Wawatay
SUPPORTING INDIGENOUS STUDENT SUCCESS IN SCIENCE
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Tunngasugit.
WHAT IS WAWATAY?

Creating Opportunities through Science Working in direct collaboration with Indigenous communities.
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Wawatay opens the doors of science to high potential Indigenous students, regardless of preparation.
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Transforming Scientific Research

Wawatay combines classical scientific approaches with Indigenous ways of seeing, knowing, learning and doing to enhance the power of science.
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Maintaining connections to community and culture. Wawatay scholars grow into Scientists who can walk in both worlds, with unique capabilities to forge a new future for themselves and their communities.
OUR FOUNDATION

COMMUNITY PARTNERS + FACULTY OF SCIENCE
INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Create and strengthen beneficial ties with Indigenous communities. Community led student recruitment, and community led research projects. Working together with the community, Wawatay aims to create meaningful and applied hands-on learning for students and positive community outcomes.
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INDIGENOUS SCIENCE SCHOLARS

Build a community of Indigenous Science Scholars at the Faculty of Science. Offer exceptional academic, social and emotional supports. Integrate two-eyed seeing. Engage students in meaningful research that connects them to their communities.
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HONOUR TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

Embrace traditional ways of knowing and weave two eyed seeing into research, teaching, and learning.
THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The goal of Wawatay is to increase Indigenous student success at graduating with a science degree. Wawatay will develop student potential, challenge promising students, and offer continuous personal and academic supports.

ANITA MURDOCK, INDIGENOUS SCIENCE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE.
EXPERIENTIAL RESEARCH
From day one through to graduation, our students will engage in research, working on projects that reflect their personal interest and projects that relate directly to their home communities.

MENTORING & SUPPORTS
Wawatay scholars will be embedded in a rich ecosystem of learning, mentoring and supports, from classroom experiences that value the rich heritage of Indigenous science, language and culture, to UM campus supports, including tutors, childcare assistance, mentoring, the Bald Eagle Lodge and grandparents in residence.

WORKSHOPS
Workshops that address educational and career development will be offered as students progress and will change based on their needs. Topics may cover: project management, communications skills, entrepreneurship, resume writing, graduate school applications and networking.
Community Partners

Wawatay involves reaching out and working directly with our students’ home communities. The first, and certainly one of the most important aspects of Community Partnership, is nominating high-potential students for the program. This entails working with the Wawatay lead to customize each community’s nomination criteria. Possible student nomination criteria include ability to problem solve, inquisitive, hardworking and of course, an interest in science. Students interested in this program should reach out to their community leaders or contact the Wawatay Lead.
Wawatay. Thinking Beyond Together.
Contact us

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