



## Environmental Public Health Bursary for Indigenous Students

### Bursary Overview

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 is intended to cover tuition and partial living costs and 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.

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 [www.ciphi.ca](http://www.ciphi.ca) or exploring the following links:*

[British Columbia Institute of Technology](#)

[Cape Breton University](#)

[Concordia University of Edmonton](#)

[Conestoga College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning](#)

[Toronto Metropolitan University](#)

[Université de Montréal](#)

### Bursary Value

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

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Students must self-identify as an Indigenous person (ie First Nation, Métis or Inuit and includes status, treaty or registered Indians, as well as non-status and non-registered Indians.) 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.

## **Timelines**

Bursary applications for the upcoming **academic year** (Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 start) open on April 05 at 9:00AM MST. Application deadlines are as follows:

- Closes April 30, 2024, at 11:59pm MST: 2024 Fall term and 2025 Spring term enrolment only
- Applications will be considered past the deadline if there is still funding available for the year.

## **How do I apply?**

The application can be found by clicking [here](#). Electronic submissions are encouraged, however, if you would prefer to send in a paper application, please print the application and mail it to:

**Environmental Health Foundation of Canada,  
c/o Lena Parker,  
30 Odessa Cove,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba, R2P 2Z6**

Applications must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup> to be considered in the initial round of evaluations; any applications received after the 30<sup>th</sup> will still be reviewed provided there is available funding. Any questions about the application process can be sent to [ehfcchair@gmail.com](mailto:ehfcchair@gmail.com).

## **What happens after I apply?**

Once the application deadline closes, a selection committee will evaluate applications. Applicants will be contacted in May 2024 if they have been selected for an interview and reference check. If the application submission was unsuccessful, an email notification will be sent.

Eligible applicants will undergo an interview and reference check in May. Successful applicants will be contacted in June 2024 and will be asked to sign an agreement with EHFC and to provide proof of acceptance/enrolment in a CIPHI-accredited program. If you have not yet received acceptance to your institution of choice but can provide proof of application the agreement may still be signed, but the funds will not be transferred until a student has accepted an offer at an accredited program.

## **How much funding will I receive?**

The bursary is intended to cover full tuition and partial living costs between \$12,000 and \$20,000 each year. Bursary funding is evaluated on an individual basis and the exact amount will vary based on tuition, average living costs for the area, number of applicants, and available funding.

## **When and how will I receive the funds?**

Funds will be transferred to confirmed recipients after signing a funding agreement and providing proof of acceptance/enrolment in a CIPHI-accredited program. Provided recipients have already accepted an offer, funds are anticipated to be transferred by the end of June. Funding will be sent by cheque directly to the student and students are responsible for paying tuition and other costs directly to their institution.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q. If I am receiving other scholarships or bursaries, can I still apply?**

A. Yes, the Environmental Public Health Bursary for Indigenous Students is independent from other scholarships or bursaries you may be receiving.

**Q. If I applied in a previous year but was not successful, can I still apply?**

A. Yes, please apply again if you were unsuccessful in a previous year. Applications are assessed independently each year, so previous applications will not have an impact on your chances of a successful application.

**Q. If I receive funding for one year, do I need to apply each year of my schooling?**

A. No, bursary applications are only required once. Funding is renewable subject to availability. Successful applicants must submit proof of satisfactory completion of schooling and continued enrollment to receive funding for subsequent years of schooling. Amount of funding may vary each year.

**Q. What percentage of books and lab fees will be covered?**

A. Full tuition including book fees and lab fees are covered.

**Q. What if I am unable to complete the required coursework?**

A. If you are unable to complete your coursework for whatever reason, you are strongly encouraged to contact the supports/ advisors available to you at your educational institution so that they can work with you to determine the best path forward. If you are facing extenuating circumstances and know in advance that you may have difficulty in completing your courses satisfactorily, please also contact EHFC as soon as possible. In general, students must remain in satisfactory academic standing with their educational institution or funding may cease.

**Q. What if I apply after the April 30 deadline?**

A. Applications after the April 30 deadline will be accepted subject to available funding and processed prior to the Fall semester. The online application will be closed, and an announcement posted on the EHFC website once all bursaries for the year have been awarded.

**Q. Does funding cover CIPHI Board of Certification Examination?**

A. No, funding is available for tuition and partial living expenses for the years required to complete the degree.

**Q. Is there an age restriction?**

A. There are no age restrictions.