! Hello! Find your home away from home at the ta-tawâw centre; a student space on campus that cultivates a respectful and welcoming atmosphere. The wâw centre is here to encourage student empowerment, identity, community connections, and Indigenous ways of knowing and learning. Our space acts as a central hub for all students on campus, faculty, staff, and community to gather and find a sense of belonging in the larger university environment. Welcoming all members of campus in the centre creates opportunities for intercultural and intergenerational exchange, which strengthens our entire community.

### The wâw centre encourages:

- Successful transition of Indigenous students into university
- Student retention at the post-secondary level
- Participation at university events
- Successful completion of university education
- Transition into the workplace

[www.uregina.ca/student/asc](http://www.uregina.ca/student/asc)

## THE 101 ORIENTATION

The wâw centre offers The 101— a free one day orientation for all new Indigenous students. By attending, you'll have the opportunity to connect with the Elders, find your way around campus prior to the first day of classes, and meet new and returning students before the school year starts. Participating in this program is a great way to begin your new adventure in post-secondary!

## OMÂ PROGRAM

**nitôncipâmin omâ (WE ARE HERE)**

The OMÂ Program is here to provide first-year Indigenous students with a supportive learning environment. Within this program, the wâw centre encourages you to become an academic leader by providing you with the tools you need to navigate your academic path successfully.

All first-year Indigenous students in the faculties of Arts, Business Administration, and Science can apply to participate. Part of one of our three federated colleges? Great! You can join the ÔMA Program too.

Seats are limited, so inquire and apply early!

### WHY JOIN OMÂ

- Connection with other first-year students
- Detailed class material review sessions
- Student success workshops
- Priority access to tutors
- Cultural and social programming
- Scholarship opportunities



## INDIGENOUS CAREER EDUCATION

Are you looking for career help, or even an internship or summer job? Indigenous Career Education provides programming that supports the academic and career-related success of Indigenous students. This includes:

- Co-operative Education Program (U of R and FNUiv)
- Full Circle Summer Internship Program
- Job registry - all job postings and events are sent to your email
- Professional development workshops for both co-op and summer internship programs
- Resume and cover letter preparation and critiquing
- Employer luncheon series
- Mock interview sessions

## NEEKANEWAK LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (NLI)

### THEY ARE LEADING

NLI is an Elder-based leadership program where students are provided with opportunities to enhance and develop leadership skills through traditional and cultural ways of knowing, while participating in volunteer activities and events. Social gatherings are hosted throughout the academic year as a great way to network and connect with the campus and larger community. Each year, NLI hosts the Neekaneewak Leadership Awards, which celebrates Indigenous students who support the community through their involvement and engagement. NLI is led by a leadership team comprising Elders, student support partners, successful alumni, senior students, and community members who provide culturally-relevant programming, mentorship, and support to Indigenous students at the U of R.



# Living On-Campus

## ON-CAMPUS HOUSING OPTIONS

By choosing on-campus housing, you will belong to a supportive community and enjoy a variety of activities and cultural events. With five different buildings, and room configurations ranging from shared dorms up to 8-person apartments, you will find a number of options to meet your living preferences. Each building includes amenity spaces such as TV lounges, community kitchens, music rooms, study lounges, and smudging rooms — meaning life on campus offers you much more than just a place to live!

## NEEKANEWAK LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

A Living-Learning Community (LLC) is a group of students placed together in student housing because they share similar interests and values. The Neekaneewak LLC is a partnership with the ta-tawâw Centre and might be a great choice for you! Some of the things that you will get to take advantage of includes:

- Belonging to a supportive community
- Access to academic workshops and tutoring
- Support from Elders, successful alumni, peers and community partners
- A variety of cultural events and activities
- Access to the beautiful 14th floor student lounge (can be used for

## URPRIORITY

First Year Housing Experience

As a first-year student, you are our priority! Our ultimate first-year housing experience, UR Priority supports students in all areas of the transition to university life. UR Priority treats you like a VIP and provides direct access to services and resources to help you reach your academic and personal goals!

smudges and other ceremonies and events)

- Social events and activities

For more information, contact:  
Housing.Services@uregina.ca

To apply, visit [www.uregina.ca/housing/index.html](http://www.uregina.ca/housing/index.html).

