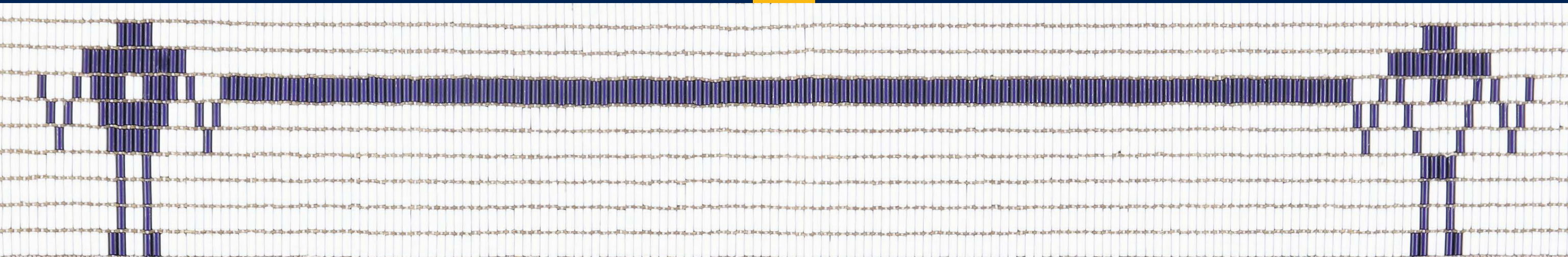




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### Peace, Friendship and Good Minds

The friendship wampum belt, shown on the cover, was presented to Queen's University Senate by the Clan Mothers at Tyendinaga, and the Grandmothers' Council of Katarokwi, on March 7, 2017. It is present at all Senate meetings, and serves as a reminder of the peace, friendship, and good minds that we commit and recommit to at each meeting.

# 2026

## INDIGENOUS APPLICANT HANDBOOK





**Hello, She:kon,  
Oki, Wachay,  
Tansi, Ahnii**

**Welcome to Queen's.**

This handbook will guide you through the journey of a future Queen's student, highlighting the supports and services available to you from the application process and beyond.

We are here to support you throughout your application and admission process. Whether you have questions or need guidance, know that you have a community here at Queen's ready to assist you every step of the way.

**Land  
Acknowledgement**

We acknowledge that Queen's is situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory. We are grateful to be able to live, learn, and work on these lands. This territory is included in the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and the Confederacy of the Ojibwe and Allied Nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. The Kingston Indigenous community continues to reflect the area's Anishinaabek and Haudenosaunee roots. There is also a significant Métis community as well as First Peoples from other Nations across Turtle Island present here today.





**Words That Are Lasting**  
**Artist: Hannah Clause**

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# Our Commitment to Your Success

## Support for Indigenous Students

Our commitment to you is an exceptional, transformative educational and student experience through a strong and well-developed network of academic excellence, comprehensive academic and non-academic supports, services, and countless opportunities for personal and professional development.

- Priority admission consideration
- Personalized admission support
- Scholarships and awards for qualified students
- Residence guarantee (with optional early move-in)
- Cultural activities and support
- Access to Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre
- Academic advising
- Career mentorship
- Jay Treaty recognition





# All About Place

A visual journey through some of Queen's University's Indigenous places, spaces, and artwork.



**The Outdoor  
Indigenous Gathering Space  
Tsi Yakwanahstahsontéhrha**



**Stauffer Library Staff/  
Student Learning Centre**



**Sacred Medicine  
Garden**



**Welcoming Room  
Kánonhweratónhtshera  
G'di-mikwanim**



**Never Stuck:  
Artwork by  
Ogimaa Mikana  
(Susan Blight and  
Hayden King)**



**The Nest**



# Places and Spaces

Explore the vibrant Indigenous places and spaces on campus with our detailed map, guiding you through key locations that celebrate and support Indigenous culture, community, and student life at Queen's University.

