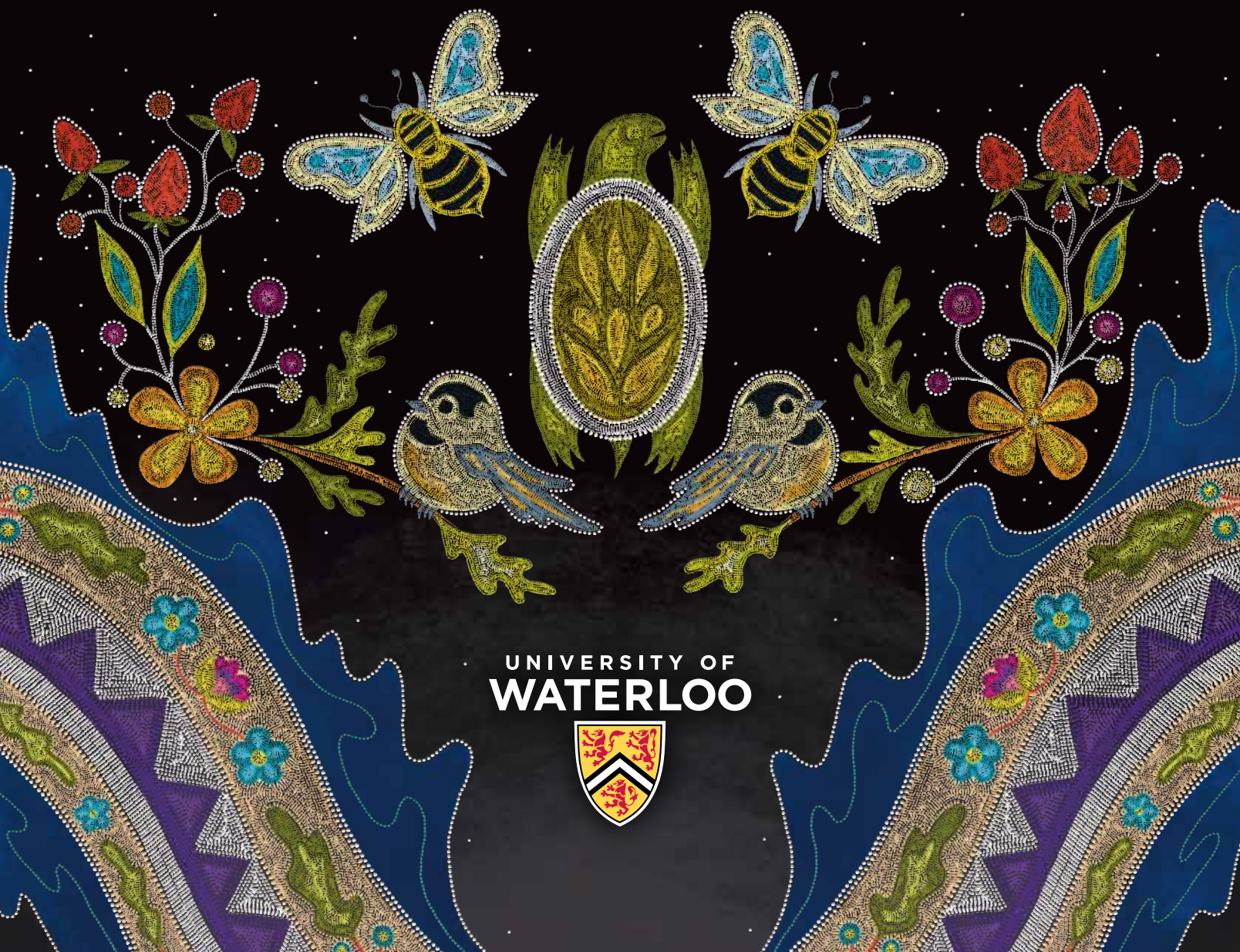


INDIGENOUS WATERLOO

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EMBRACE YOUR POWER AND POTENTIAL

Boozhoo, shé:kon, waachi'ye, tansi, aanii, tungasugit, tawnshi, greetings! At Waterloo, you'll find resources and opportunities for Indigenous students, from weekly meetups to scholarships to an on-campus residence community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

The University of Waterloo acknowledges that much of our work takes place on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishinaabeg, and Haudenosaunee peoples. Our 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. Our active work toward reconciliation takes place across our campuses through research, learning, teaching, and community building, and is co-ordinated within the Office of Indigenous Relations.



“Being able to meet so many different people in the Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre (WISC) has made me feel more confident and like I have a place to be myself in a community.”

