

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT APPLYING TO THE WAWATAY PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE WAWATAY PROGRAM?

Wawatay is a research-based program that offers Indigenous students the opportunity to obtain a science degree while gaining experience in research throughout their degree. The program offers academic and personal supports tailored to individual students' needs. These supports include advisor meetings, access to tutors, cultural and professional development workshops, group activities and spiritual care.

WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE OF APPLYING TO WAWATAY?

Wawatay students will be honoured with the "Wawatay Scholar" title. Research focus will be shaped by a combination of student interests, Indigenous community needs and relevant research in the Faculty of Science. Through hands-on experience, workshops and activities within laboratories, field stations and/or communities, students will have many opportunities to appreciate the real-world application of a science degree. Students who complete a Bachelor of Science degree as a Wawatay Scholar will have a strong connection to their Indigenous community, access to a network of support and future contacts, and professional skills and knowledge of how to apply that degree to a given career.

Before starting at the University of Manitoba, students will participate in a mandatory six-week Wawatay summer orientation (July 4 to August 11, 2023). Orientation is designed to help students obtain the necessary information and skills to facilitate entry into University 1 and life away from home.

Orientation activities include:

- Lunches and discussions with researchers, Indigenous scholars, faculty members, Indigenous elders, and knowledge keepers
- Campus tours to familiarize students with the University, including Faculty of Science offices, laboratories, and buildings.
- Engaging with staff and student organizations.
- Participating in professional skill building workshops.
- Group projects to promote teamwork and a cohort spirit.
- Academic assessment so each student can receive tailored academic and personal supports throughout their degree.

During orientation, Wawatay students will be provided with assistance registering for their Fall term courses. Throughout the Fall/Winter semesters of University 1, students will continue to work with the Wawatay Program Lead, Faculty of Science staff, researchers, and advisors to help guide and support students to ensure a successful transition for entry into the Faculty of Science in their second year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO THE WAWATAY PROGRAM?

1. Students must be of Canadian Indigenous Ancestry (Status, Non-status, Inuit, or Metis) with a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Students must qualify for entry into University 1, which means Manitoba high school graduation including 5 full credits at the Grade 12 level in courses designated S, G, or U. You will need a minimum averaging 70% over the following courses with no less than 60% in each course:
 - a. English 40S;
 - b. Math 40S;
 - c. Two academic 40S courses. For a list of 40S academic courses, click on the following link: <https://www.umanitoba.ca/sites/default/files/2020-09/approved-40s-courses.pdf>

HOW DO YOU APPLY TO THE WAWATAY PROGRAM?

Step 1: Fill out the Wawatay application form and submit the application by Monday May 15th, 2023 (4 PM Central time).

Application forms are available on the Faculty of Science/Wawatay website: <https://umanitoba.ca/science/programs-of-study/wawatay/how-to-apply>

Please read the application carefully and ensure that you include an official transcript, two completed reference forms and proof on Indigenous ancestry with your completed Wawatay application. The application form and documents can be submitted electronically to wawatay.science@umanitoba.ca

Applications may also be mailed to:

Wawatay Program
239 Machray Hall
186 Dysart Road
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba
R3T 2N2

Successful candidates will be selected from the pool of applicants for an interview which will be conducted remotely via Zoom or other online platform (information will be provided beforehand). The Wawatay Lead will contact the candidates to arrange an interview. Interviewees will be notified shortly thereafter whether they have been accepted into the Wawatay program. Wawatay Scholars will be provided with an information packet so they can prepare for our summer orientation (July 4 to August 11, 2023) AND Fall 2023 term start.

Step 2: Once you have confirmation of entry into the Wawatay Program, your next task is to apply for entry into University 1. Application to and acceptance into the Wawatay Program is not an offer of acceptance to the University of Manitoba. We encourage you to apply early, but you must apply no later than June 10, 2023, as this will ensure you have access to course sections for fall semester. Use the following link: <https://umanitoba.ca/explore/undergraduate-admissions/apply>.

If you need assistance with applying to University 1, the following video will provide a better understanding of the process: <https://umanitoba.ca/explore/applying-um>. Please also be aware that there is a \$100 fee that must be paid for your application to be processed.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Wawatay Lead and Coordinator. We would be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Carrie Selin : Phone: (204) 474-8051; email: carrie.selin@umanitoba.ca

Melanie Lalonde : Phone: (204) 474-8051; email: Melanie.lalonde@umanitoba.ca

Kate Yee : Phone: (204) 474-9382; email: Kate.Yee@umanitoba.ca





WAWATAY PROGRAM | APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to make an application to the Wawatay Program with the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba, please complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than:

MONDAY MAY 15TH, 2023 (4 PM CENTRAL TIME)

Email applications to: wawatay.science@umanitoba.ca

or mail completed application to:

WAWATAY PROGRAM
239 MACHRAY HALL
186 DYSART ROAD
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA
R3T 2N2

For additional information, please contact Program Lead Carrie Selin:
carrie.selin@umanitoba.ca (204) 474-8051.