- 1 Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre
- 2 Indigenous Futures in Engineering Student Room
- 3 Tsi Yakwanahstahsontéhrha (the Outdoor Indigenous Gathering Space)
- 4 Indigenous Past and Futures at Queen's
- 5 Kanonhweratónhtshera G'di-mikwanim The Welcoming Room
- 6 Indigenous Teacher Education Program Lounge
- 7 Sacred Medicine Garden
- 8 ASUS Reflection Room
- 9 Fireplace Room
- 10 Office of Indigenous Initiatives
- 11 Indigenous Healing Medicines Exhibits (Multiple Locations)
- 12 Staff/Student Learning Centre
- 13 Indigenous Seating Circle
- 14 Indigenous Student Recruitment (Gordon Hall)
- 15 The Nest
- 16 Yellow House Student Centre for Equity and Inclusion



Scan to register for a Campus Tour, or to explore our Virtual Campus Tour

[queensu.ca/admission/visit/campus-tours](https://queensu.ca/admission/visit/campus-tours)





# Your Community at Four Directions

Welcome to Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre (4D), the cornerstone of Indigenous support and community at Queen's University. Within these walls, you'll find not just a space, but a vibrant hub of belonging and opportunity.

## Here for You Every Step of the Way

At 4D, our mission is clear: **to empower Indigenous students like you to thrive in every aspect of university life.**

Here's a glimpse of what awaits you:

- Academic workshops and life skills advising
- Financial, housing, and career support
- Cultural Counsellor, offering individual and group sessions, and crisis support
- Student leadership opportunities
- Elder programming
- Student spaces and lounges
- Social and cultural programming
- 100+ events throughout the year
- Full kitchen facilities, food, and feasts
- Free laundry
- Resource, meeting, and study rooms

## Our Doors are Open

Curious about what the centre looks like? Scan the QR code to watch a quick video tour of our space!



[queensu.ca/fourdirections](https://queensu.ca/fourdirections)

 [fourdirectionsqueens](https://www.instagram.com/fourdirectionsqueens)



Four Directions



## Indigenous Peer Mentor

Offered through Four Directions, the Indigenous Peer Mentor program connects incoming Indigenous students with upper-year mentors who offer support, guidance, and friendship throughout the year. Whether you have questions about classes, campus life, or just need someone to talk to, your peer mentor is here to help you feel at home at Queen's.



## Welcome Day

This day-long event, hosted by Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre, gives first-year Indigenous students, their families, and guests the chance to meet Indigenous student staff, connect with other Indigenous students, and move in to residence.



# Indigenous Connections Across Campus

Discover a network of support, empowerment, and cultural enrichment. From dedicated spaces to vibrant student groups and specialized programs, explore the diverse array of resources available to nurture your journey and celebrate Indigenous excellence throughout your university experience.

## Office of Indigenous Initiatives (OII)

The Office of Indigenous Initiatives builds community, advances reconciliation/conciliation, and integrates Indigenous ways of knowing and being into the fabric and life of the university.

📷 [@queens\\_oii](#)

## Mentorship and Career Guidance

Indigenous students can access mentorship and career guidance through faculty programs, Elders, Four Directions, and Indigenous alumni networks. These connections help support your future plans—whether you're heading into research, graduate school, or the workforce.

## Queen's University Indigenous Council

Established in 1992, the Indigenous Council guides Indigenous programs and services. Its members are representatives from Indigenous communities and the university, reporting directly to the Senate and Board of Trustees.

## Yellow House

This is a safe and inclusive space for students who identify as Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour (QTBIPOC) to gather, access resources, and foster community.

📷 [@yellowhousequeens](#)

## Queen's Native Student Association (QNSA)

This student-run club brings together a diverse group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students who share an interest in Indigenous cultures and traditions.

📷 [@queensnsa](#)





# Your Home Away From Home

Living in residence offers a unique opportunity to build lifelong friendships, immerse yourself in campus life, and enjoy convenient access to classes and amenities. Our residences provide a supportive and vibrant community where you can thrive academically and socially, making the most of your university experience.