BRAE (HE/THEY)
EARTH SCIENCES

With the support of WISC, Brae is applying his classroom learning to a project focused on indigenizing beauty. As part of that work, he plans and facilitates workshops that integrate Indigenous medicines and remedies with skin care products.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

SCHOLARSHIPS

Waterloo offers more than 15 scholarships and bursaries ranging from \$1,200 to \$40,000 for incoming First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students.

TUITION WAIVER

Waterloo is committed to addressing the goals of Truth and Reconciliation and removing or reducing the financial barriers of attending university. Waterloo

- › offers application fee support for Ontario students (email us at myapplication@uwaterloo.ca),
- › waives tuition for students who are members of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation or Six Nations of the Grand River, and
- › offers Ontario domestic tuition rates for out-of-province First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students, as well as Native American students from the continental U.S. recognized by the Jay Treaty.

uwaterloo.ca/future/tuition-waiver

INDIGENOUS STUDIES AT WATERLOO

No matter which program you choose, you can enrich your degree with minors.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES MINOR

- › Deepen your understanding of Indigenous cultures, history, languages, and contemporary challenges. Sample courses: The Indigenous Experience in Canada; Indigenous Rights in Global Context

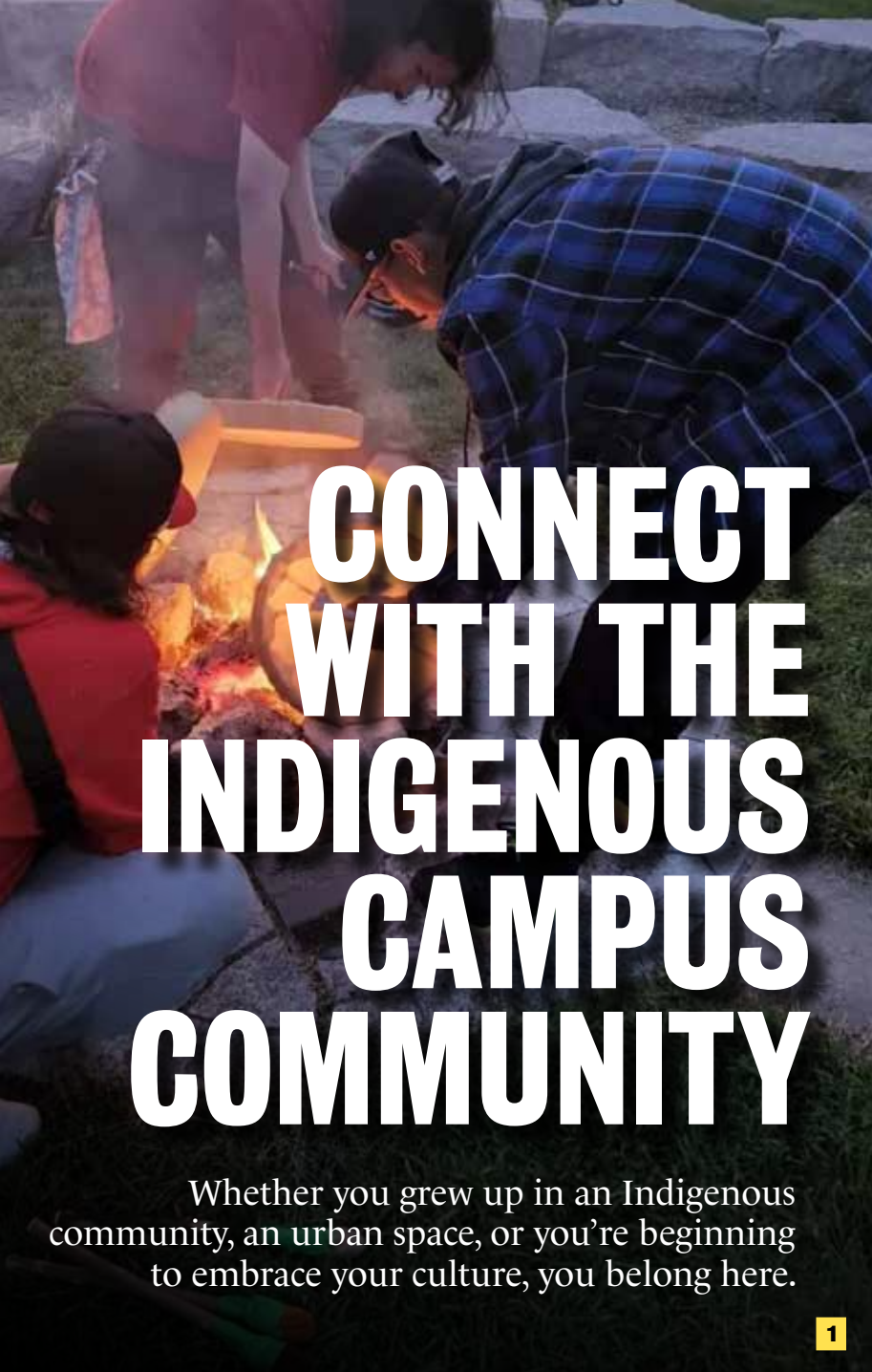
INDIGENOUS ENTREPRENEURSHIP MINOR

- › Create and innovate in a program that focuses on the unique needs and priorities of Indigenous entrepreneurs. Sample courses: Fundamentals of Indigenous Entrepreneurship; Indigenous Sustainability Entrepreneurship



