



Indigenous Admissions Pathway

To be considered under the Indigenous Admissions Pathway, applicants must self-identify in Section 1 and provide *a certified copy* (see additional details on page 3 regarding certification of documents) of one or more of the following supporting documents with Section 2 of their application:

1. First Nations - one or more of the following documents:

- a. A certificate of Indian Status issued by the Government of Canada, or First Nation recognized by the Government of Canada;
- b. Written confirmation of membership or citizenship with a federal recognized band or tribal authority in the US or Canada;

2. Inuit - Written confirmation of Inuit enrollment or a copy of an Inuit enrolment/beneficiary card issued by a modern Inuit treaty organization or government as follows:

- a. Inuvialuit Regional Corporation;
- b. Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated;
- c. Makivik Corporation;
- d. Nunatsiavut Government

3. Métis - Written confirmation of Métis citizenship/membership or a copy of a Métis citizenship/membership card provided by a Métis government as follows:

- a. Métis National Council governing members:
 - i. Métis Nation – Saskatchewan;
 - ii. Métis Nation of Alberta;
 - iii. Métis Nation of British Columbia;
 - iv. Métis Nation of Ontario
- b. Manitoba Métis Federation;
- c. Métis Settlements of Alberta

Applicants who do not supply any of the documents listed are required to supply a 250-word statement with applicable supporting documentation. This documentation must demonstrate how the applicant meets the membership or citizenship criteria set forth by the recognized Indigenous nation to which they claim membership or citizenship.

These documents will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may be subject to verification by members of the Indigenous Admissions Subcommittee. All documents must be submitted by the Section 2 deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted, and incomplete applications will result in automatic disqualification from the Indigenous Admissions Pathway.

Applications that are deemed ineligible for consideration under the Indigenous Admissions Pathway will be re-directed to the Admissions Committee for consideration among the general admissions pool. This decision is final.

False claims of Indigeneity are harmful regardless of intent. Such claims produce an erosion of trust, and they can result in the misappropriation of resources that are intended to support Indigenous Peoples. Where an individual asserts a claim to Indigenous identity, citizenship, or membership, Dalhousie University has an obligation to verify that such claims are consistent with the customs and traditions of the Indigenous Peoples to which the individual claims belonging. Fraudulent behaviour will be investigated and treated in accordance with university policy.

Many Indigenous nations are embarking on the complex task of restoring ties with individuals who have been disconnected due to colonialism (e.g., Sixties Scoop, Millennial Scoop, Indian Residential School, enfranchisement, etc.). If you have been impacted in this way, we encourage you to connect with the Admissions Office to explore how we may support you in obtaining the materials that would best support your application under the Indigenous Admissions Pathway.

Certification of Documents

Note: Certification of documentation is mandatory. Applicants who supply uncertified documentation will be deemed ineligible for consideration under the Indigenous Admissions Pathway and redirected for consideration under the general admissions stream.

Documents may be certified by one of the following professionals:

1. Accountant
2. Chief of a First Nations Band
3. Commissioner for Oaths
4. Employee of a Service Canada Centre acting in an official capacity
5. Funeral Director
6. Justice of the Peace
7. Lawyer, Magistrate, or Notary
8. Manager of a Financial Institution
9. Regulated Medical or Health Practitioner
10. Member of Parliament or their staff
11. Member of a Provincial/Territorial Legislature or their staff
12. Minister of Religion
13. Municipal Clerk
14. Official of a Federal/Provincial/Indigenous Government Department or one of its agencies
15. Official of an Embassy, Consulate, or High Commission
16. Police Officer
17. Professional Engineer
18. Social Worker
19. Teacher
20. University Professor or Staff

The person certifying the document(s) must:

1. Compare the original to the copy
2. State their official position or title
3. Print their name
4. Sign their name
5. Write the date they certified the document
6. Provide their telephone number
7. Write the following statement: This is a true copy of the original document, which has not been altered in any way.

Samples of Documentation

Note: For reference purposes only. Other forms of valid documentation exist. Please contact the admissions office if you have questions about documentation.

