

Everything You Need to Know About Applying to the Wawatay Program 2021.

What is the Wawatay Program?

Wawatay is a research-based program that offers Indigenous students the opportunity to obtain a Science degree while gaining experience in research throughout their degree. The program offers academic and personal supports tailored to individual students' needs. These supports include advisor meetings, access to tutors, cultural and professional development workshops, group activities and spiritual care.

What is the advantage of applying to Wawatay?

Wawatay students will be honoured with the "Wawatay Scholar" title. Research focus will be shaped by a combination of student interests, Indigenous community needs and relevant research in the Faculty of Science. Through hands-on experience, workshops and activities within laboratories, field stations and/or communities, students will have many opportunities to appreciate the real-world application of a science degree. Students who complete a Bachelor of Science degree as a Wawatay Scholar will have a strong connection to their Indigenous community, access to a network of support and future contacts, and professional skills and knowledge of how to apply that degree to a given career.

Before students start at the University of Manitoba, students will participate in a mandatory six-week Wawatay summer orientation (July 12 to August 20, 2021). Orientation is designed to help students obtain the necessary information and skills to facilitate entry into University 1 and life away from home.

Orientation Activities Include:

- Lunches and discussions with Researchers, Indigenous Scholars, Faculty members, Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers
- Campus Tours to familiarize students with the University, including Faculty of Science offices, laboratories and buildings
- Engaging with staff and student organizations
- Participating in professional skill building workshops
- Group projects to promote teamwork and a cohort spirit
- Academic assessment so each student can receive tailored academic and personal supports throughout their degree.

During orientation, Wawatay students will be provided with assistance registering for their Fall term courses. Throughout the Fall/Winter semesters of University 1, students will continue to work with the Wawatay program Lead, faculty of science staff, researchers and advisors to help guide and support students to ensure a successful transition for entry into the Faculty of Science in their second year.

Who is eligible to apply to the Wawatay program:

1. Students must be of Canadian Indigenous Ancestry (Status, Non-Status, Inuit or Metis) with a high school diploma or equivalent.
2. Students must qualify for entry into University 1, which means Manitoba high school graduation including 5 full credits at the Grade 12 level in courses designated S, G, or U. You will need a minimum average of 70% over the following courses, with no less than 60% in each course:
 - a. English 40s;
 - b. Math 40S;
 - c. two academic 40S courses. For a list of 40S academic courses click on the following link: [Upcoming DE Requirements 2021.pdf \(umanitoba.ca\)](#).

How do you apply to the Wawatay Program?

Step 1: Fill out the Wawatay application form and submit the application by Monday May 10th, 2021.

Application forms are available on the FoS/Wawatay website: [How to apply - Wawatay \(umanitoba.ca\)](#).

Please read the application carefully and ensure that you include an official transcript, two completed reference forms, and proof of Indigenous Ancestry with your completed Wawatay Application. The application form and documents can be submitted electronically to wawatay.science@umanitoba.ca.

Applications may also be mailed to:

Wawatay Program
Room 289 Parker Building
University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2

Successful candidates will be selected from the pool of applicants for an interview, which will be conducted remotely via Zoom/other on-line platform (information will be provided beforehand). The Wawatay Lead will contact the candidates to arrange an interview that will take place the week of May 17-21, 2021. Interviewees will be notified shortly thereafter whether or not they have been accepted into the Wawatay program. Wawatay Scholars will be provided with an information packet so they can prepare for our July 2021 orientation and Fall 2021 term start.

Step 2: Once you have confirmation of entry into the Wawatay program your next task is to apply for entry into University 1. Application to and acceptance into the Wawatay Program is *not* an offer of acceptance to the University of Manitoba. We encourage you to apply early, but you must apply no later than July 11, 2021, as this will ensure you will have access to course sections for fall semester. Use the following link: [Apply for undergraduate studies | Explore | University of Manitoba \(umanitoba.ca\)](#). If you need assistance with applying to University 1, the following video will provide a better understanding the process: [Recruitment Info Sessions | University of Manitoba \(umanitoba.ca\)](#). Please also be aware that there is a \$100 fee that must be paid for your application to be processed.

Who do I contact if I have any questions about the application process?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Wawatay lead and coordinator. We would be happy to assist you in any way we can.

Dennis Ballard: (204) 474-8074, email dennis.ballard@umanitoba.ca

Carrie Selin: (204) 474-8051, email carrie.selin@umanitoba.ca

Kate Yee: (204) 474-9382, email kate.yee@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Wawatay Program Application Form

If you wish to make an application to the Wawatay Program with the Faculty of Science at the University of Manitoba, please complete the attached application and submit it to the following address no later than:

Monday May 10th

Email applications to: wawatay.science@umanitoba.ca.

Or Mail Completed Application to:

Wawatay Program Room 289 Parker Building University of Manitoba
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2

For additional information call: (204) 474-8074
Email: dennis.ballard@umantioba.ca

Note: YOU MUST enclose with your application the following documentation:

- _____ **Official statement of marks from all the Post-Secondary Educational Institutions you attended plus most recent High School Transcript and / or Adult Education Upgrading.**
- _____ **Autobiography and Essay Question word/pdf document file.**
- _____ **Two completed Reference Forms.**
- _____ **Proof of Indigenous Ancestry (photocopy of Status, Metis card or**



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Wawatay Program | Application Form

Academic Year: _____

1. Answer all questions fully.
2. All information on this form is confidential and is to be used only in assessing applicant's eligibility/suitability for the program.
3. Complete application by including autobiography, Essay, all Transcript(s) and two (2) Reference Forms.
4. Applications to be submitted no later than May 10th.
5. Only completed applications will be considered.