**LEARN
MORE**

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CONNECT WITH THE INDIGENOUS CAMPUS COMMUNITY

Whether you grew up in an Indigenous community, an urban space, or you're beginning to embrace your culture, you belong here.

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1 Ceremonial Fire Grounds and Medicine Garden

The Ceremonial Fire Grounds offer a sacred space for ceremonies, land-based learning, and Indigenous teachings. The Medicine Garden is available for you to learn how to grow, harvest, and practise with Indigenous medicines.

2 Gidinawendamin/Ska'nikú·lát (we are all related) Pow Wow

Each year we host a Pow Wow to honour and celebrate cultures through drumming, dancing, food, and crafts.

3 Shatitsirótha' (reigniting the flame), Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre (WISC)

Through cultural activities like soup and bannock lunches, Elder sharing circles, and craft and learning workshops, WISC provides a welcoming and inclusive space where you'll find community and friendship among other students, staff, and professors.

4 Indigenous Living Learning Community

Join this close-knit residence community and participate in Indigenous-focused events and opportunities while connecting with other Indigenous students at Waterloo's United College and across campus.

5 American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)

AISES fosters a culturally safe gathering space for Indigenous students, professors, and staff in STEM.

6 Indigenous Students Association (ISA)

The ISA is a student-run collective that supports the needs and interests of Indigenous students on campus.

7 Elders and Knowledge Keepers

Elders and Knowledge Keepers foster a safe, respectful, supportive, and culturally sensitive environment where you can thrive. They value and honour your unique learning journey by offering their diverse experiences and ways of knowing through a variety of teachings, perspectives, connections, and support.

8 Indigenous professors and staff

Indigenous professors and staff are here to welcome and support you throughout your time at Waterloo.



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LEARN MORE BY FOLLOWING WISC ON INSTAGRAM

 @wisc_uw



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CONNECT, BELONG, AND GROW

At every step of your university journey, you'll have access to supports to help you thrive and succeed.

“Being far from home can be hard, but having a welcoming Indigenous campus community has made a big difference. It enables me to be a better student.”

TARA (SHE/THEY)
ENVIRONMENT, RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY, CO-OP

For Tara, an out-of-province student, the Waterloo Indigenous Student Centre (WISC) and the Office of Indigenous Relations (OIR) help her to access spaces where she can be herself and connect with others. This welcoming community provides Tara with support and a feeling of home so they can explore and enjoy new experiences.



WITH YOU FROM DAY ONE

OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS RELATIONS (OIR)

Providing guidance, support, and resources to strengthen our shared vision of reconciliation, OIR is a central hub for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students, professors, staff, and allies within the Waterloo community.

COUNSELLING SERVICES

Our on-campus counselling services are available to support your personal, social, and academic experiences through one-on-one counselling, group therapy, and skills seminars.

OFF-CAMPUS COUNSELLING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

In addition to our on-campus supports, the Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre, Canadian Mental Health Association, The Healing of the Seven Generations, Qualia Counselling, and White Owl Native Ancestry Association are also available within the community.



GET IN TOUCH

No matter your question – from scholarships to programs to student life – Alex DeGagne, our Indigenous recruitment and partnership specialist, is here to support you.

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Cover illustration by Bridget George, an Anishinaabe author and illustrator raised on Kettle and Story Point First Nation.



At the heart of the illustration is a painted turtle, a symbol of resilience and duality in Indigenous cultures. Like Indigenous students navigating post-secondary, the turtle moves between two worlds – the water and the land. Accompanying the turtle are honeybees, diligent pollinators, buzzing with purpose. These bees, much like Indigenous students, travel widely, gathering knowledge and resources to enrich their communities. The chickadees, despite flying away from where they were hatched, always remain rooted at home. Central to the artwork are geometric ribbons with six triangles on either side, representing both the Six Nations of the Grand River on whose land the university is situated, and the six faculties at the University. Intertwined with cedar springs, these ribbons symbolize protection and unity across campus and within the greater community.



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