

**Indigenous Mentorship Network of Ontario  
Graduate and Health Professional Scholarship (2021/2022)  
Information for Applicants**

The Indigenous Mentorship Network of Ontario (Ontario node of the CIHR funded Indigenous Mentorship Network Program) provides financial support for Indigenous graduate students (master's or doctoral degrees) or health professional students (MD, OT, PT degrees) pursuing research in applied community-based Indigenous health and based at an Ontario institution. Financial support is provided in the form of scholarships.

Defining Health and Well-being

IMN-Ontario takes a broad definition of health and well-being. On our website ([www.imnp.uwo.ca](http://www.imnp.uwo.ca)) we have provided a broad definition of what constitutes Indigenous health and well-being.

**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 years per degree. Students pursuing a Master's, Doctoral, or Professional degree are eligible to receive up to \$20,000 per year. The amount will be pro-rated at 50% for part-time students.

IMN-Ontario will award up to 10 scholarships (see Table below). The CIHR scholarships will be paid by Western University. All other awards will be paid by the awarding institution and only students enrolled at that institution will be eligible, for example, only McMaster University students are eligible for the McMaster University Scholarship. The Institute for Clinical and Evaluative Sciences (ICES) scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled at any Ontario institution with interests in quantitative research and use of ICES data to support their research.

<b>Graduate Level Scholarships Available from IMN for 2021/2022</b>	<b>Scholarship Amounts</b>
CIHR Research Scholarships	4 X \$17,500.00
McMaster University Scholarship*	\$20,000.00
Western University Scholarship*	\$20,000.00
Guelph University Scholarship (College of Social & Applied Human Sciences)*	\$15,000.00
ICES Scholarship and Internship	\$20,000.00
Lakehead University PhD Level*	\$10,000.00
Nipissing University Scholarship*	\$20,000.00

***\*Students must be enrolled at awarding institution to be eligible***

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 IMN-Ontario scholarship:*

1. The applicant must self-identify as an Indigenous student.
2. The applicant must be accepted by an accredited graduate or professional program in province of Ontario for the 2021-22 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 study in the area of community-based Indigenous health and well-being research.

### **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 IMN-Ontario greater objectives related to community-based Indigenous health and well-being 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 based on their academic performance and potential to succeed in the program indicated. There must be a commitment to disseminate the information arising from the research, and an explicit statement identifying any ethical protocols that have been submitted or approved.

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

**Other Relevant Application Information**

The IMN-Ontario provides networking and training and mentoring activities, i.e., student gatherings and participation in webinars. Participation in IMN-Ontario training activities is expected of successful applicants. Successful applicants must agree to provide a short biography and a photo for the IMN-Ontario website at the time of notification of the award. Successful applicants will also complete a progress report near the end of their scholarship period which will be used for the IMN-Ontario for reporting and evaluation.

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 IMN-Ontario as soon as it has been granted.

**Application documents should be e-mailed in a single PDF file to [imnp@uwo.ca](mailto:imnp@uwo.ca)**

**except:**

Letters of reference should be e-mailed directly by referees and  
Official transcripts should be mailed or delivered to:

Indigenous Mentorship Network of Ontario  
c/o Department of Geography  
Western University  
Social Science Centre Rm. 2232  
1151 Richmond St.  
London, Ontario, Canada N6A 3K7

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**Effective Date**

All applications must be received by **Monday February 1, 2021 at 4pm EST**. No late applications will be accepted. All applicants will be notified of their result April, 2021.