

Environmental Health Foundation of Canada

Fondation canadienne de l'hygiène du milieu

# ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH BURSARY FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS – APPLICATION FORM

# Application Deadline – April 30, 2024

The Environmental Public Health Bursary for Indigenous Students provides financial support to Indigenous students pursuing an education in the field of Environmental Public Health at a program accredited by the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI).

The bursary will provide between \$12,000 and \$20,000 and is intended to cover tuition and some living costs. The bursary will be renewable for each year of a student's program subject to funding availability and proof of satisfactory completion of the previous year.

Submission requirements include completion of the online application. Shortlisted applicants will then be contacted for a short interview conducted by phone or virtual platform.

Applications will be evaluated based on demonstrated interest and knowledge in Environmental Public Health, and experience and ability in the skills needed to become an Environmental Public Health Officer (EPHO) including written and oral communication skills.

Students are required to apply to schools offering CIPHI accredited programs independently and separate from the bursary application. If awarded the bursary, students will be required to provide proof of acceptance/enrollment prior to funds being transferred.

More information on CIPHI accredited Environmental Public Health Programs can be found by going to https://ciphi.ca/certification/

The Bursary is managed by the Environmental Health Foundation of Canada (EHFC), the charitable division of CIPHI and funded by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC).

To complete the application in French, please select the "French" pdf version of this application. (Pour compléter le dossier de candidature en français, veuillez sélectionner la version pdf « Français » de ce dossier).

# **Eligibility Criteria**

- 1. Students must self-identify as an Indigenous person (as defined below) with the right to live and work in Canada.
- 2. Students must currently attend a CIPHI accredited Environmental Public Health program or be applying to a CIPHI accredited Environmental Public Health program starting in Fall 2024 or Spring 2025.

## **I. Personal Information**

Note: All personal information collected will remain confidential.

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Preferred Name: (if different from given name):	
Email: (Application confirmation will be sent here)	
Phone No:	
Home Address (Street or PO Box):	
Street Address Line 2:	
City/Town/Village:	
Province:	
Postal Code:	
Country:	

I declare that I self-identify as an Indigenous person. An Indigenous person is defined as First Nation, Métis or Inuit and includes status, treaty, or registered Indians, as well as non-status and non-registered Indians. I understand that providing false or misleading information will be cause for rejection of my application or cause for revocation and repayment of the Bursary funds, following an investigation as needed.

Yes
No

I declare that I have the right to live and work in Canada.

Yes
No

### **II. Education**

Are you currently attending an EPH program?

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Yes↓ No

If you answered "yes", please select the EPH program you are currently attending below:

British Colombia Institute of Technology	2-year, full-time program
 Cape Breton University	2-year accelerated program
 Cape Breton University	4-year, full-time program
 Concordia University of Edmonton	15- month program
 Conestoga College Institute of Technology	2-year full-time program for graduates
Conestoga College Institute of Technology	4-year program
Toronto Metropolitan University	2-year full-time program for graduates
Toronto Metropolitan University	4-year full-time program

Toronto Metropolitan University	5-year full-time co-op
Université de Montréal	3-year full-time program
Université de Montréal	Up to 6-year part-time program
What year of schooling are you currently in?	

Have you applied to one or more of the six University/Colleges with a CIPHI accredited Environmental Public Health Program for the 2024-2025 year?

If you selected "yes" please select the EPH program(s) you have applied to or intend to apply to:

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 Cape Breton University	2-year accelerated program
 Cape Breton University	4-year, full-time program
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 Conestoga College Institute of Technology	2-year full-time program for graduates
 Conestoga College Institute of Technology	4-year program
 Toronto Metropolitan University	2-year full-time program for graduates
 Toronto Metropolitan University	4-year full-time program
 Toronto Metropolitan University	5-year full-time co-op
Université de Montréal	3-year full-time program
Université de Montréal	Up to 6-year part-time program

# **III. Evaluated Application**

Which of Canada's official languages do you have proficiency in, including speaking/reading/writing?

English only
French only
French and English

Have you lived in a rural community anywhere in Canada (as defined using the Statistics Canada classification of Communities)? <u>Statistics Canada Classification of Rural Communities</u>

Yes↓
No

If yes, list communities and dates:

Have you lived in a First Nations Community anywhere in Canada?

