

Indigenous University Bridging Program

Acknowledgements

Mount Royal University is located in the traditional territories of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) and the people of Treaty 7 which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, the Kainai, the Tsuut'ina and the Îyârhe Nakoda. We are situated on land where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and that the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is Mohkinstsis, which we now call the City of Calgary. The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation.

We recognize and respect the diversity of all Indigenous Peoples of Canada. We also increase awareness of distinct Indigenous cultures, history and protocols across the University.



A woman in a blue hoodie stands at the front of a lecture hall, pointing with a laser pointer at a large digital screen. The screen displays a presentation slide titled "Results" with a background image of a mountain range. The slide also shows a timestamp of 11:52 AM and a "Next slide" button. The audience, consisting of several students, is seated at white tables with red chairs, facing the screen. Some students have laptops open. The room has large windows and a modern design.

IUBP Information Session

Indigenous University Bridging Program

Offers non-credit (upgrading) and credit courses

- Transition to a credit program

Degree or diploma

Courses are transferable

Succeed with academic supports

Build community with other students

The Iniskim Centre has many programs and services to assist you during your studies

Program Eligibility



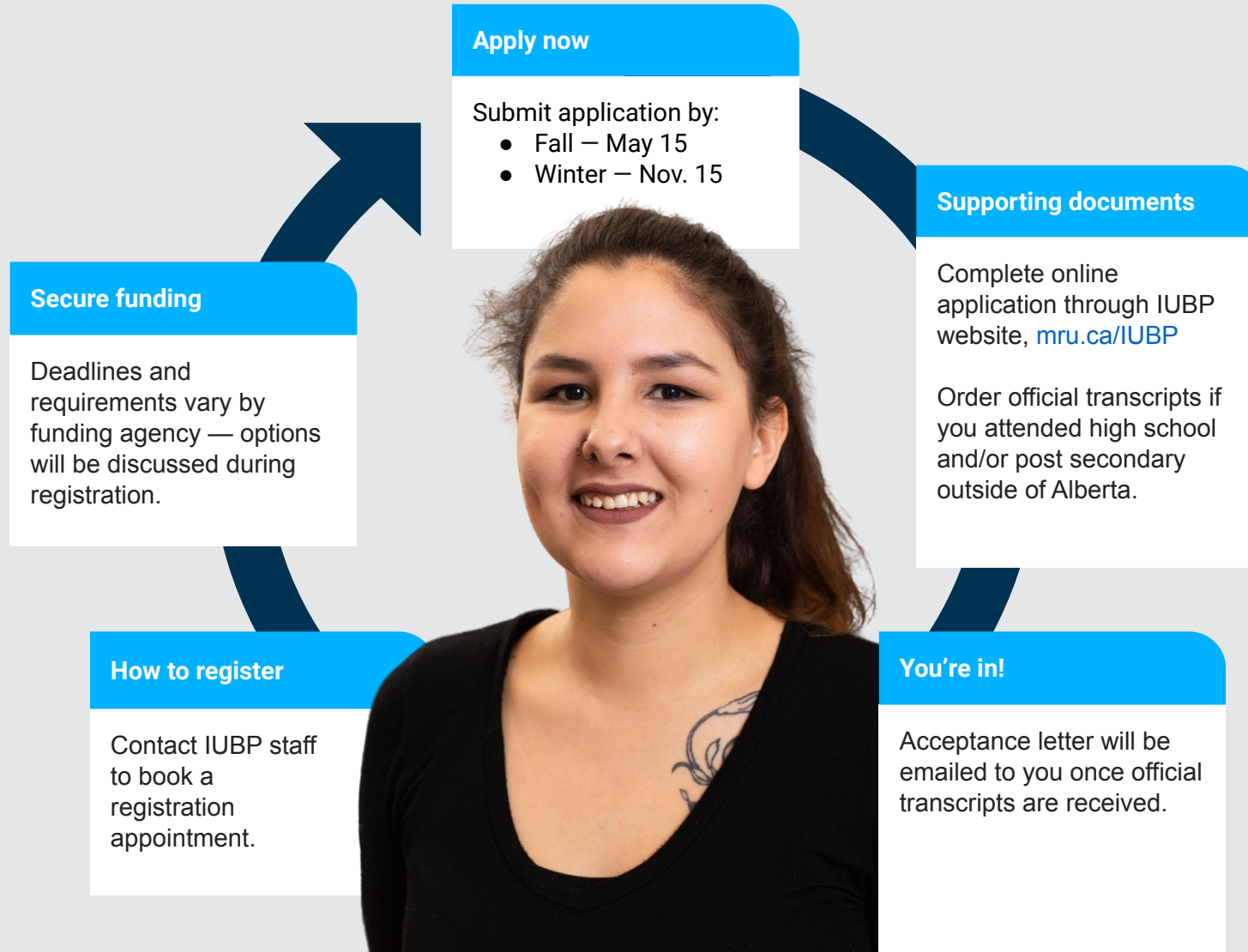
Self-declared Indigenous ancestry (First Nations Status or Non-Status, Métis and Inuit)

