

Spitz Family Award and Fellows Program for Indigenous Women*

The vision of the Spitz Fellows Program is to foster the conditions for each Fellow to succeed in her educational goals and beyond by eliminating financial barriers to success.

About

The Spitz Fellows Program is a unique opportunity for Canadian Indigenous women pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce at the UBC Sauder School of Business. The Program recognizes direct entry, transfer and current students who demonstrate academic achievement, community engagement, tenacity, leadership skills, and service to others. A cornerstone of the Spitz Fellows Program is the Spitz Family Award for Indigenous Women, an award of at least \$10,000 academic year, which may be renewed until graduation from the UBC Bachelor of Commerce program.

A Spitz Fellow Defined

A Spitz Fellow is engaged in her community. She has a deep commitment to her pursuits and to others. She expresses care, creativity and a strong sense of self. Above all, she is looking to become the leader she envisions of herself. Recipients of a Spitz Family Award are known as Spitz Fellows for the duration of their Bachelor of Commerce degree.

What It Means to Become a Spitz Fellow

The Spitz Fellows Program is meant to provide a number of opportunities for recipients of the Spitz Family Award. Spitz Fellows are eligible for the following:

- Based on proof of financial need, additional funding to cover student expenses such as housing, food, childcare, tutoring, and discretionary travel; funding for experiential opportunities such as Go Global exchange or co-op (program eligibility requirements must be met)
- Funding to attend University orientation programs such as Jump Start
- Guaranteed acceptance to the Ch'nook Scholars program in two of the four years of their degree
(<https://www.sauder.ubc.ca/programs/chnook-aboriginal-education/chnook-scholars>)

* Please note that *Indigenous* refers here to a Canadian student who identifies as First Nations, Métis or Inuit.

Criteria

To be considered for this program and award, candidates must:

- Be a Canadian Indigenous woman and self-identify as an Aboriginal person in the online application to UBC (First Nations, Métis or Inuit)
- Preference will be given to applicants who are from rural communities in B.C.
- Be in financial need, as demonstrated by budget information required in the application package
- Be admissible to, and entering, the Bachelor of Commerce program as her first choice in the 2020 Winter Session (September 2020) or; a current student in the BCom program
- Be committed to becoming the leader she envisions of herself at UBC, at Sauder and in the wider community

Instructions

There are six sections to the application:

1. Section A: Biographical Information
 2. Section B: Reflections
 3. Section C: Student Financial Information
 4. Section D.1: Description of Circumstances
 5. Section D.2: Family Financial Information
 6. Section E: Student Declaration
- Complete all sections of the form and email the application as an attachment to Sheila D'Souza at sheila.dsouza@sauder.ubc.ca by the deadline of 11:59PM PST on January 15, 2020. The email subject line should read 'Spitz Family Award Application'
 - Please do not include extra material, such as certificates, news clippings, or a resume.
 - Award recipients will be notified via email by April 30, 2020

Section A: Biographical Information

Name:

Student #:

Birthdate:

Aboriginal Status (required): **First Nation** **Métis** **Inuit**

Band/Nation Affiliation (if known):

Section B: Reflections

Please find below three questions which embody the broader spirit of the Spitz Fellows Program -- the comprehensive Program that encompasses the Spitz Family Award. The Spitz Fellows Program is about fostering the conditions for you to pursue your educational goals and beyond. It is about who you are and your vision for yourself. In this spirit, please write a short response to each question below (no more than 300 words per question).

1) Do you have a saying and/or story that guides you or keeps you on your path?

Section B: Reflections cont'd

- 2) Are there informal roles that you play in your community, family or elsewhere? If so, please describe them and what you've learned from them.

- 3) It is five years from today. Share your story of who you are now, what you are most excited about and what you are most proud of.