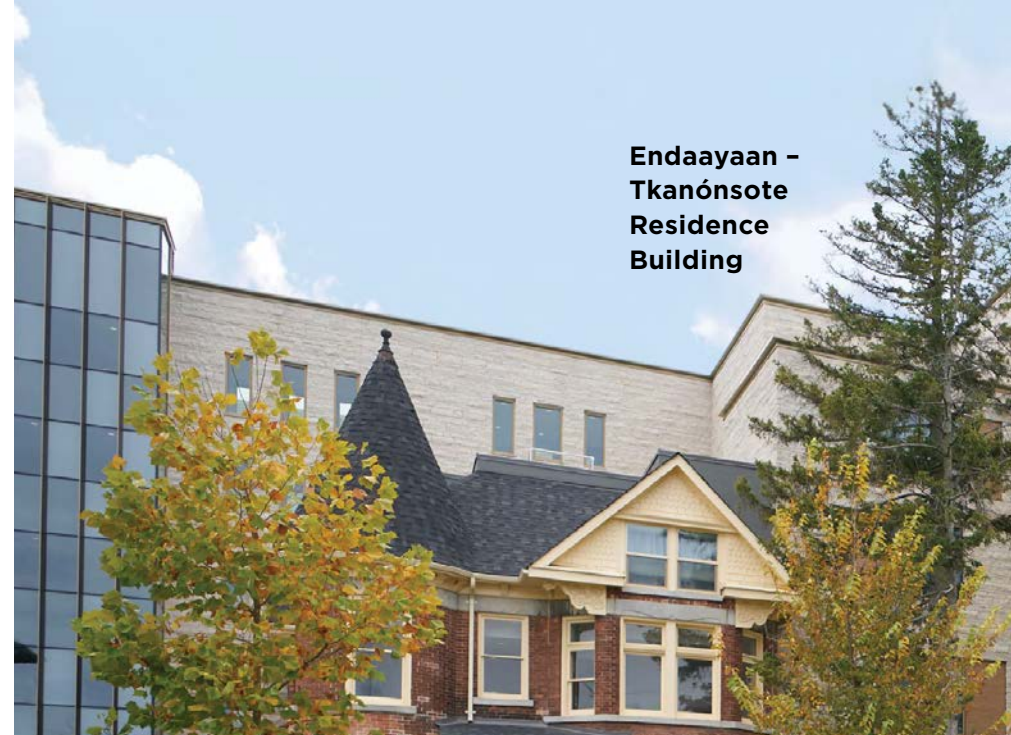
## Move-in Made Easy

Indigenous students applying through the Indigenous Student Admission Pathway (IAP) are guaranteed a place in residence and benefit from the option of early move-in, allowing for a smoother transition to university life. This supportive start ensures you have the time and space to settle in and connect with the campus community.

## Indigenous Seating Circle

Located in the courtyard at Endaayaan - Tkanónsote Residence, this dedicated Indigenous space is designed for cultural connection, community gatherings, and personal reflection.

[queensu.ca/residences](https://queensu.ca/residences)





# Finding Community

## in Kingston and Surrounding Areas

Kingston offers a welcoming environment with rich Indigenous history and vibrant communities. Explore the surrounding areas to find cultural supports, community gatherings, and resources that will help you feel at home.

### Indigenous Food Sovereignty Garden

Established in 2021, this Indigenous-led community initiative has seen over 600 volunteers cultivate gardens, harvest medicines, and plant native species to promote resilience and sustainability.

### Kingston Native Centre and Language Nest (KNCLN)

Participate in language revitalization programs and workshops to learn and preserve Indigenous languages.

📷 [@kingston\\_native\\_centre](#)

### Kingston Aboriginal Community Information Network (KACIN)

Stay connected with the KACIN on Facebook, a vibrant group that shares up-to-date information about events, gatherings, and resources for Indigenous communities in the Kingston area.

