

Circle News

Aboriginal Student Centre

Congratulations to the Aboriginal Graduates of 2009!

Aboriginal Graduates from the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg were honoured at the 20th Annual Graduation Pow-wow that was held on May 2nd, 2009. We are proud of the Graduates and we wish them continued success in the future! *Graduates, you are an inspiration to all Aboriginal people interested in or pursuing a University degree.*



ASC is now on Facebook and Twitter!



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Join the Aboriginal Student Centre Facebook group to get the latest information important to you as a student at the University of Manitoba!

Facebook Group Name: U of M Aboriginal Student Centre

Twitter: rasmussjASC

Thinking ahead

The time is now to start thinking about how you will pay for your tuition and living expenses for the Fall and Winter terms.

There are several sources of financial aid that can make going to University a little bit easier on your wallet.

1. Contact your Band or your local Manitoba Métis representative to see if they have funds available.
2. Apply for bursaries and scholarships (see Scholarships section of newsletter). Scholarships and bursaries do not have to be paid back and they will help you decrease your debt load at the end of your degree. It does not take much effort to apply and you won't win if you don't apply. So apply! Also, it is good practice to put scholarship and bursary application deadlines in your calendar to make sure you get your application in on time. Many scholarship and bursary selection committees will not consider applications that are submitted late (even if less than 1 hour!).
3. Apply for Manitoba Student Aid. Of course these have to be paid back, but the Federal Government has just introduced several new grants for the 2009-2010 academic year that will help you lower your debt load, especially if you are from a medium- or low-income family or if you have independents. For more information check out:
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/ourprogram/funding.html>
<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/grants.html>

The suggested deadline for applying for a student loan for the Fall and Winter Terms is June 30th. Securing your funding early will prevent problems and delays in September. Also, even if you are being sponsored by your Band or the MMF, you should still apply for Scholarships and Bursaries to help reduce stress related to finances.

If you have any questions or if you need help applying for funding, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Aboriginal Student Centre.

New! Important changes to Manitoba Student Aid

The Federal government has recently announced the new Canada Student Grants Program (CSGP) which will begin with the 2009-2010 academic year. These grants will reduce the amount of debt you must repay when you complete your degree!

For more information, follow these links:

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/grants.html>

<http://www.gov.mb.ca/educate/sfa/pages/ourprogram/funding.html>

Important Dates

June 21	National Aboriginal Day
June 24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day
June 26	Last day to register for student parking
June 27	Multiculturalism Day
July 1	Canada Day
July 6	Log on to Aurora to determine your Initial Registration Time (You should register during your assigned registration time slot even if your funding is not secured yet. You can drop the classes before they start at no cost to you).
August 17 – September 4	NATV 1000: Colonizers and the Colonized. Opening the Circle. (Orientation Course). This course is for first year students only. Please contact us to register.
September 8 & 9	University 1 Orientation
September 9	Fees are due
September 10	Classes Begin

New! Important changes to the University's Tuition Refund Policy

The University's Board of Governors has recently approved changes to the tuition refund policy. The change eliminates the 50% refund for all courses. The new refund policy is effective Fall Term 2009.

Withdrawal and Fee Refunds:

In order to receive a refund of fees, students wishing to withdraw from courses must do so before the end of the Revision Period in each term. Specifically, the following applies to refunds:

- For Fall Term courses (Sept. to Dec.), students must withdraw prior to the end of the Fall Term Revision Period (September 23).
- For Winter Term courses (Jan. to April), students must withdraw prior to the end of the Winter Term Revision Period (January 19).
- A student withdrawing from a spanned course in Fall Term after the Revision Period will receive no refund for the Fall Term fees paid, but will not owe Winter Term fees for the course.
- A student withdrawing from a spanned course during the Winter Term Revision Period will not owe fees for Winter Term.
- A student withdrawing from a spanned course after the Winter Term Revision Period will receive no refund.
- A student who has paid in full for a spanned course at the beginning of Fall Term, and who withdraws after the Fall Term Revision Period will receive no refund for Fall Term fees, but will receive credit for the Winter Term fees.
- A student who has paid in full for a spanned course at the beginning of Fall Term, and who withdraws after the Winter Term Revision Period, will receive no refund of fees.

Please consult with a student advisor before withdrawing from any course. Registration Revision Period for Fall Term 2009 and Fall/Winter Term 2009/2010 courses is September 10-23, 2009. Registration Revision Period for Winter Term 2009 courses is January 6-19, 2009.

Scholarships

Scholarship postings are available in our binder at the Aboriginal Student Centre, Facebook, Twitter, and in our Newsletter, but since there are so many out there we are sure to miss a few. Here are a few sites that will help you find scholarships and bursaries:

http://www.umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/aboriginal/aboriginal_scholarships_and_bursaries.shtml

www.studentawards.com

http://umanitoba.ca/student/fin_awards/

Wiciwawin Aboriginal Alumni Emergency Bursary

Deadline: None. Disbursement is based on emergency.

