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FNUUniv, RBC, and RBC Foundation Partner to Offer Free Advancing Re(al)conciliation Course to Canadians

Regina, SK – The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) is proud to work with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and RBC Foundation to offer access to FNUUniv's *Advancing Re(al)conciliation*, a transformative Indigenous cultural awareness program.

This self-paced online program provides a series of interactive learning modules on truth and reconciliation and will be available to Canadians through RBC's financial support from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

"It is vital that Corporate Canada answers the call to realize a genuine and truly equal collaboration between Indigenous nations and Canada," said Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, President, First Nations University of Canada. "Our hope is that this collaboration with RBC can help to close this education gap in Indigenous history for Canadians, and to spark a continued learning journey for Canadians across the country."

While the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action* was announced a decade ago, many Canadians remain unaware of how the past has defined present realities for Indigenous Peoples. To reiterate the importance of Canadians' role in advancing reconciliation, RBC and FNUUniv invite all Canadians to learn about truth and reconciliation and actively participate in the reconciliation journey through the *Advancing Re(al)conciliation* course.

In 2021, [RBC announced its support of FNUUniv to offer the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation course](#) to all Canadians and the course was integrated into RBC's learning and development opportunities for its employees. Earlier this year, the bank also launched its inaugural [Reconciliation Action Plan](#), defined by five key pathways - Economy, People, Community, Environment and Leadership – to help drive inclusive economic growth, create positive social change and advance reconciliation.

"As part of our commitment to advancing reconciliation with transparency and accountability, it's critical for us to play a role in fostering access to education that establishes the foundation for reconciliation," says Chinyere Eni, Head, RBC Origins. "Working with organizations such as FNUUniv is a

step forward in addressing the existing barriers faced by Indigenous Peoples and generating awareness for how our clients, communities and employees can make an impact.”

On the 10th anniversary of the *Truth and Reconciliation Commission*, the *Advancing Re(al)conciliation* program presents a 'relearning' of Indigenous history in Canada. The program aims to promote a renewed relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians, and to help enable organizations to fulfill the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action – including the call for economic equality and reconciliation.

For more than 100 years, RBC has been building strong relationships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities across Canada to support the co-creation of a prosperous future.

To learn more and register for the program, please visit:

<https://iceclearning.fnuniv.ca/courses/advancing-re-al-conciliation-rbc>

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About First Nations University of Canada

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) was founded in 1976 and is a First Nations owned post-secondary institution that aspires to have transformative impact by bridging our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages and traditions with the delivery of high-quality post-secondary education that will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities and Canada. For more information about FNUUniv, please visit <http://fnuniv.ca>.

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