**Applications for FNIGC’s 2017 National Student Bursary are now being accepted**

October 13, 2017 - The First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) and its Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 2017 FNIGC National Student Bursary for First Nations post-secondary students.

The 5th annual bursary will grant **$2,500 bursaries** (along with free registration to FNIGC’s Fundamentals of OCAP® course)to two qualifying First Nations students enrolled in one of these fields of study:

* Epidemiology,
* Population Health,
* Biostatistics, or
* Information and Data Management Technology.

The deadline for applications to the bursary, which is open to status First Nations University or college students, is **November 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. EST.**

FNIGC is a First Nations organization mandated to serve the information, research and training

needs of First Nations people and communities. FNIGC conducts unique data-gathering initiatives, such as the First Nations Regional Health Survey and the First Nations Labour and Employment Development Survey.

These surveys provide an abundance of information, research, training, data collection, analysis and dissemination services to First Nations at the community, regional and national levels. The surveys also allow us to build culturally relevant portraits of the lives of First Nations people and the communities they live in. FNIGC recognizes that quality information - information that is collected **by First Nations people for First Nations people** - has the power to change lives by influencing knowledge based decision-making and inspiring effective policy and programs for all First Nations communities.

For further information on the FNIGC, please see our website at: [www.FNIGC.ca](http://www.fnigc.ca/)

**FAQs**

**Who can apply for the bursary?**

Any status First Nations citizen or member who is pursuing a post-secondary degree in the fields of: Epidemiology, Population Health, Biostatistics or Information and Data Management Technology. Proof of First Nation Status (status card) will be required.

**What is the deadline for submitting an application?**

The deadline is November 10, 2017 4:00 p.m. EST. Applications can be submitted via email, mail, fax, or courier.

Eligible status First Nations students must complete an application that includes **two essays** (minimum 400 words) on one of the following topics:

1. Please describe how credible data can be beneficial to a First Nations community. Use specific examples.

2. What does evidence-based decision making mean to you?

3. Please discuss why you would be a good candidate to receive the FNIGC Bursary.

4. The First Nations Principles of Ownership, Control, Access and Possession (OCAP®) are foundational to the work undertaken at the FNIGC. Please discuss how OCAP® will apply to the work that you will pursue in your planned professional career.

5. Please discuss the concept of “open data” and how it impacts First Nations.

All fields on the application form must be completed and attachments provided in order for applications to be accepted.

**When will the winners be announced?**

Bursary winners will be announced in December 2017 and posted on FNIGC’s website.

By submitting an application, the winner consents to the use of his/her name and address (City/First Nation only) and photograph in any related FNIGC publicity. Applications are subject to verification for eligibility.

**\*\*\*\* All applications must be submitted and be received on November 10, 2017 4:00 p.m. EST \*\*\*\***

Applications should be mailed to:

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Or emailed to bursary@fnigca