2019 INDIGENOUS VIEWBOOK

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
CREATE YOUR OWN PATH

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A GREAT EDUCATION. AN AMAZING FUTURE
Welcome, bienvenue, pihtikwew, biindigen, en ya, peehitkway, iyuskin kuwa, tungasugit! Come explore everything the U of M has to offer. Here, it’s about options, community and defining your future. This is your time to be adventurous, challenge yourself and make a difference. More than 2,400 First Nations, Métis and Inuit students are already pursuing their goals at the U of M—and you can too! Experience outstanding programming, a huge variety of academic options and amazing travel opportunities. In this supportive environment, you’ll build friendships and connections that last a lifetime.

At the U of M, Indigenous Engagement is a priority. We are committed to providing a learning environment that promotes Indigenous student success. Our Pathways to Indigenous Achievement plan sees education as a positive, life-changing tool to benefit students, families and communities.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA IS HOME TO A DYNAMIC COMMUNITY OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND ALUMNI

We are in the heart of North America where the First Treaties since the Confederation of Canada were signed, and where the Métis organized the Confederation of Manitoba in 1870.

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Carve your own path with a post-secondary education

Pursuing a university education is a great way to nurture your spiritual, physical, mental and emotional strengths and figure out where your passion lies.

During your academic career, you will be encouraged to think critically, exposed to new and exciting classroom and extra-curricular activities and have the opportunity to meet other Indigenous students who are leaders in their communities.

You will enhance your transferable skills sought by employers such as leadership, communication and time management that can be applied in your future career no matter what field you choose.

At the U of M, you’ll join a culturally rich and diverse community and learn in a way that celebrates your experiences, culture and history.

"There’s a whole world to see outside of the reserve, and coming to the University of Manitoba was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made."

– Jesse McGregor, Cree
U1/Access

#DECLAREINDIGENOUS

Be proud of who you are and where you come from. By self-declaring you can:

• Become eligible for scholarships, fellowships, prizes and bursaries dedicated to Indigenous students.
• Receive information about opportunities, jobs, events, supports and more through a bi-weekly Indigenous student e-newsletter.
• Inform statistics that help the university to create and improve opportunities for Indigenous students like you!

Visit umanitoba.ca/indigenous for more information on connecting with the community, academic and cultural support and what’s happening on our campuses.

Note: The U of M does not require documentation or proof of Indigenous identity, although some of our support units may require verification.
EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES
AND THEN ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

At the U of M, you acquire more than knowledge, you gain new friends and a support circle. That’s what Riley Chartrand realized through his involvement with the Qualico Bridge to Success Program, and the Neechiwaken Indigenous Peer Mentor Program. He was introduced to upper-years students even before classes began and appreciated all the thoughtful advice they shared throughout the year.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Find your comfort zone and your campus family in Migizii Agamik–Bald Eagle Lodge. This space is your home away from home.

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MIGIZII AGAMIK–BALD EAGLE LODGE

AT HOME ON CAMPUS

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At the Indigenous Student Centre (ISC), you’ll find a caring, supportive environment and staff who are eager to share their knowledge and guidance.

Talk with an Elder-in-Residence about your personal journey. Meet with an Indigenous student advisor for advice about your studies, finances or career. Make connections and learn alongside other students through the Neechiwaken Indigenous Peer Mentor Program, or explore your leadership goals through the Indigenous Circle of Empowerment (ICE).

Every year, on the first weekend of May, we come together to honour more than 450 First Nations, Métis and Inuit graduates at the Annual Traditional Graduation Pow Wow. We look forward to celebrating you one day!

Call us any time for more information or come by and say hello.
204-474-8850 (ISC - Indigenous Student Centre)
isc@umanitoba.ca
umanitoba.ca/student/indigenous

Supporting your journey to university
Progressing from high school to university can feel like a big change. We smooth this transition through the Qualico Bridge to Success Program (QBTS).

With QBTS, new Indigenous students are connected with academic learning support, advising, peer-mentoring and special events to enhance the first year experience. There is no cost to participate in this program.

204-291-5257
umanitoba.ca/qualicobridgetosuccess

You can also take part in the Blankstein Momentum program for resources that will help you build confidence and increase your skills. Through this program you will learn how to access other resources on campus and connect with opportunities that support your overall wellness and success.

UMANITOA.CA/STUDENT/INDIGENOUS/BLANKSTEINMOMENTUM

The Indigenous student advisors at ISC can assist you with many things, including course selection, registration and navigating the university system.

The Empowered U Financial Wellness Program is also available to assist students with budgeting, debt management, setting financial goals and more. The program includes workshops and speaker sessions, as well as other resources to help you make informed financial decisions.

The Academic Learning Centre provides free tutoring at Migizii Agamik and can offer help in several areas.

