

University of Waterloo Tuition Policy for Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

University of Waterloo – Territorial Acknowledgement

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of their work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg and Haudenosaunee peoples. The main campus is situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land granted to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River. The University's active work toward reconciliation takes place across campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is coordinated within the Office of Indigenous Relations.

The University of Waterloo (University), Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) agree to this Tuition Policy for Indigenous learners who are members of MCFN.

Validated members of Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are eligible for free tuition at the University of Waterloo as per the following terms and conditions:

Eligibility:

Proof of membership with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation is mandatory. The First Nation will define membership, not the University of Waterloo.

Programs covered:

1. Undergraduate and graduate students – both new and current;
2. academic credit courses, undergraduate and graduate academic programs (including tuition for research programs), full or part-time studies where available.
3. Programs available across all University of Waterloo campuses are eligible.

NOTE: Available to students is the Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre at United College and the Office of Indigenous Relations on the main campus as well as student support positions in certain units across campus. For example, they have hired an Indigenous person in the Centre, it is their one-stop-shop for students administrative, financial and registration needs. They also currently have one Haudenosaunee and one Anishinaabe elder on campus, with visiting elders attending regularly. For further details, you can view here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/indigenous>

Limits and Restrictions:

1. You are pursuing studies in an undergraduate or graduate program at Waterloo.
2. You have proof of status as a member of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
3. There is no limit on the number of degrees that may be obtained by MCFN members.

4. Non-credit and professional development programs are not eligible.
5. The University of Waterloo will not restrict access of Indigenous learners for admission to their full suite of available programs. Normal University admissions criteria, policies and processes will still apply. The students would apply through OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre). University of Waterloo is waiving the application fee the university charges, but OUAC charges will still apply.
6. Students will be responsible for co-op fees, incidental fees (athletics, the Waterloo Undergrad Student Association, Graduate Student Association, etc. and ancillary fees, campus housing, meal plan, print and retail) as well as the cost for any course materials and textbooks that may be required. MCFN may cover the above-noted costs if funding is available. You are encouraged to contact the MCFN Post-Secondary Student Advisor to determine availability.
4. Students should seek information regarding other financial supports available through the University to assist with other fees. Students can apply for other funding, awards, scholarships and bursaries to assist with costs associated with items other than tuition. Please contact the MCFN Post-Secondary Advisor to determine what financial supports are available.
5. No additional time to completion, restrictions apply to students pursuing programs under this Policy. This tuition waiver does not circumvent any existing policies or restrictions currently applying to the Indigenous learner either by the University or by MCFN. For example, this may involve time limits for a graduate program completion that apply to all students. Rules in relation to this provision may be different under existing MCFN Post-Secondary Student Assistant Policy. Please contact the MCFN Post-Secondary Student Advisor for further information.
6. The Tuition waiver will be effective as of the fall of 2023. This waiver cannot be applied to terms prior to the fall of 2023.