A. PERSONAL HISTORY

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Birthdate: _____
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Present Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: Work: _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

(If different from above)

NOTE: The Wawatay Program is specifically for Canadians of Indigenous Ancestry.

Ancestry: _____ Status _____ Non-Status _____ Metis _____ Inuit _____

Home Community: _____

Provide proof of Indigenous Heritage (Status, Metis card or Genealogy).

Marital Status: _____ single parent _____ single _____ married _____ common-law

Dependents' Names (Including Partner) Birth Date Relationship
mm /dd /yyyy

How many of the above are you financially responsible? _____

B. PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Remember: You may be eligible even if you have not completed high school.

Please circle the last full year completed:

10	11 (General)	11 (University Entrance)
	12 (General)	12 (University Entrance)

Date of last grade completed: _____
mm /dd /yyyy

Name and Location of School (s): _____

Highest Level Math: _____

How would you describe your computer skills (*circle one*): (i.e. Word, Excel)

No knowledge Some Advanced

Have you received upgrading since you left school? ____ Yes ____ No

If yes, was it: Please circle level completed Date Completed

G.E.D.	10	11	12	_____
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Adult Education	10	11	12	_____
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Name of Centre: _____

Other (specify) _____

Are you currently enrolled in an upgrading program? ____ Yes ____ No

What is the anticipated completion date? _____
mm /dd /yyyy

Please list any post-secondary education or training programs in which you have been/are enrolled (i.e. - college, university, other provincially funded programs, etc.)

Institution Program/Course	Dates attended	Did you complete?
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How were you funded? _____

NOTE: You must enclose with your application a transcript of marks from high school, and/or adult education centres and all post-secondary educational institutions you attended.

C. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND LIFE

What are some of your volunteer, extra-curricular or types of community involvement? Please list clubs, organizations or schools that you have been associated with in the last five years.

Organization Event	Your Role (organizer, helper, participant)	Date (from-to)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

What do you think are your major accomplishments? Describe something you have done or a difficult situation you have overcome that you feel proud about. How has this helped you since then?

In your own words, provide a short statement of your goals (2 – 3 sentences).

Please enclose two completed reference forms from two people who are not relatives, but who have current knowledge of you (such as a teacher, employer, or counsellor). Please list their names, addresses, phone numbers, position, and organization.

Name	Address	Position/Organization
1)	_____	_____
	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____
	_____	_____

Phone # for 1) _____

Phone # for 2) _____

D. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Are you currently:

_____ Employed full-time (30+ hr/wk) _____ Casual _____ Employed Seasonally
_____ Employed part-time _____ A Student _____ A Volunteer
_____ Other (please specify)

Employment History: (Begin with your present job)

Employer	Your Position	Dates (mm/yy to mm/yy)	Reason for Leaving
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

E. FUNDING SOURCE

How do you plan to fund your education?

You may be required to apply for a Canada Student Loan as part of your financial support. Have you ever applied for a Canada Student Loan in the past?

What is the status of your loan?

If you have defaulted on your previous student loan, what arrangements have you made with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or collection agency to repay the loan?

I hereby certify that I have read and understood the instructions and information on this application form and that all statements made in connection with this application are true and complete.

To the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information contained is true and complete. I realize that any false statement contained in this application may result in my disqualification from the Wawatay Program.

Date: _____ Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____

F. Autobiography

Autobiography questions: (Max 150 words per question)

1. Tell us about yourself. (Your name, where you are from, what are your interests in and outside of school).
2. Discuss your community involvement (e.g. volunteering, general activity, community events).
3. How did you become interested in science?
4. What are some of the goals (i.e. personal, professional, academic, cultural) that you want to achieve in the next 5 years?

G. Essay Question

In 1000 words or less, describe how you envision your way of life relating to science. How could this program support that vision?

Note: If you are emailing the application the Autobiography and Essay Questions need to be included with the application as a word or pdf file. The file needs to have the name: [your name_autobiography and essay](#) and it should be attached to your email along with your application. In your autobiography and essay pages you need to clearly identify each with the following headings: [F. Autobiography_your name](#) and [G. Essay Question_your name](#).

If you are mailing your applications directly, you will have to print out your documents and include your autobiography and essay with clearly marked Headings [F. Autobiography_your name](#), [G. Essay Question_your name](#).

Reference Form

Reference for: _____

The above individual has submitted an application to the Wawatay Program with the Faculty of Science.

How would you best describe the candidate's performance in the following areas?

1. Attendance

2. Punctuality

3. Motivation

4. Reaction to stress or difficulty

5. Commitment to tasks

6. Aptitude in Math, Physics, English, and Computer Skills

7. Team work

8. Time management

9. Problem solving

10. Other

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Address and Phone: _____

Organization: _____

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