📘 [KACINKingstonAboriginal](#)

### Manidoo Ogitigan (Spirit Garden)

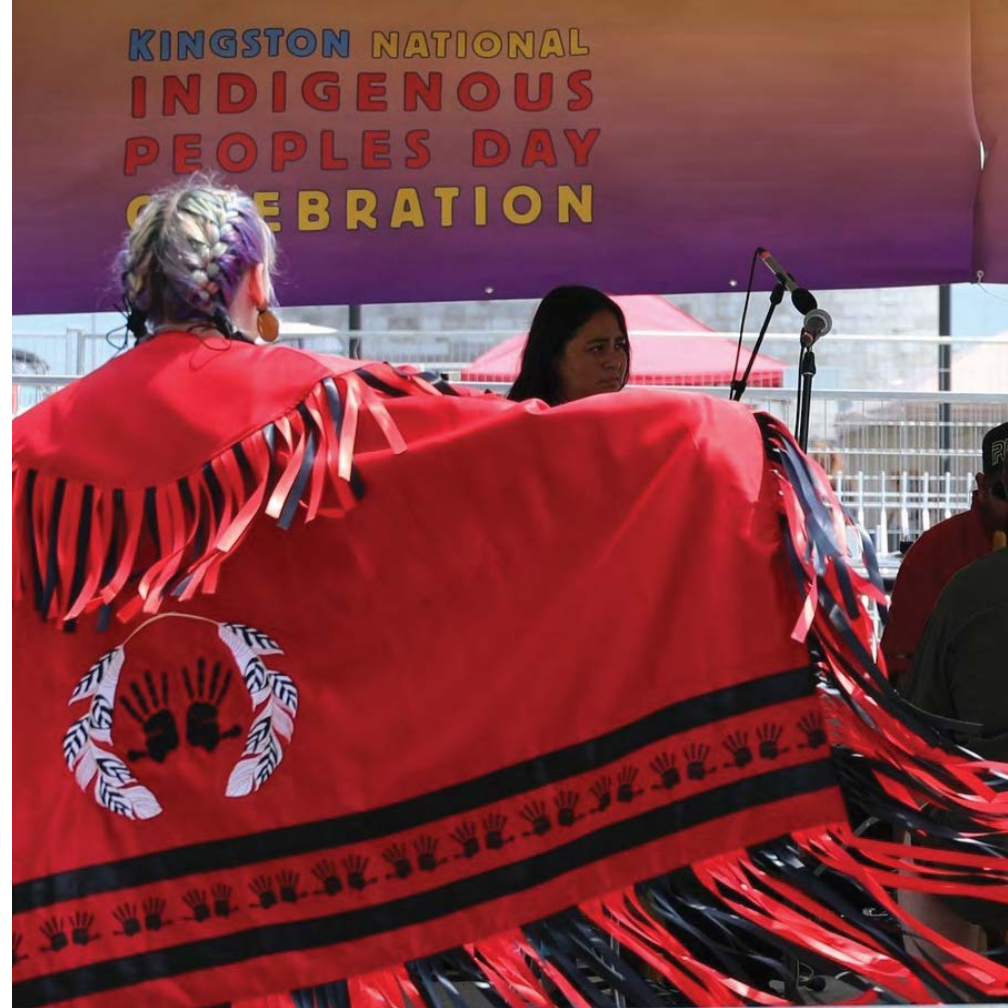
This garden is inspired by the history of wampum belts and the symbolism of the medicine wheel, and includes over 430 native plant species. It offers a serene space for reflection, cultural activities, and community gatherings.

### Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory

Tyendinaga is a healthy, sustainable Kanyen'kehá:ka community, built on and united by language, culture, traditions, knowledge, and history. Only a 40-minute drive from Kingston, Tyendinaga provides cultural resources for students such as sweat lodge ceremonies.



Manidoo Ogitigan





# Faculty-Based Indigenous Initiatives

At Queen's University, we are committed to fostering academic success and leadership among Indigenous students through specialized programs and initiatives. These faculty-based Indigenous initiatives provide tailored support and opportunities in various fields, ensuring a comprehensive and enriching educational experience.

## Indigenous Futures in Engineering (InEng)

The InEng program supports Indigenous students pursuing engineering by providing mentorship, academic resources, and cultural activities to ensure their success and retention in the field.

[qeng.one/indigenous](https://qeng.one/indigenous)

 [indigenous.futures.engineering](https://www.instagram.com/indigenous.futures.engineering)

## STEM Indigenous Academics (STEMInA)

STEMInA offers a supportive community for Indigenous students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, providing academic assistance, research opportunities, and networking events.

