

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

# Indigenous Leadership Scholarship

## INTRODUCTION

The Indigenous Leadership Scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships at the University of Ottawa. It is awarded to an Indigenous student who demonstrates academic excellence and outstanding leadership skills.

## PURPOSE OF FUND

This scholarship aims to provide financial assistance and recognition to a newly admitted Indigenous student who has demonstrated excellent academic performance and outstanding leadership skills, including community engagement and volunteerism.

## SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, you must:

1. be a Canadian citizen, a permanent resident or have protected person or refugee status;
2. provide documented proof of Indigenous identity, in accordance with the requirements of the University of Ottawa Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships, and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis People administrative procedure;
3. be registered full time, and for the first time, in an undergraduate program at a direct-entry faculty;
4. fulfill the admission requirements of the faculty in question (Arts, Engineering, Health Sciences, Science, Social Sciences, Telfer School of Management or the Faculty of Law, Civil Law Section);
5. have a minimum admission average of 85%;
6. show leadership and engagement in your studies and extracurricular activities.

**Note 1:** Preference will be given to students who are able to speak an Indigenous language.

**Note 2:** This scholarship cannot be combined with the University of Ottawa Admission Scholarship, the President's Scholarship, the Chancellor's Scholarship or the Merit Scholarship.

**Note 3:** The University also provides a one-time award of \$1,500 to applicants who are ranked second, third and fourth.

**Note 4:** Temporary interruption of your studies or registration part-time or as a special student will lead to your scholarship being revoked for the rest of your studies.

## RENEWAL CRITERIA

This scholarship can be renewed for the three following years provided that you:

1. maintain full-time registration in a direct-entry faculty; and
2. have a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 8.5 or higher at the end of each academic year.

**Note:** This scholarship can be renewed at 50% of its annual value if the recipient has a CGPA between 8.0 and 8.4 at the end of their academic year. Furthermore, the scholarship can be renewed for the full amount in a subsequent year if the recipient's CGPA increases to 8.5 or higher.

**Value of the award:** \$26,000 (\$6,500 per year)

**Number of awards:** 1

**Frequency of the award:** Annual

**Level or program of study:** Undergraduate

**Renewable:** Yes, if you meet the renewal criteria

**Application contact:** Financial Aid and Awards Service

**Application deadline:** March 1<sup>st</sup>

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

Applications must be made through Online Scholarships and Bursaries, accessible through <https://scholarships.uottawa.ca>, and must include:

1. documented proof of Indigenous identity, in accordance with the requirements of the University of Ottawa Eligibility for Focused Admissions, Scholarships, and Bursaries for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis People administrative procedure;
2. curriculum vitae;
3. a 500 word statement explaining leadership and engagement in your studies and extracurricular activities; and
4. a completed Indigenous Leadership Scholarship questionnaire.