Link: Application form available at Financial Aid & Awards Office: (204) 474-9531

The Ace Burpee Scholarships

Deadline: June 19, 2009 **This Friday!!!!**

Link: <http://www.hot103live.com/contests/934155/the+ace+burpee+scholarships>

Rose Nolan Award

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Link: <http://www.tednolanfoundation.com/rose-nolan-scholarship/application-form/>

NAIG Legacy Scholarship Fund

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Link: http://www.masrc.com/wcm-docs/docs/attach-NAIG_Legacy_Coach_Scholarship.pdf

Conoco Phillips Canada Aboriginal Awards Program

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Link: http://www.diversifiedstaffing.com/images/Docs/ConocoPhillips_Application_Form.pdf

Heroes of Our Time Scholarships (AFN)

Deadline: June 30, 2009

Link: <http://www.afn.ca/misc/hoot.pdf>

Percy Lanham Bursary

Deadline: July 15, 2009

Link: <http://www.percylanhambursary.com>

Tribal Wi Chi Way Win Capitol Corp.

Deadline: August 3rd, 2009

Link: <http://www.twcc.mb.ca/scholarship.php>

Helen Basset Commemorative Student Scholarship

Deadline: July 31, 2009

Link: <http://www.nwac-hq.org/en/youthscholars.html>

Helen Betty Osborne Award

Deadline: August 31, 2009

Link: <http://www.helenbettyosbornefdtn.ca/HBOMF%20PDF%20FILES/form.pdf>

Join the Circle for 24h access to Aboriginal House!

Membership is **free** and forms are available at the front desk in Aboriginal House. Members enjoy access to the student lounge, computer lab, and kitchen outside of regular office hours. Aboriginal House is open to everyone and **not** only to people of Aboriginal descent, so get your friends to join too!



Learning Assistance Centre (LAC)

If you are interested in improving your writing, note-taking, time management, and exam study skills consider attending the Learning Assistance Centre workshops.

Workshops are scheduled throughout the Fall and Winter Terms. Writing tutors are also available. You can either make an appointment or contact a writing tutor online. Workshops and appointments with tutors are **free** for University of Manitoba students (students are limited to two appointments per week).



The LAC is open to students at 201 Tier. Office hours are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, except Thursdays over the summer when they are open at 10:30 am. To make an appointment, call (204) 480-1481 or drop in at 201 Tier.

<http://umanitoba.ca/student/u1/lac/>

National Aboriginal Day Celebrations

June 19 (11am-3pm)	Celebrating National Aboriginal Day	NA105 Auditorium, Isabel M Steward Building, 700 McDermot Avenue (HSC)	Call Stephanie at 787-4899 or Audrey at 787-7994
June 20 (7:00pm – 11:30pm)	Aboriginal Day Live '09 (APTN)	The Forks	http://www.aboriginaldaylive.com/
June 21	Manito Ahbee Aboriginal Day Celebrations	Red River Exhibition Park	http://www.manitoahbee.com/

Science Help Centres

The Departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics, and Physics in the Faculty of Science have Help Centres that can assist you with your studies. Most of them hold regular hours during the Fall and Winter Terms (we will post their office hours when they are made available), but the Department of Statistics and the Department of Computer Science help centres are open during the summer. Here are their hours:

Statistics Help Centre

Location: 311 Machray Hall



May 4 – June 22

Monday	10:30am – 12:30pm
Tuesday	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Wednesday	10:30am – 12:30pm
Thursday	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday	10:30am – 12:30pm

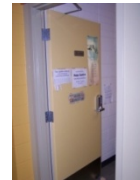
July 3 – August 19

Monday	10:30am – 12:30pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:30am – 12:30pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	10:30am – 12:30pm

Computer Science Help Centre

Location: E2-422A

Monday – Friday 1:00pm – 4:00pm



Looking for Employment?

Grads and students! Looking for a job? Check out these websites:

www.amik.ca

<http://campusen.workopolis.com/campusen.aspx?action=Transfer&View=Content/Common/CampusLoginView&lang=EN&theme=campusen>

www.eluta.ca

<http://aboriginallynx.ca/>

We also have many current job postings in a binder at the front desk at the Aboriginal Student Centre. Please ask **Karen Richard** for the binder!

The staff at the Aboriginal Student Centre can look over your resume and help you write a cover letter. Including a cover letter with your resume drastically improves your chances of success when applying for a job, especially when you mention (1) where you saw the ad, (2) what you know about the employer and, (3) how your skills and strengths fit those required by the position. The cover letter must be free of spelling and grammatical errors.

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