Note: You MUST enclose the following documents with your application

- Official statement of marks from all the post-secondary educational institutions you attended plus your most recent high school transcript and/or adult education upgrading.
- Completed autobiography and essay questions
- Two completed reference forms.
- Proof of Indigenous ancestry (photocopy of Status, Metis card or genealogy).



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- Answer all questions fully.
- All information on this form is confidential and is to be used only in assessing the applicant's eligibility/suitability for the program.
- Complete the application by including the **autobiography, essay, all transcripts** and **two reference forms**.
- Applications must be submitted no later than **Monday May 15th, 2023 (4 PM CST)**
- **Only complete applications will be considered.**

SECTION 1: PERSONAL HISTORY

Name: Last First Middle

Birthdate: (mm/dd/yyyy)

Present address: Street Town
Province Postal Code

Permanent home address (if different from above):
Street Town
Province Postal Code

Email address:

Phone number: Work Home Cell

Marital status:

Dependents names (including partner):

Name	Relationship	Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
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How many of the above are you financially responsible for?

NOTE: THE WAWATAY PROGRAM IS SPECIFICALLY FOR CANADIANS OF
INDIGENOUS ANCESTRY

Ancestry:

Home community:

Provide proof of Indigenous heritage with your application (Status/Metis card or genealogy).

SECTION 2: PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Remember: You may be eligible even if you have not completed high school. Please indicate the last full year of education completed:

Date of last grade completed:

Name of School:

Location of School:

UPGRADING (ONLY COMPLETE RELEVANT QUESTIONS)

Have you received any upgrading since you left school?

If yes, was it: Se

Highest level completed:

Date completed:

Name of centre:

Other (specify):

Are you currently enrolled in an upgrading program?

If yes, what is the anticipated completion date?

NOTE: You must enclose with your application a transcript of marks from high school, and/or adult education centres and all post-secondary educational institutions you attended.

PREVIOUS POST SECONDARY EDUCATION/TRAINING (ONLY COMPLETE RELEVANT QUESTIONS)

Please list any post-secondary education or training programs in which you have been/are enrolled (i.e., college, university, other provincially funded programs, etc.)

Institution	Program/Course	Dates attended	Complete?
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How were you funded?

SKILLS

Highest level math:

How would you describe your computer skills (i.e., Word, Excel)?

SECTION 3: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

What are some of your volunteer, extra-curricular or types of community involvement? Please list clubs, organizations, or schools you have been associated with in the last five years.

Organization/Event	Your role (organizers, helper, participant)	Date (from-to)
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REFERENCES

Please enclose two completed reference forms from two people who are not relatives but who have current knowledge of you (such as a teacher, employer, or counsellor). Please list their names, addresses, phone number, position and organizations in the space provided.

REFERENCE #1

Name:

Phone number:

Organization:

Position:

Address:

REFERENCE #2

Name:

Phone number:

Organization:

Position:

Address:

SECTION 4: EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Please indicate your current employment status:

If you selected other, please specify:

Employment history (begin with your present job).

Employer	Position	Dates (mm/yy to mm/yy)	Reason for leaving
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SECTION 5: FUNDING SOURCE

How do you plan to fund your education?

You may be required to apply for a Canada Student Loan as part of your financial support. Have you ever applied for a Canada Student Loan in the past?

If yes, what is the status of your loan?

If you have defaulted on your previous student loan, what arrangements have you made with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to repay the loan?

SECTION 6: AUTOBIOGRAPY

Autobiography questions (max 150 words per question)

1. Tell us about yourself. (Your name, where you are from, what are your interests in and outside of school.)

2. Discuss your community involvement (e.g., volunteering, general activity, community events).

3. How did you become interested in science?

4. What are some of the goals (i.e., personal, professional, academic, cultural) that you want to achieve in the next 5 years?

5. What do you think are your major accomplishments?

6. Describe something you have done, or a difficult situation you have overcome that you feel proud about. How has this helped you since then?

SECTION 7: ESSAY QUESTION

In 1000 words or less, describe how you envision your way of life relating to science. How could this program support that vision?

INSTRUCTIONS: Essay can be in word or pdf format.

NOTE: If you are using Adobe to fill in Application, you can attach your file directly using the File attachment below. If filling out the form with Chrome or Microsoft Edge please attach the file to your email with the application.

Label the attachment Essay Question_Your name 2023 Wawatay

SECTION 8: DECLARATION

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the instructions and information on this application form and that all statements made in connection with this application are true and complete.

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information contained in this application is true and complete. I realize that any false statements contained in this application may result in my disqualification from the Wawatay Program.

Date:

Name:

Signature:

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION, ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY, MAY 15TH, 2023 (4 P.M. CST).

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NOTICE REGARDING COLLECTION, USE, AND DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION BY THE UNIVERSITY

Your personal information is being collected under the authority of *THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA ACT*. The information you provide will be used by the University for the purpose of admission into the Wawatay program. Your personal information may be disclosed to the Faculty of Science Academic Advisor, and Associate Deans/Dean. Your personal information will not be used or disclosed for other purposes, unless permitted by *THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT (FIPPA)*. If you have any questions about the collection of your personal information, contact the Access & Privacy Office (tel. 204-474-9462), 233 Elizabeth Dafoe Library, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2.