Section C: Student Financial Information:

1. Expenses

Anticipated Expenses for 2020-2021	
Will you be living with your parents?	Yes No
If no, and your parents' home is not in Vancouver, what is the cost of return transportation from UBC to your home? Enter \$0 if you will be living at home or if your parents live in Vancouver.	\$
Anticipated personal expenses (clothing, recreational activities, incidental) from September 2020-April 2021.	\$
Do you have any children?	Yes No
If yes, do they require daycare?	Yes No
If yes, what is the monthly cost of daycare?	\$
Tuition (assume a course load of 30 credits)	\$
Will you be living in UBC student housing? If yes, please indicate anticipated cost.	Yes No \$
If no, please indicate where you plan to live and what the monthly rent will be.	Where: \$
Other expenses (please specify)	\$
Total expenses	\$

Section C: Student Financial Information

2. Income

Anticipated Income 2020-2021	
Do you intend to apply for a student loan?	Yes No
If no, how do you anticipate financing your education? Please explain in the column to the right.	
How much do you expect to earn (gross) during the summer of 2020?	\$
What is the net value of any investments that you hold in your name (bonds, term deposits, GICs, stocks)	\$
Do you anticipate receiving band funding? If yes, do you know yet what the requirements are and how much you may be eligible for? Please explain in the column to the right.	Yes No
Applicant personal savings	\$
Do you plan to work part-time during the academic year? If yes, how many hours per week?	Yes No
How much do you anticipate earning during the year?	\$
Scholarships or bursaries (excluding UBC)	\$
RESP savings	\$
Are you considered a dependent student (living at home and/or receiving financial support from your parents)? If yes, please provide an estimate of your parents' contribution to your education for the 2020-2021 academic year	Yes No \$

Section D.1: Description of Financial Circumstances

Provide a written statement outlining the ways in which the Spitz Family Award will make a university education more accessible to you. You are encouraged to include details on your own or your family's financial circumstances. The Description of Financial Circumstances should be approximately 250-500 words.

Section D.2: Family Financial Information-Please note that this section only needs to be completed if you are considered a dependent (you are living with your family and/or relying on them for financial support). Ask your parent(s) or guardian to complete the section below if this applies to you.

Number of children in your family attending a post-secondary institution (including the applicant)

Number of children in your family ages 18 and younger not attending a post-secondary institution

Sources of Annual Income before Taxes and Deductions	Amount for January - December 2019
Parent/Guardian name Occupation Employer	\$
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Income assistance (welfare) and/or disability assistance	\$
Employment Insurance benefits (Service Canada-HRSDC)	\$
Employment program for persons with disabilities (EPPD)	\$
Child Support	\$
Other, including income from investments, rental properties, pension, family business, etc. Please specify:	\$
Total Income (January - December 2019)	\$

Section D.2. continued

Assets	Amounts
Total amount of all money you have saved in your bank accounts*	\$
Total net value of RRSPs*	\$
Total net value of term deposits, GICs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc. (do not include RRSPs)*	\$
Total net value (your share) of any assets such as boat, RB, revenue/holdings, recreational properties, etc.(do not include your principal residence or principal vehicle as an asset)	\$
<p>* Do not include 2019 income in your assets. Amounts in your savings accounts, RRSPs and other term deposits does not include the money you contributed to them from your 2019 employment earnings.</p>	
Total Assets	\$

Exceptional Expenses

Expenses due to unforeseen circumstance, such as emergency health-related expenses, emergency home repairs, or an expense which contributed to a financial shortfall. Please specify:	\$
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All financial information included in this application will remain confidential and will only be used by the Award Adjudication Committee for the purposes of the adjudication of the award. The information will not be released to any parties outside of UBC.

Parent/Guardian Declaration (if you are a dependent)

I hereby declare that the information in this form is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete. I understand that UBC retains the right to verify information in this application.

Section E: Student Declaration

I _____, hereby declare that the information included in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct and complete. I understand that UBC retains the right to verify information on my application. If I am the recipient of the award, I understand that by signing this declaration on this date _____, I authorize UBC to: release to Award Adjudication Committee members the information provided in this application form; prepare a brief biographical profile to be used for award presentation ceremonies and receptions; release to award donors my name, contact information, year and program of study, and other information relevant to the requirements of the award, for the purpose of maintaining donor relations and informing donors about the outcomes of their gifts.

Once you have completed all sections, including the Student Declaration, save the document and email it as an attachment to Sheila D'Souza at sheila.dsouza@sauder.ubc.ca by 11:59 PM PST January 15, 2020. The email subject line should read "Spitz Family Award application."