

Undergraduate Summer Research Internships in Indigenous Health

DEADLINE: MARCH 8, 2026

The PIKE-Net **Undergraduate Summer Research Internship in Indigenous Health** is a **13-week program (May to August)** that **provides Indigenous undergraduate students** with the opportunity to gain experience in Indigenous health research. This internship provides:

- An opportunity to learn in a supported environment where students build skills, confidence, and professional habits through mentorship and experience.
- A stipend award over the course of the internship (Total = **\$7,000, paid in bi-weekly installments**).
- Research experience under the supervision of a research mentor to develop their skills working on research projects in Indigenous health.
 - Projects may vary from year to year and have included such topics as heart health, maternal/child health, youth culture camps and HIV/AIDS. Most projects are based in Winnipeg, but opportunities may be available for students interested in working with other communities.
- Opportunities to take part in PIKE-Net workshops, research symposiums and other research training and mentorship activities.

Eligibility:

Students must be:

1. Enrolled (in a part-time or full-time basis) in an undergraduate university degree program in any discipline for the 2025-2026 academic year.
2. Students must answer questions about their Indigenous ancestry and submit a positionality statement regarding their identity as Indigenous peoples of Canada (First Nations, Mî tis or Inuit).
3. Applications will be considered from Indigenous students studying at Manitoba post-secondary institutions, but consideration will also be given to Manitoba students studying at institutions outside of the province provided that the student can demonstrate a connection to Manitoba (e.g. Manitoba residency, member of a Manitoba community).

How to apply:

Complete the online application form and provide other requirements to
pikenet@umanitoba.ca.

Requirements include:

- Application form:
 - Background
 - Interests
 - Eligibility questions
 - Positionality Statement: Describe yourself and your Indigenous background. How do you feel connected or are working towards connecting with your community? How has your identity and relationship with your community shaped your goals and values?
(maximum 2000 characters/approximately 450 words)
- Student Trajectory and Strengths **(80%)**: Summary of your personal, academic and career goals, how these goals relate to your interest in Indigenous health research, and how participating in the summer internship program will assist you in meeting these goals. Please also tell us what you believe you can contribute to the program (e.g., relevant experiences, personal strengths or characteristics) This can be submitted in written, oral, or video format.
 - Written ó **maximum 2 pages (PDF format)
TNR, 12-point, single-spaced**
 - Oral ó **maximum 10 minutes (MP3, AAC, M4A format or link to external viewer)**
 - Video ó **maximum 10 minutes (MP4 or MOV format or link to external viewer)**
- Referee Assessment **(20%)**: Referee assessment form to be completed by **two (2)** individuals familiar with your characteristics and abilities (e.g., Elder/Knowledge Keeper, community, academic, professional).
TIP: It is best to choose someone who knows you well and at least one referee who has seen you in a work or learning capacity.
- Supporting documentation (These **will NOT be used in evaluation.** These will inform the level of support needed by the applicant.):

- Academic Transcript for all post-secondary institutions attended
(Unofficial/Web transcripts accepted.)
- CV/Résumé

Applications and other requirements must be **received by 11:59 PM on March 8, 2026 (Sunday)**. All applicants will be contacted in April about the status of their application.

What to Expect:

Successful applicants will start the Summer Internship program on **May 2026**.

The first week includes two days of workshops and an orientation to the internship project with research mentor and their research team. Workshops cover not only academic research skills but also topics specific to Indigenous health, including traditional healing and approaches to health.

Over the 13-week period, Undergraduate Summer Research Interns will complete a project under the guidance of their Research Mentor. The research award stipend is paid in bi-weekly installments over the course of the internship. Activities during the internship vary according to the specific projects, but may include self-directed activities (e.g. library searches, reading articles), participating in research team meetings, chart reviews, participation in interviews and focus groups, data analysis, laboratory tests, etc.

At the end of the program, all summer interns participate in a research colloquium to share their research experiences with other interns and project mentors.

For more information or questions about the application process, please contact:

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