



Graduate Reconciliation Award Information

Value \$18,000. This is a one-year award (Sept-April).

Number offered 3

Eligibility The following eligibility criteria will be considered in the awarding of the Reconciliation award:

- Saskatchewan Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) and non-Indigenous registered nurse (RN) applicants currently licensed with the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (CRNS). Non-Saskatchewan applicants must be registered with their provincial or territorial licensing body. Preference will be given to Saskatchewan applicants.
- Applicant must have at least one or more years of nursing experience following graduation.
- Applicant must have been accepted as a full time, fully qualified graduate student in the College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (USask) or the Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research (University of Regina).
- Preference will be given to research projects that support the goals of the current Chair for Indigenous Research in the College of Nursing, Dr. Holly Graham, University of Saskatchewan. Specifically, advancing mentorship and/or reconciliation in nursing practice, research, education, and administration.
- If the applicant declares Indigenous status (First Nation, Métis) they will be required to provide proof of ancestry, such as a copy of a status/Treaty card for an applicant who is a status Indian under the Indian Act; or, a Métis citizenship card from [Métis Nation Saskatchewan](#).
- Submit a two-page personal statement outlining how your plan for pursuing graduate studies and your proposed area of research will improve the health and wellness of Indigenous peoples. Please describe how your program of study will respond to the recommendations from the [Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action](#) (particularly, recommendations #18-24.)
- Provide two letters of recommendation with at least one letter from a faculty member.
- Successful applicant will work 8 hours per week with Dr. Holly Graham (PhD), Chair for Indigenous Research, for the academic year (September 1, 2026 – April 30, 2027). Part of these hours will be used for mentorship, attending training and workshops/conferences, and connecting with Indigenous communities. Successful applicants also agree to participate in the San'yas Training and OCAP online training. Any required training will have costs covered by the Chair.



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- Selected applicants agree to participate in a 45-minute virtual interview with the Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) and the USask Indigenous Nursing Research Chair (date and time TBD). At this meeting the applicant should be prepared to discuss their research proposal or NP focus and how their project aligns and further supports mentorship and reconciliation. The virtual interview questions are provided at the end of this document.
- Maximum 2 years of funding for Masters Program students and 3 years of funding for PhD students

Selection Criteria

Applicant will be assessed by their transcripts (scan or screenshot of academic record will be accepted); two-page personal statement that will outline how their graduate degree will improve the health and wellness of Indigenous peoples; proposed area of research; and the virtual interview*. Preference will be given to applicants conducting research that will advance mentorship and/or reconciliation in nursing practice, research, education, and administration.

Sponsor

USask Indigenous Research Chair in Nursing, College of Nursing

Apply

For more information and to submit application, email Award Application Form to dawn.beaudry@usask.ca along with required attachments.

Deadline

June 30, 2026, at midnight

*Please note, this date **does NOT** coincide with the deadline for Masters or NP studies. Consult the College of Nursing website for those deadlines.

If the committee has additional questions, a virtual interview will be arranged.

*Virtual interview questions will be:

1. Tell us about your personal interest in reconciliation.
2. Tell us about your professional interest in reconciliation.
3. Describe your proposed research for your MN/PhD.
4. How will your proposed research project positively impact Indigenous (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) health and wellness?
5. Please share how your graduate degree will advance your career goals and positively impact Indigenous health and wellness.