



Support Scholarships for Indigenous Undergraduate, Master's, and Doctoral Students

Description

This CIÉRA Support Scholarships, intended for Indigenous students, aim to provide financial assistance to Indigenous students at all university levels as they progress through their academic journey. Their purpose is, notably, to encourage academic perseverance.

Four scholarships valued at \$3,500 each will be awarded.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, the student must:

- Be a Canadian citizen
- Be registered for at least 9 credits in a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral program at a Quebec university that is a partner and official member of CIÉRA (Université Laval, UQÀM, Université de Montréal, UQO, UQAT, UQAC, or UQAR)
- Have completed at least 30 credits of their university program at the time of application
- Be a member of an Indigenous people recognized in Canada (First Nation, Métis, or Inuit)¹.

Applicants who do not meet all of these requirements will not be eligible for the scholarship.

Selection criteria

¹ This includes members of cross-border Indigenous peoples who can demonstrate their connection or affiliation with an Indigenous Nation in Canada, as well as individuals who were adopted or otherwise removed from their Nation of origin and who, for this reason, are now living outside Canada. In such cases, Canadian citizenship is not required.

- Demonstration of perseverance in the student's academic journey (academic record, school perseverance, extracurricular and community involvement, etc.) (50%)
- Originality of the application submitted (25%)
- Quality of the application submitted (25%)

Application Package

The application file must include the documents listed below, **combined into a single PDF file**, in the following order:

- The completed application form, signed by the applicant and, if applicable, by the thesis, dissertation, or essay supervisor
- Official or certified transcripts for all university terms completed at the time of application
- The curriculum vitae
- A copy of an official document confirming Indigenous identity (e.g., a card issued by federal authorities confirming registration under the Indian Act, or a treaty or agreement beneficiary number).

If the applicant is unable to provide such a document, a letter of support — with full reference — from a member of the Indigenous Nation to which the applicant claims affiliation, or from a recognized organization, may be submitted instead.

Combining

This scholarship may be combined with any other award, if regulations allow it. An Indigenous student may receive a general CIÉRA scholarship only once within the same academic program. Priority will be given to students who have never previously received a general CIÉRA scholarship.

Application Deadline

The complete application file must be sent by email to CIÉRA (ciera@ciera.ulaval.ca) no later than Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Announcement of Results and Scholarship Disbursement

Applicants will receive a response approximately four to six weeks after the competition closing date. Successful applicants will receive the scholarship in a single payment following the announcement of the competition results. Please note that the students must provide proof of registration in at least 9 credits at the time the scholarship is disbursed.

Knowledge Transfer

No later than one year after receiving their scholarship, recipients may be invited to give a presentation on a topic of their choice as part of the CIÉRA Midis, the CIÉRA Conference, or any other scientific activity organized by the center.