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If yes, list communities and dates:

### **IV. Long Answer Questions**

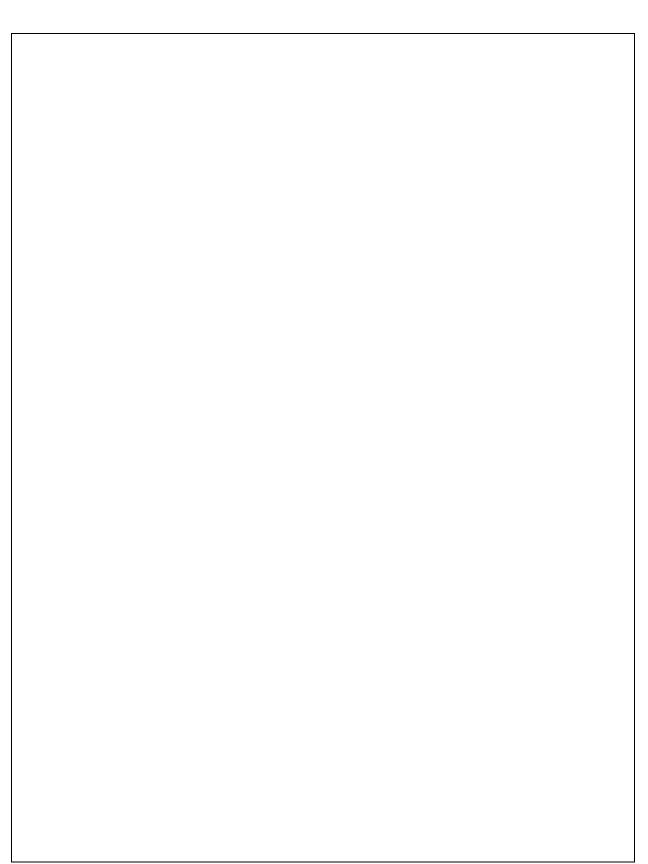
**Note:** This section allows us to better get to know you as a person and your goals and aspirations as a potential EPHO.

Environmental Public Health covers a broad range of topics including air quality, food safety, water quality, emergency preparedness etc. Write a 400-word statement of interest about:

- 1) What environmental public health is including any interests you have within environmental public health.
- 2) Why you want to become an environmental public health officer; and
- 3) Why you think you would be a good EPHO.

*Note:* Use extra paper if your response is handwritten or add page(s) if typing your answer.

Maximum 400 words



EPHO education may require you to live and attend university in an urban centre, potentially a distance from your home community. Describe your readiness to live in a new place?

Maximum 400 words

If you could be an EPHO anywhere in Canada, where would it be and why?

Maximum 150 words

Describe any relevant experience you may have? Please note that relevant experience is broadly defined and could include experiences that contribute to any skills/knowledge needed to be an EPHO, such as experiences working within Indigenous knowledge systems and practices, caring for and living on the land, community and relationship building, environmental protection activities, science-based activities, experiences that build communication skills, etc.

Maximum 200 words

## **V. References**

Please provide two references. If you have significant or relevant work experience, please include a current or previous supervisor. Otherwise, references such as teachers, volunteer supervisors, coaches, Elders, Community Leaders, Knowledge Keepers, etc. can be provided. Please consider how your reference will be able to speak to your relevant skills and characteristics and choose references who will best be able to speak to the character and abilities needed to be an EPHO (e.g. science background, people skills, ability to think independently, initiative, passion, etc.). Friends and family members should be avoided as references if possible, however, if a reference is a friend or family member, please acknowledge them as such when describing their relation to applicant. References will be contacted by phone for final applicants.

### **Reference #1**

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Preferred Name if different than given name:	
Relationship to applicant: (e.g. teacher, coach, work supervisor, volunteer supervisor)	
Does/did this reference hold a supervisory role?	
Phone Number:	
Email ( <u>example@example.com</u> ):	

### **Reference #2:**

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Preferred Name if different than given name:	
Relationship to applicant: (e.g. teacher, coach, work supervisor, volunteer supervisor)	
Does/did this reference hold a supervisory role?	
Phone Number:	
Email ( <u>example@example.com</u> ):	

### VII. Applicant's Signature

By signing the space below, you are certifying that all information provided is correct and that you are the person completing this application Upon receipt by the EHFC, you will receive an email confirmation with attached application indicating your application was received. Please print or make a photocopy of this form or your records and retain as verification of your application.

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Signature:

Print Name:

Date:

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# Submit form by mail to:

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