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Innovation Federal Credit Union Announces \$75,000 in New Scholarships for First Nations University of Canada Students

Regina SK - The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) is honored to announce a new student scholarship partnership with Innovation Federal Credit Union. Beginning in Fall 2025, Innovation Federal Credit Union will be providing \$25,000 per year for three years, totaling \$75,000 in scholarship funding. Each year, the funding will provide ten (10) Innovation Federal Credit Union No Essay Scholarships of \$2,500 each to be awarded to Indigenous FNUUniv students.

“It is truly fitting that we are announcing this new scholarship partnership with Innovation Federal Credit Union on National Indigenous People’s Day”, said Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, President, First Nations University of Credit Union, “Our students are grateful for the support, and Innovation’s financial contributions to the success of FNUUniv students is a true example of Reconciliation. We deeply appreciate this new partnership with Innovation Federal Credit Union”.

The purpose of Innovation’s “no essay” Scholarships is to make it as easy as possible for the students to receive funding – being a student is hard enough! Scholarships will be awarded to Indigenous students of all genders and identities, across all FNUUniv program areas with a focus on full-time FNUUniv students from Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Ontario.

“At Innovation Federal Credit Union, we believe being a student comes with it’s own challenges - so this is our way of helping students by providing easy access to scholarships. By equipping these bright minds with the resources they need, we are fostering the next generation of leaders who will drive positive change in their communities and beyond. Our commitment to advancing Truth & Reconciliation is at the core of this partnership, reflecting our dedication to building meaningful relationships and creating opportunities that matter,” said Derek Vanthuyne, Vice President, Strategy, Innovation Federal Credit Union.

The respective deadlines for applications for the annual awarding of the scholarships will be October 31, 2025, February 28, 2026, and February 28, 2027.

About First Nations University of Canada

Established in 1976, the First Nations University of Canada is the country's only national First Nations-owned post-secondary institution. FNUniv is a unique place of learning that serves both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, delivering high-quality post-secondary education through the lens of Indigenous knowledge, languages, and traditions.

Learn more at www.fnuniv.ca.

About Innovation Federal Credit Union

Innovation Federal Credit Union is one of the largest credit unions in Saskatchewan with approximately 500 amazing employees and more than \$4.93 billion in managed assets. Our purpose is to simplify banking for Canadians! We serve 67,500+ outstanding members across 26 advice centre locations and offer in-person service in both Regina and Saskatoon. At Innovation we believe everyone should have their basic, fundamental needs met. It's why we strive to reduce poverty, enhance health, and promote education to build thriving communities. By banking with us, you help support amazing organizations that make a difference.

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