



Pathway Support for Indigenous Students to Pursue Medicine

GUIDELINES

Number and Value of Support:

The number and value of support will be determined by the Pathways Support Committee each year based upon the number of applicants. The value of the support will be at the discretion of the Pathways Support Committee up to a maximum of \$5,000 per year per applicant. Unallocated support monies in one year may be carried forward for a period of one year. A written request for use of unallocated monies itemizing the use of those funds must be made to the Dean for consideration.

Eligibility Criteria:

The earliest the support may be applied for is following completion of the first year of university studies towards a four-year baccalaureate degree program OR enrolment in a full-time graduate program at an accredited Saskatchewan degree granting institution. Applicants will be eligible to apply to have their support renewed for two additional years if they are making progress towards their degree with the intention of applying to the College of Medicine MD program. Application must be made each year to be considered for the continued support.

Pathways Support recipients are required to meet with the Admissions Coordinator and the Senior Lead, Indigenous Initiatives and Programming from the College of Medicine each academic term during the year the support is received and to provide documentation as per requested in the support application to the Pathways Support Committee.

Selection Criteria:

Selection will be based on a holistic review of the applicant's academic achievement, engagement in their Indigenous community, essay content and other factors at the discretion of the Pathways Support Committee. First-time Pathways Support applicants will be required to write a biographical essay in which they describe their desire to pursue a career in Medicine, explain why they think the College of Medicine has an Indigenous Admissions Pathway to Medicine and describe their engagement/involvement in their Indigenous Community. Applicants applying for continued Pathways Support (i.e., have already received Pathways Support previously) will be required to submit a reflection essay instead updating the committee. The essay, academic record, and possibly a personal interview, will be considered as selection criteria by the Pathway Support Committee.



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Terms of Reference
2025 REVISION

Purpose:	To financially support, encourage, and identify Indigenous students interested in applying to the College of Medicine MD program.
Source and Amount of Funding:	A maximum of \$30,000 per year will be made available from the College of Medicine.
Tenability:	The awards (formerly Pre-Medicine Awards for Indigenous Students) were first made available in the Fall of 2003 with multiple revisions with stakeholders over time. In the fall of 2013, the Admissions Office and the Awards Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and Guidelines for the awards. Changes were made to align with the new admission requirements being implemented for entry fall of 2015. In the fall of 2016, the College of Medicine, in consultation with the Awards Committee, extended the term of the awards for an additional three years (2017-2019). In 2020, the College of Medicine, in consultation with the Awards Committee, changed the name of the awards and extended the term of the awards for an additional three years (2020-2022). In the spring of 2023, a request was submitted to extend the term of the awards for an additional five years (2023-2027). In 2024, the Terms of Reference and the Guidelines were reviewed and updated by the Pathways Support Committee.
Support Committee:	A committee designated by the Dean, College of Medicine.
Number and Value of Support:	To be determined by the Pathways Support Committee as outlined in the Guidelines, as developed by the Support Committee. Unallocated support monies in one year may be carried forward for a period of one year. A written request for use of unallocated monies itemizing the use of those funds must be made to the Dean for consideration.
Program and Course Designations and Eligibility Restrictions:	Open to continuing (beyond first year of a degree program) Indigenous students working towards a four-year baccalaureate degree program OR enrolment in a full-time graduate program at an accredited Saskatchewan degree granting institution in preparation for an application for admission to the College of Medicine MD program. The University is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion, and we are proud to support academic opportunities for Indigenous students. We value the unique perspectives that Indigenous students bring to the

MD program. As we continue to grow our partnerships with Indigenous communities, strengthening the future Indigenous physician workforce in the province is an important part of improving health outcomes for Indigenous peoples.

Only Indigenous candidates will be considered for this award. Verification of Indigenous Membership/Citizenship at the University of Saskatchewan is led and determined by the deybawin | taapwaywin | tapwewin: Indigenous Truth Policy and Standing Committee in accordance with the processes developed to enact the policy. Verification of Indigenous Membership/Citizenship with documentation is a condition of receiving this support. Please visit: <https://indigenous.usask.ca/indigenous-initiatives/deybawin-taapwaywin-tapwewin.php> to proceed through the verification system. If you have any questions or require additional information about deybawin | taapwaywin | tapwewin please contact: indigenoustruthpolicy@usask.ca

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