[queensu.ca/stem-indigenous](https://queensu.ca/stem-indigenous)

 [stemina.queensu](https://www.instagram.com/stemina.queensu)

## Indigenous Teacher Education Program (ITEP)

ITEP provides an opportunity for Indigenous students to specialize in Indigenous education and prepares graduates for the Ontario College of Teachers' certification.

[educ.queensu.ca/teacher-education/consecutive/itep-community](https://educ.queensu.ca/teacher-education/consecutive/itep-community)

 [queensuitep](https://www.instagram.com/queensuitep)

## Weeneebayko Health Education Program

This program provides Indigenous students with the knowledge and skills needed for careers in healthcare, emphasizing culturally relevant health practices and community-based learning experiences. Students gain practical experience and insights into delivering effective healthcare in Indigenous communities.

[healthsci.queensu.ca/academics/weeneebayko-health-education-campus](https://healthsci.queensu.ca/academics/weeneebayko-health-education-campus)

 [Queen's-Weeneebayko  
Health Education Program](https://www.facebook.com/Queen-s-Weeneebayko-Health-Education-Program)



"STEMInA played a crucial role in helping me find my footing at university and connected me with new friends. Through the program, I contributed to outreach efforts with several First Nations schools. One of the highlights was attending a conference in British Columbia, where I had the opportunity to present on my outreach work."

**Everett Greinke**  
*Science, Major in Geology*  
*Red River Métis*





# Your Pathway to Queen's

The Indigenous Student Admission Pathway isn't just about applying – it's about beginning your journey at Queen's with the right supports in place. This pathway is designed to recognize your experiences, honour your identity, and provide a welcoming transition into university life.



Scan to find  
your program

**When you apply through this pathway, you're guaranteed:**

- Support throughout the admission process—from application to accepting an offer of admission and applying for residence
- Priority admission consideration\*
- Access to dedicated need- and merit-based financial awards^
- Residence guarantee+
- Early move-in to help you settle in before the campus gets busy
- Early connection to the Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre and cultural supports

To access this Admission Pathway, apply through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). Make sure to self-identify as having Indigenous status, and provide Queen's with verification of your Indigenous status.

**If you are interested in applying through this pathway, or need more information, please email:**

[fd.recruiter@queensu.ca](mailto:fd.recruiter@queensu.ca)

\* Students must meet the minimum admission requirements for their program, the deadlines for undergraduate admission, and submit any supplementary information required.

^ Students must complete the Financial Aid and Awards Profile, self-identify during the application process via the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, and provide Queen's with verification of Indigenous status to be considered for Indigenous financial aid and awards.

+ Available to students who accept their offer of admission before the deadline and apply for residence and pay the residence deposit by June 1, 2026 4 pm ET.



# Your Journey Starts Here

## Applying to Queen's as an Indigenous Student

Queen's welcomes and values Indigenous students from across Turtle Island. If you identify as First Nations, Inuit, or Métis, you can choose to apply through the Indigenous Student Admission Pathway, a process designed to support your application and offer access to dedicated scholarships, supports, and transition resources.

## Your Guide to Applying Through the Indigenous Student Admission Pathway:

1. Apply to Queen's through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)

[ouac.on.ca](https://ouac.on.ca)

1. Self-identify as Indigenous on your OUAC application. You'll find an optional section to share this information.

2. Submit verification of Indigenous status to Queen's.

**Deadline: March 31, 2026**

More information about verification documents:

[queensu.ca/admission/access/indigenous-students](https://queensu.ca/admission/access/indigenous-students)

1. Meet the admission requirements for your program. Each program has specific academic requirements – be sure to review them.
2. Complete the Supplementary Application (if applicable). This is required for applicants to Commerce, Health Sciences, and Nursing
3. Apply for residence and pay your deposit by June 1, 2026 at 4 PM (ET).

**Questions about applying? Need help with verification documents? Reach out anytime:**

[admission@queensu.ca](mailto:admission@queensu.ca)

[fd.recruiter@queensu.ca](mailto:fd.recruiter@queensu.ca)

**Still exploring programs? Check out our program finder:**

[queensu.ca/academics/programs](https://queensu.ca/academics/programs)



# Financing Your Education

Queen's financial aid and award programs show our commitment to recognizing strong academic performance and making university accessible to all eligible students.

