



## MD Program

### Indigenous Student Admissions Pathway Policy

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The Admissions Committee recognizes the critical shortage of Indigenous physicians in Canada and the need for more Indigenous physicians to address the healthcare needs of Indigenous people and serve as role models for medical learners.

The Admissions Committee has developed the Indigenous Student Admissions Pathway (ISAP) for assessing Indigenous candidates. A minimum of 4 seats are available for qualified Indigenous applicants per year using this pathway. Indigenous applicants may also choose to apply through the mainstream admission pathway.

If an applicant wishes to be considered through the Indigenous Student Admissions Pathway (ISAP), they must apply through OMSAS, indicate that they are applying as an Indigenous applicant under ISAP for Queen's University, and submit the following documentation along with all other application requirements through the OMSAS platform by the application deadline:

- A separate letter addressed to the Admissions Committee, which includes the information listed in the Indigenous Student Admissions Pathway Process.
- Proof of Indigenous ancestry.

Further details on what qualifies for the above requirements shall be listed in the process and procedures.

Applicants qualifying under this alternate pathway will be reviewed by Admissions members, and a priority will be made to have Indigenous community members participate in the review and interview.

Applications will not be considered under this pathway unless all the instructions are followed, and the appropriate documents have been submitted by the application deadline. It will instead be considered under the mainstream admissions pathway, provided all application pieces required for the mainstream application have been completed and submitted by the deadline.