## INDIGENOUS STUDENT HOUSING AWARD

Living in on-campus housing is a great way to make friends, live in your own space, and enjoy easy access to your classrooms. Join us on campus and apply for our Indigenous Student Housing Award.

To learn more, visit: [uregina.ca/housing/housing\\_awards/](http://uregina.ca/housing/housing_awards/).



## NEEKANEWAK LLC QUICK FACTS:

### SPACES AVAILABLE:

18 STUDENT SPACES

### LOCATION:

KISIK TOWERS & COLLEGE WEST

### ROOM TYPES:

4- & 6-BEDROOM APARTMENTS

### OPEN TO:

ALL U OF R HOUSING RESIDENTS



# First Nations University of Canada

## WHAT IS FNUNIV?

First Nations University (FNU) is a great choice for new students. FNU has tailored its federated college experience to ensure student success and acculturation into Indigenous values, history, and lifestyle. All three of our campuses (Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert) provide access to student services. The Regina campus is situated on the atim kâ-mihkosit (Red Dog) Urban Reserve, Star Blanket Cree Nation, and Treaty 4 Territory. Star Blanket is the first First Nation in Canada to create an urban reserve specifically dedicated to the advancement of education.

**ON THE ACADEMIC SIDE:** There is tutoring available in the fields of math, science, and Indigenous languages. Writing clinics are offered that can help with editing papers or offer tips to improve writing skills.

**ON THE COMMUNITY SIDE:** FNU hosts events yearly with the student association to ensure that you feel welcome and part of the larger FNU experience. These events include orientation, welcome week, celebrating holidays, and winter solstice activities.

**ON THE PERSONAL SIDE:** FNU students have access to Elder services and ceremonies so you can participate in building your mental and emotional well-being while strengthening your core values. Our students also have access to counselling services at the U of R.

Learn more about the First Nations University of Canada at [www.fnuniv.ca](http://www.fnuniv.ca)



## CULTURAL CREATIVITY

Need a break from studies? Explore your creative side! The wâw centre offers regular art-making workshops that are open to students with all levels of experience. Workshop activities include creating and designing ribbon skirts and shirts, moccasin-making, and beadwork.

## KNOWLEDGE KEEPERS

Sit with, learn from, and be guided by on-campus Elders. Students also have access to a cultural advisory room to smudge and seek one-on-one counsel.

## INTRODUCTION TO POWWOW

Want to learn more about powwow? Offered once a term, Intro to Powwow features live dance performances and showcases powwow's spiritual, physical, and cultural benefits. The presenter provides a contextual and historical framework for powwow, exploring its development and organization. The significance and meaning behind the dances, in addition to the different elements of the regalia, are also explored. Anyone interested in learning more about powwow is welcome to attend.

## GLEN ANAQUOD ANNUAL MEMORIAL TIPI RAISING COMPETITION

Each September, the wâw centre invites the university campus community and high school students to compete in the Glen Anaquod Annual Memorial Tipi Raising Competition. The event provides a fun, friendly, and engaging environment for hands on learning about Indigenous culture and values. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Check the events calendar for upcoming wâw centre events here: [uregina.ca/student/asc/events/](http://uregina.ca/student/asc/events/).





# Applying for Admission



## 1. APPLY FOR ADMISSION



## 2. PAY THE \$100 APPLICATION FEE\*



## 3. REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPTS

\* If you plan to apply for band funding, please check with your post-secondary coordinator to find out if your application fee will also be covered. If so, you can request a deferral of the application fee by contacting Enrolment Services at [enrolment.services@uregina.ca](mailto:enrolment.services@uregina.ca).

### CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You can apply for admission to an undergraduate-level program at the University of Regina during your grade 12 year. Your application will be assessed for Early Conditional Admission to your program of choice. This allows students who are still in grade 12 to be conditionally admitted using grade 11 and 12 courses they have completed. Students who are granted Early Conditional Admission are still required to meet the final admission requirements for their program/faculty at the time of graduation.

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

If you have graduated high school, you are required to send in a final, official transcript. You will be assessed based on the final admission requirements set by each faculty.

### MATURE STUDENTS

You may be considered a mature student if you meet the following conditions:

- Have completed fewer than 15-24 credit hours (dependent on faculty) of approved post-secondary courses
- Are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Will be at least 21 years of age before the start of the semester
- Can demonstrate the ability to succeed at university through life or work-related experience.

### POST-SECONDARY TRANSFER STUDENTS

If you have previously attended another college, university, or technical institute, you will apply as a College/University Student. Post-secondary transfer admission averages are calculated using the Admissions Grade Point Average (AGPA), which is calculated by combining recognized academic post-secondary courses and attempted U of R courses.

For more information on student types and admission requirements, please visit: [www.uregina.ca/admissions/undergraduate/](http://www.uregina.ca/admissions/undergraduate/).



### NOT SURE WHAT PROGRAM TO APPLY FOR?

Chat with one of our friendly enrolment counsellors! They can help you decide what program best fits your interests.

You can book an appointment online at [urconnected.uregina.ca](http://urconnected.uregina.ca).



# Band Funding

## DO I QUALIFY FOR BAND FUNDING?

Status Indian or Inuit students may be eligible for post-secondary funding through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. The program offers funding support to students in the following areas:

- Community college, diploma, or certificate programs
- Undergraduate programs
- Advanced or professional degree programs

Be sure to contact your post-secondary coordinator at your local band office to find out more!

**MÉTIS STUDENTS:** There are specific funding sources available for Métis students. For example, the Gabriel Dumont Institute provides

scholarships to Métis students who are Saskatchewan residents and registered as full-time students.

Students can contact the Gabriel Dumont Institute at [usponsorship@gdins.org](mailto:usponsorship@gdins.org).

**SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES:** The University of Regina awards almost 4,000 scholarships and bursaries each year. There are a number of awards specifically for Indigenous students, including the SaskEnergy Aboriginal Scholarship and the Saskatchewan Opportunity Undergrad Award.

Visit [www.uregina.ca/safa](http://www.uregina.ca/safa) for a full listing.

## STEPS TO APPLY FOR BAND FUNDING

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OBTAIN YOUR  
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ACCEPTANCE LETTER

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TALK TO YOUR  
POST-SECONDARY  
COORDINATOR

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COMPLETE FUNDING  
APPLICATION  
BEFORE DEADLINE

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Being a Psychology student in the Faculty of Arts provides me with the opportunity to choose from a wide range of classes and pursue my individual interests. In the future, I will be able to draw upon this broad knowledge base in the workplace and beyond.

**PAIGE SCHMALTZ**

3rd Year | Psychology



**HAVE  
QUESTIONS?**

WE'D LOVE TO HELP!

**Enrolment Services**

[enrolment.services@uregina.ca](mailto:enrolment.services@uregina.ca)

1-306-585-4591

1-800-644-4756



**WANT TO ACCESS MORE  
INFORMATION FOR FUTURE  
U OF R STUDENTS?**

**SCAN HERE!**

## VISIT US!

Come see why you belong here! From our campus-wide open houses to faculty specific events, there are many opportunities to see what the U of R has to offer. You can also meet with an Enrolment Counsellor to get all your questions answered.

Book your tour or enrolment counselling session and find out about events at [urconnected.uregina.ca](http://urconnected.uregina.ca).