## We offer:

- Scholarships: For high academic achievement
- Bursaries: Based on financial need
- Awards: For volunteering and participation in extracurricular activities

In addition, you might consider government student financial assistance as part of your overall financial plan.

[queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid](https://queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid)

## Need help?

The Financial Aid and Awards Office is here to help! Contact us by phone, visit us in person, or check out our Financial Aid and Awards website for further information about the programs available to help you succeed!

[queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid](https://queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid)

613-533-2216

[financialaid@queensu.ca](mailto:financialaid@queensu.ca)



## Accessing Queen's Scholarships, Awards, and Bursaries

The process involves 4 easy steps.

Applications for Queen's awards are found on your SOLUS Student Centre.

### 1 Apply to Queen's

To maximize the number of scholarships, awards and bursaries you will be considered for, we suggest you **apply by mid-November**.

### 2 Submit the Financial Aid and Awards Profile

This will cover many awards based on academic achievement, financial need and involvement in your school or community. Apply early to be considered for the most award opportunities. **The suggested deadline is February 15.**

### 3 Submit the Major Admission Awards Application

If you demonstrate leadership, involvement in your school or community, or—in some cases—financial need, consider applying for a Major Admission Award. These are high-value awards, that are renewable for four years, while you complete your undergraduate degree. **Apply no later than December 8.**

### 4 Optional: Commitment Scholars Award Application

If you are a leader in, and committed to, racial and social justice, or diversity initiatives, this award might be for you. **The application deadline is February 15.**

## Principal's Scholarship

*No Application Required*

These scholarships are automatically awarded to students whose admission averages place them in the top 3% of the competitive admission average\* for each direct-entry program. These merit-based scholarships are granted on the basis of academic performance.

\* Competitive averages will vary by program, and may also vary from year to year.

Value  
**\$7,000**



# Financial Aid and Awards Profile Application

Future domestic Queen’s students are encouraged to submit the Financial Aid and Awards Profile. Through this single application, you will be considered automatically for need-based, grade-based, or activity and participation-based awards. By completing the Financial Aid and Awards Profile, you will be considered for more than 1,000 different awards, including the large-value and renewable awards below.

Award	Value	Number Available	Criteria
Donor-Funded Awards	\$1,000-\$18,000 for first year <i>(many renewable)</i>	500+	Academic performance, participation, extra-curricular activities, volunteerism
Major Access Award*	\$40,000-\$72,000 over 4 years	100	Financial need
Need-Based Major Admission Awards	\$40,000-\$72,000 over 4 years	80	Academic performance, leadership and involvement in school or community, and financial need
Promise Scholars Program*	\$60,000-\$100,000 over 4 years	5	First generation, Kingston and surrounding areas, financial need
Commitment Bursary*	\$8,000-\$20,000 over 4 years	Various	Self-identify as a member of an underserved or underrepresented group, and financial need
Admission Bursary	\$3,500-\$8,000 first year only	Various	Financial need
* For more information on Queen's commitment to access and inclusion through Financial Aid visit: <a href="https://queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid-and-awards-profile">queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid-and-awards-profile</a> .			

## Promise Scholars Program

This program provides dedicated financial, academic and career support for students in Kingston and the surrounding counties. Details in the table on this page. Use the Financial Aid and Awards Profile Application to apply.

## Major Access Award

This award offers transformative financial aid for students in greatest need to be supported throughout their degree. Details in the table on this page. Use the Financial Aid and Awards Profile Application to apply.

# Major Admission Award Application

Major Admission Awards are high-value, renewable awards. Eligibility criteria include academic excellence, leadership, involvement in school or community, and in some cases, financial need. For consideration for our highest academic-based award, you will also require a nomination from your high school.