Meet academic requirements.
(Math 10-1, English 20-1 minimum)

To complete the application process, you will need to submit the following:

- IUBP application, (online, mru.ca/IUBP)
- transcripts from outside of Alberta (high school and/or post secondary)
- transcripts from public institutions within Alberta (high school and/or post secondary) will be obtained for you

Program Intake Process



Investigative

Are you curious, precise, scientific and independent?

Do you like working on puzzles, solving mathematical or scientific problems and analyzing theoretical data?

Do you value abstract ideas and challenges?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Journalism
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Science

Realistic

Are you practical, mechanical and realistic?

Do you enjoy working with tools, machines, animals and plants?

Do you value structure, clear goals and results you can see or touch?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Aviation
- Health and Physical Education
- Science
- Communications

Artistic

Are you creative, independent, expressive and original?

Do you like to draw, write or perform?

Do you value freedom of expression, unstructured environments, aesthetics and creative activity?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Arts
- Business
- Computer Science
- Education
- Interior Design



Social

Are you idealistic, friendly, trustworthy, generous and helpful to others?

Do you like to help people and solve social problems?

Do you value teamwork, social responsibility, honesty and generosity?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Arts
- Business
- Child Studies
- Education
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Social Work



Enterprising

Are you energetic, ambitious, organized, convincing and sociable?

Do you like to lead and sell ideas or things?

Do you value managing, leadership and tangible results?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Broadcasting
- Business
- Communications
- Health and Physical Education



Logical

Are you orderly and good at following a set plan?

Do you like detailed procedures, rules, numbers, concrete data and policies?

Do you value clear guidelines, systems, organizations and defined situations?

PROGRAMS FOR YOU

- Aviation
- Computer Science
- Computer Systems
- Nursing
- Science

Bachelor Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Arts (BA) — Anthropology, Criminal Justice, English, History, Policy Studies, Psychology, Sociology

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) — Accounting, Finance, General Management, Human Resources, International Business, Marketing, Supply Chain Management

Bachelor of Child Studies (BCST) — Child and Youth Care Counsellor, Early Learning and Child Care

Bachelor of Communication (BComm) — Broadcast Media, Information Design, Journalism, Public Relations

Bachelor of Computer Information Systems (BCIS)

Bachelor of Education (BEd.) — Elementary

Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (BHPE) — Athletic Therapy, Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership, Physical Literacy, Sport and Recreation Management

Bachelor of Interior Design (BID)

Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid.)

Bachelor of Nursing (BN)

Bachelor of Science (BSc.) — Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Environmental Science, General Science, Geology

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

Diplomas Offered



Aviation Diploma
Social Work Diploma

Admission Requirements

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Mount Royal University establishes competitive averages each year for all credit programs. The range for these competitive averages can be found on the [Admission Requirements website](#).