Help with writing includes:
- Narrowing your topic
- Developing a thesis
- Organizing ideas
- Citing sources

Help with study skills includes:
- Managing time
- Reading academic texts
- Taking lecture notes
- Preparing for tests and exams

Help with content (select courses) includes:
- Practicing problem solving strategies
- Increasing confidence with concepts and processes
- Using appropriate resources effectively
LEARN TO LEAD
AND THEN HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE

As female vice-president of the University of Manitoba Indigenous Students’ Association, Maegan Courchene gained confidence and began to see herself as a leader. This fourth-year Native Studies student wants to eventually pursue a PhD and sees the possibilities as endless. Having found a love of learning, she is determined to bring her voice to the movement combatting injustices facing Indigenous peoples.

“Sitting with the Indigenous Circle of Empowerment I learned the fundamental skills employers are looking for in an environment that is uniquely Indigenous.”


PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Take your university experience to the next level! You can enhance your leadership and mentoring skills or share your community-focused energies by taking part in student groups.

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EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS
AND THEN CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE

Nicole Luke is excited about the future of Indigenous design. Inspired by her fellow students and professors in the Faculty of Architecture community, she wants to make her own mark with a career that embraces her Inuit roots. Yellowknife-born and Winnipeg-raised, she calls herself an urban Inuk, and hopes to bring her environmental design education to the North through improved housing and the creation of sacred spaces.

“My experience at the U of M has made me think critically about an urban culture versus an Indigenous culture, and how the two may seem contradictory but yet are not…. I would like to design a type of architecture that complements the Arctic and its people.”

NICOLE LUKE, INUK
YELLOWKNIFE, NWT
Faculty of Architecture

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Several academic programs at the University of Manitoba focus on Indigenous content or are geared towards First Nations, Métis and Inuit students.

NATIVE STUDIES
For over 40 years, the Department of Native Studies at the U of M has been an international leader in the field. Here, you can examine the diversity of Indigenous cultures, histories, spiritualities, languages, literature and visual art as well as the history of colonialism, Indigenous governance, politics and economics.
204-474-9266
umanitoba.ca/native_studies

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES
Conduct world-class research with a dynamic community of Indigenous students, faculty, staff and alumni. Pursue your education and passion beyond your undergraduate degree. U of M is home to more than 140 degree options at the master’s and doctoral levels, including one of the few graduate Indigenous/Native Studies programs in the country. Here, your experience will be supported with Indigenous-centered academic, cultural, personal and financial supports.
204-474-9377
umanitoba.ca/graduate_studies
The Access Program, offered by Extended Education, provides you with a support network that allows you to forge your way to a successful academic future. The program is available to all Manitoba residents, with preference given to Indigenous students.

In the Access Program, you will follow a common first year pathway with other new Access students. Small class sizes allow you to develop strong peer support and build relationships before going into your second year.

Access provides supports for various academic pathways:

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA ACCESS PROGRAM (UMAP)

If you are pursuing any program of study that leads to a degree or diploma in arts or science at the University of Manitoba, UMAP can provide the supports you need.

HEALTH CAREERS ACCESS PROGRAM (HCAP) AND PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM (PHP)

HCAP is designed to help you prepare for entry to the following health-related programs:

• Medicine, Dentistry, Dental Hygiene, Pharmacy, Medical Rehabilitation Science – Physiotherapy/Occupational Therapy/Respiratory Therapy, Nursing

Once you are accepted, PHP can support your success with the respective program. Supports include:

• Academic and personal counselling
• Help with funding applications
• Extensive pre-university orientation
• Academic coaching and advocacy

204-474-8000
umextended.ca/access

PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES

ACCESS PROGRAM

“I don’t know what I would do without the Access Program. People here are our own cheerleaders, our big sisters and brothers, our little sisters and brothers. It’s hard to know where you belong and can feel safe. It’s here.”

– Kristin Flattery (UMAP student), Anishinaabe/Dakota, Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons.) (2017), Faculty of Education

JESSE MCGREGOR, CREE
MISIPAWISTIK CREE NATION
University 1/Access Program

“There are so many supports offered to new students. By believing in yourself and the university, you can create the start of success for our future generations to come. As my first year went on, I started to learn my likes and dislikes. In turn, I was able to form a vision—a foundation towards the start of my journey of becoming a health-care professional.”

