

University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Student Leadership Award in Advancing Justice for Indigenous Communities

Quota(s)/year: 1

The UTM Student Leadership Award in Advancing Justice for Indigenous Communities recognizes an outstanding student who has demonstrated a commitment to building relationships with Indigenous Communities through their campus involvement. This award will be presented to an individual who has demonstrated commitment and provided examples of ways they have advanced the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada by building relationships with Indigenous Communities, Wecheehetowin [meaning “working together” in Cree], and sharing in the process of reconciliation. Identifying as Indigenous is not a requirement of this award.

To be eligible for this award, candidates must:

1. Have completed at least 10.0 Credits
2. Be in good academic standing with a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0;
3. Demonstrate involvement in, and commitment to, building relationships with Indigenous communities that impact the UTM community’s understanding of and appreciation for Indigenous world views on a broad or small scale. All activities associated with the UTM campus will be considered.
4. Never have received this award previously during their academic career.

Please note that students who have been sanctioned under U of T’s Code of Student Conduct may not be eligible for this award.

Selection Criteria

Applications for this award will be evaluated according to 4 criteria: involvement, personal growth, community impact and a commitment to equity & inclusion.

A successful application will demonstrate the following:

- **Involvement:** Participation in campus activities related to working alongside Indigenous communities that advances the calls to action (reconciliation) to contribute to a more welcome and inclusive UTM community for Indigenous community members. You will be evaluated based on the depth (how significant your contribution is) and breadth (how widespread, collaborative, and/or replicable your contribution is) of your involvement.
- **Personal Growth:** How your understanding of and appreciation for Indigenous world views has grown and evolved as a result of your involvement in activities that built relationships with Indigenous Communities.
- **Community Impact:** Contributions to the understanding of and appreciation for Indigenous world views and its impact on the UTM community, including the quality of campus life, influencing institutional affairs, developing and engaging others, and fostering a sense of community.
- **Commitment to Equity & Inclusion:** Evidence of a proactive approach to creating a respectful and inclusive community through your contributions towards building relationships with Indigenous communities.