Award***	Value (over 4 years)	Number Available	Additional Criteria
Bank of Montreal	\$40,000	Up to 5	Financial need
Chernoff Family	\$48,000-\$60,000	11	Financial need, rural/remote
Sobey Atlantic Award	\$80,000-\$120,000	Up to 7	Financial need, Atlantic provinces
Dr. Iris May Marsh Memorial	\$48,000	5	Financial need, Ontario resident
Melvin R. Goodes	\$48,000-\$60,000	2	Financial need, Graduate of Westdale Secondary School
Science 1968	\$48,000	1	Financial need, Ontario resident, Smith Engineering program
Chancellor’s	\$48,000	50	Requires high school nomination, academic achievement, community involvement, leadership
Gregory Scholarship in Engineering	\$48,000	1	Requires high school nomination, academic achievement, community involvement, leadership
*** • Values shown for admission awards were in effect at time of publication. • Queen's University reserves the right to revise or withdraw any award without prior notice. • Students will not receive more than one merit-based award. • Renewal conditions apply – see Policy section on the Financial Aid and Awards website for details.			

# Commitment Scholars Award Application

Value: \$48,000 over 4 years

The Commitment Scholars Award celebrates and recognizes demonstrated leadership in, and commitment to, racial justice, social justice, or diversity initiatives by a student in their high school or their community. Ten awards are available. The application is available in SOLUS.





## Other Awards and Funding Opportunities

### Indspire's Building Brighter Futures Program

Indspire provides financial support through more than 66,000 bursaries, scholarships, and awards to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students.

Learn more:

[indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships](https://indspire.ca/programs/students/bursaries-scholarships)

For a complete listing of Building Brighter Futures Supports, please visit:

[indspirefunding.ca](https://indspirefunding.ca)

### Schulich Leader Scholarships

Queen's is proud to be a Canadian university partner of the Schulich Leader Scholarships program.

- Awarded to entrepreneurial-minded high school graduates enrolling in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) programs
- Valued at \$120,000 for engineering scholarships and \$100,000 for science, technology, and math scholarships over four years

Learn more:

[schulichleaders.com](https://schulichleaders.com)

### Queen's Work Study Program

Students demonstrating financial need may be eligible to work part-time on campus during their studies through the Queen's Work Study Program.

[queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid/application-required/current-students/work-study](https://queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid/application-required/current-students/work-study)

### External Awards

External awards are offered by employers and organizations, and often look at criteria other than academics; aspects such as athletics, extracurricular activities, leadership, community involvement, volunteer work, and areas of specialization are highly considered. Some common places to look for external awards are your own (or your parents') employers or unions, clubs or associations you may participate in, and national award programs. Do your research early! Application deadlines vary.

## OSAP and Band Funding

Queen's accepts financial support from both the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) and Band Councils.

### OSAP

A government program that provides grants and loans to help cover tuition, books, and living expenses. Most Ontario students are eligible to apply. You can submit your OSAP application online – the earlier, the better.

### Band Funding

Many First Nations Band Councils offer post-secondary funding for eligible members. You'll typically need to complete a funding application through your Band's education office. If approved, funding is sent directly to Queen's to help cover your costs.

## Government Student Assistance Programs

You may be eligible for student financial aid in the form of grants (money you do not have to repay) and loans (money you need to repay when you are no longer studying full-time in a government funding-approved program).

- You must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or protected person
- You must demonstrate financial need
- You will need to apply each year of study, as soon as the application is available
- Apply for government student financial aid through the province or territory you reside in (not the province where you plan to attend university)
- Refer to government student assistance websites for your province or territory for details and deadlines

[queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid/application-required/government](https://queensu.ca/registrar/financial-aid/application-required/government)

### GOOD TO KNOW

Students admitted through the Indigenous Student Admission Pathway may also qualify for an admission scholarship.





# Convocation

At the end of your undergraduate studies, you will graduate with a Bachelor's degree and enter a world of possibilities.

In honour of your accomplishments as an Indigenous graduate, you will be gifted a blanket during your convocation ceremony. You are also invited to Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre to participate in a long-standing and meaningful tradition of adding your handprint to the convocation canvases hanging in the centre. After you graduate, you may go directly to a career or begin further studies in a graduate or professional program. Whatever path you choose, you will be part of an alumni network of more than 150,000 graduates worldwide.