LEARN TOGETHER
AND THEN DISCOVER YOUR STRENGTHS

The transition from high school to university, and from a northern community to an urban setting, was a big adjustment for Jesse McGregor. The Access Program offered guidance along the way—and helped nurture his strengths and passion for medicine. By experiencing a variety of courses in University 1, he was able to not only figure out what he liked most but take the first steps toward reaching his goal.
ABORIGINAL NURSING COHORT INITIATIVE (ANCI)
ANCI offers a combination of academic, personal and cultural supports to prepare you for entrance into the Bachelor of Nursing (BN) program. By using a holistic approach to working with students, ANCI provides:
- Academic and personal supports
- Small class sizes
- Tutoring support
- Cultural support through the Elder-in-Residence
- Financial guidance and support
204-474-7452
umanitoba.ca/faculties/nursing/undergrad/anci

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM, ROBSON HALL, FACULTY OF LAW
This program supports students in the Robson Hall, Faculty of Law with tutoring, advising and access to a valuable network of peers.
204-474-6130
umanitoba.ca/student/indigenous/programs/ASP

ONGOMIZWIN EDUCATION
If you are a student focused on a health profession, be sure to visit Ongomiizwin Education, located on the Bannatyne campus in downtown Winnipeg. With academic and personal success as the goal, the centre offers:
- A space where you can visit, study and have access to computers, a printer and photocopier
- A vibrant cultural program
- A mentorship program
- An Elder-in-Residence
- Professional development and networking opportunities
204-789-3511
umanitoba.ca/ongomiizwin

ENGINEERING ACCESS PROGRAM (ENGAP)
The Engineering Access Program at the U of M, the most successful program of its kind in Canada, offers:
- Academic upgrading (if you are ineligible for direct entry)
- Summer orientation for successful transition
- Individualized academic, social, personal and financial supports
- Scholarships and bursaries for qualifying students
204-474-9872
umanitoba.ca/engap

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERS (IBEP)
Indigenous Business Education Partners is a community of Indigenous students in pursuit of a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree at the Asper School of Business. This vibrant and supportive environment provides:
- Complimentary tutors and advisors
- Exclusive scholarships and bursaries
- Professional networking events
- Mentorship opportunities
- Summer and career employment opportunities
204-474-7401
umanitoba.ca/asper/ibep

INNER CITY SOCIAL WORK ACCESS PROGRAM (ICSWAP)
If you are at least 21 years of age, have faced barriers to university education, have social service experience and love working with people, consider this highly successful Access program. It is located in the heart of Winnipeg’s North End at the William Norrie Centre (485 Selkirk Avenue) and offers:
- Small class sizes
- Full and part-time studies
- Academic counselling supports
- Academic tutoring supports
- Hands-on practical experience through field placements
- Holistic and cultural supports
204-668-8160
umanitoba.ca/social_work/programs/inner_city

NORTHERN SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM
If you are a mature student who is committed to a rewarding career in social work, consider earning your Bachelor of Social Work degree in Manitoba’s beautiful North. Located in Thompson, the program offers full and part-time options and placements with local agencies. There is a Northern residency requirement prior to the application deadline date.
204-677-1450
umanitoba.ca/northernsocialwork

Several faculties offer specialized programs or partnerships dedicated to your success by providing academic and personal support so you can stay on track and build your confidence. Apply to these programs at the same time you apply to your faculty or academic program.
Each year, the U of M distributes over $17 million in scholarships and bursaries. Students are automatically considered for entrance scholarships if you apply by March 1, 2019, and meet the academic criteria. Many of the scholarships and awards at the U of M are automatically awarded each year based on academic achievement (no application required). To be considered for Indigenous-specific academic awards, visit umanitoba.ca/declareindigenous to learn how to self-declare.

The BMO Financial Group Indigenous Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship is awarded to exceptional Canadian Indigenous high school graduates who combine outstanding leadership potential with academic giftedness. Each scholarship is valued at $4,000 per year for four years, for a total of $16,000. Students must apply to both the scholarship and the University of Manitoba by December 1, 2018.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – BURSARIES AND LOANS
Every year, the U of M offers a wide range of bursaries to both new and continuing students who are enrolled in school from September to April, who have demonstrated financial need and who have a minimum academic standing. Bursaries are student awards which do not need to be repaid. umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/bursaries

Manitoba Student Aid provides financial assistance to qualifying post-secondary students through loans, grants and bursaries. This option is one way to help you reach your educational goals, but ensure that you are exploring all of your other financial options as well. Find out more about options, eligibility requirements and how to apply online. manitobastudentaid.ca

BAND FUNDING
If you are an eligible Status Indian or Inuit student, plan to pursue post-secondary studies on a part-time or full-time basis and are registered with an eligible post-secondary institution, you may qualify for financial support through the Post-Secondary Education Support Program. Contact your education counsellor or go online to find out more information. aandc-aadnc.gc.ca

There are many programs designed to assist you in meeting the financial demands of post-secondary studies. The following section mentions just a few. Be sure to explore all of your options.
FIND YOUR VOICE
AND THEN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In art, Dee Barsy found peace and healing. And now, as a visual arts facilitator, she encourages Indigenous youth to discover the power of creativity. This fine arts graduate overcame being bullied as a teen and knows how art can nurture the self. It can also enrich a personal journey. For the INSURGENCE/RESURGENCE exhibition at the Winnipeg Art Gallery, she put paint to canvas to share her experience of being adopted into an interracial family.