Indigenous Admission Targets

As part of Mount Royal's commitment to indigenization, a number of seats are reserved in most credit programs to ensure that [Indigenous students are proportionately represented](#). Anyone who self-identifies as being Indigenous (First Nations Status / Non-Status, Métis or Inuit) will be considered for one of these seats if they meet the minimum grade requirements, but not the competitive average.

Group A, B and C

A competitive average is formed by taking an applicants' top two grades in the [Group A course category](#).

Admissions questions about degrees and diplomas?

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Funding / Sponsorship

Band Funding

Find out your band's application process and deadlines.

Every First Nation has a post-secondary program that can answer your questions and provide application forms.

Foundational Learning Assistance

The [Foundational Learning Assistance](#) program is a provincial bursary. You must be a Canadian citizen with a valid Social Insurance Number and an Alberta address, and be at least 18 when starting school. Applicants must also have an Alberta Student Number (ASN) and have completed the most recent tax return available. While the bursary is intended for those who are unemployed or are working less than 20 hours per week, a Counsel to Leave Employment can be obtained for anyone who is working more than 20 hours per week, and needs to reduce their employment in order to attend classes. Only non-credit courses are sponsored by this funding.

Finding Other Options

Application deadlines vary by funding agency — contact directly for confirmation.

- Freehorse Family Wellness (Bill C-31)
- IUBP Bursary

NOTE: You cannot obtain a student loan for the Indigenous University Bridging Program.



Iniskim Centre

Student Supports

- Academic Advising
- Cultural Support and Smudge Room
- Emergency Bursaries
- Mentorship
- Student Success Workshops
- Study Spaces and Computer Lab
- Tutoring
 - Math, Biology and Chemistry
- Writing Support
 - Student Learning Services

Have questions about the Iniskim Centre?

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Learn more at mru.ca/Iniskim



Indigenous Housing Program

Individual Units

- All-inclusive rent — no added costs
- Fully furnished
- Private bedroom
- Living room / kitchen with appliances
- Semi-private bathroom
- High-speed internet / cable TV
- Phone with voicemail / free local calls
- Build sense of community
- Attend events
- 28 individuals are eligible for a 30% discount

Family Units

- All-inclusive rent — no added costs
- Fully furnished
- Four x 2 bedrooms and four x 4 bedrooms
- Living room / kitchen with appliances
- Two bathrooms per unit
- High-speed internet / cable TV
- Phone with voicemail / free local calls
- Build sense of community
- Attend events
- Eight family housing units available

Have questions about our Indigenous Housing Program?

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Learn more at mru.ca/indigenoushousing

Frequently Asked Questions

YOU SAID THERE IS FAMILY HOUSING, BUT IS THERE ON-CAMPUS DAYCARE?

Yes, there is a daycare on campus and the Iniskim Centre has **reserved spots** for the Indigenous Family Housing students. The cost of the MRU daycare is roughly \$1,500 per month.

HOW MUCH DOES A UNIT COST?

Individual Housing is roughly \$2,100 / semester (*monthly installment plan available)

Family Housing is roughly \$485 per month (2 BR) / \$868 per month (4 BR)

WHAT ABOUT PARKING?

There are parking spots reserved for family housing students. When you apply for residence, on the online application there is a place to apply for parking. Parking costs vary between \$1,040 to \$1,500 per year.

IS THERE A DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE INDIGENOUS HOUSING PROGRAM?

We accept students on a **first come, first served basis**. There is no set deadline, but **apply once you have been accepted into the Indigenous University Bridging Program.**



IUBP Student Benefits

Cougars Athletics and Recreation



- 14,000-sq-ft fitness centre
- 200m indoor running track
- 40ft climbing wall
- 25m pool
- Five basketball / volleyball courts
- Tennis, badminton and squash courts
- Open gym times each day
- Intramurals for teams or individuals

This program follows AHS protocols and will resume based on recommendations from MRU.

IUBP students taking one credit course automatically have a membership included in their fees; students taking non-credit courses will be offered a membership. [Learn more.](#)



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