“...I believe that art has the capacity to develop a powerful sense of autonomy in the artist. Through art, I have been able to find peace with my childhood traumas. That is, through art, I have developed my emotional intelligence and personal insight. I can anticipate my actions and their effects. I have become a resilient person.”

DEE BARSY
School of Art
Bachelor of Fine Arts (2013)
Indigenous artist / youth visual arts facilitator

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING
The U of M offers six residence options with features including: furnished rooms, high-speed Internet and meal plans. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis so apply early!
umanitoba.ca/housing

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING
The U of M offers assistance to students who want to experience off-campus living while attending school. The off-campus housing website can connect you with potential rentals, sublets and other students looking for roommates.
och.cc.umanitoba.ca

The Winnipeg Rental Network is another online resource that offers:
- A central database for applications to Indigenous housing providers
- Lists of accommodations that are specifically for Indigenous newcomers
- Subsidized housing opportunities
- Lists of organizations that provide transition supports

winnipegrentnet.ca/help-links/help-aboriginal.cfm

CHILD CARE
The U of M has a licensed daycare centre that provides quality child care:

Campus Children’s Centre
Care is available for children 3 months – 6 years old. Be sure to register early, as spots are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To place your child’s name on the waitlist, use the online Manitoba Child Care Registry. The Campus Children’s Centre is a welcoming environment that celebrates a diversity of cultures and weaves traditional teachings into its curriculum. Priority access will be given to Indigenous students.

The Province of Manitoba Family Services and Labour Department has created an online Child Care Registry that provides support for families with children. Use the registry to:
- Find licensed child care providers that meet your needs
- Register your children with several providers at once
- Learn more about Manitoban child care providers
- Update your contact information and child care needs
gov.mb.ca/fs/childcare/cccr/index

Access our tips for the Manitoba Child Care Registry’s online waiting list and get further information on child care at the U of M. umanitoba.ca/childrens_centre
Applications open October 2018. Complete the application online at umanitoba.ca/applynow. $100 application fee.

Be sure to self-report your predicted grades in order to receive a preliminary assessment of your eligibility. Self-declare on your online application 08/19 or print off the PDF on the self-declaration website umanitoba.ca/declarereindigenous

On-campus housing requires a separate application. Apply early at umanitoba.ca/housing

Manitoba Applicants: Grade 12 marks are automatically submitted to the U of M by Manitoba high schools if you apply by March 1, 2019.

Out of Province Applicants: Submit interim transcripts showing first semester final and second semester mid-term grades. Upon successful graduation, submit final transcripts. Official (sealed/stamped) transcripts are required for an offer of admission.

An offer of admission may be made based on interim grades. All offers of admission are subject to a review of final grades (May to July).

Offers must be accepted by the deadline indicated in your admission/scholarship offer (June).

*All applications received by March 1 will be considered for Entrance Scholarships (see page 21). The final deadline to apply to University 1 for the Fall 2019 intake is August 1, 2019 (May 1, 2019 is recommended). The deadline to apply for the winter 2020 intake is December 1, 2019 (select programs only).
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

THE PATH FORWARD

The turtle sculpture sits in front of the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. The turtle is a keeper of truth in Anishinaabeg culture.

The University of Manitoba is committed to the journey of Reconciliation and to advancing Indigenous rights, research and scholarship.

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) at the University of Manitoba was born out of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, to preserve the history of Canada’s Residential School system and legacy forever.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s collection of statements, documents and other materials forms the heart of the NCTR. A shared vision held by those affected by Residential Schools, the NCTR is a place of learning and dialogue where the truths of the Survivors’ experiences are honoured and kept safe for future generations.

In preserving this sacred collection of materials, the NCTR ensures that:

• Survivors and their families have access to their own histories
• Educators in the K-12, post-secondary, professional and public service sectors understand the shared experience of Indigenous peoples and Survivors
• Researchers can explore the Residential School system and assimilation efforts
• The public can access historical records and other materials to help foster Reconciliation and healing
• The history and legacy of the Residential School system will never be forgotten

We invite you to explore the materials at the NCTR and on the NCTR website in meaningful and personal ways. You are welcome to visit the NCTR any time during operational hours.

nctr.ca

Imagine a Canada—a national art and leadership program encourages students to explore their vision of what the future of Canada looks like through the lens of reconciliation. nctr.ca/imagineacanada
The University of Manitoba campuses are located on original lands of Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

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umconnect.ca

VISIT
Campus tours
umanitoba.ca/campustours

On-campus events
Evening of Excellence: October 30, 2018
Open House: February 21, 2019

UMANITOBA.CA/INDIGENOUS

In the event of any inconsistency between the information found in this Viewbook and that of the undergraduate and/or graduate calendars, the calendar entry shall prevail.

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