

Spitz Family Awards 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 Indigenous women pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the UBC Sauder School of Business. The Fellows Program recognizes undergraduate 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 Awards for Indigenous Women, an award of at least \$10,000 per academic year, which may be renewed until graduation from the UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce program. Recipients of the Award are named Spitz Fellows.

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 welcomed as Spitz Fellows for the duration of their UBC Sauder degree, provided that they remain in good academic standing.

What it Means to Become a Spitz Fellow

In addition to receiving a Spitz Family Award for Indigenous Women, Fellows:

- are eligible, based on financial need, to be considered for additional funding to cover student expenses, including housing, food, childcare, tutoring and discretionary travel;
- receive funding to attend university transition programs such as Jump Start (for first year students only);
- are guaranteed acceptance in the Ch'nook Scholars program once they are in second year or higher.

Note: Further funding may also be considered to support students who are eligible for opportunities such as co-op work terms, international learning opportunities and internships.

Eligibility

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

- Be a Canadian Indigenous woman and self-identify as an Indigenous person in the online application to UBC (First Nations, Métis or Inuit). Preference will be given to applicants from remote communities.
- Be in financial need, as demonstrated by budget information required in the application package.
- Either:
 - Be admissible to, and entering the UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce program as her first choice in the 2022 Winter Session (direct entry and Year 2 or Year 3 transfer students are eligible) or;
 - Be currently enrolled in the UBC Sauder Bachelor of Commerce program.
- Be committed to becoming the leader she envisions of herself, in both the UBC Sauder and wider community.

Instructions

There are six sections to the application:

Section A: Biographical Information Section

Section B: Reflections

Section C: Student Financial Information

Section D: Description of Circumstances

Section E: Family Financial Information Section

Section F: Student Declaration

Any questions can be directed to Sheila D'Souza, as can the completed award application: sheila.dsouza@sauder.ubc.ca by the deadline of 11:59pm PST on February 25, 2022

Please do not include extra material, such as certificates, news clippings or a resume.

Section A: Biographical Information

Name:

Student #:

Birthdate:

Indigenous Status (optional): First Nation Métis Inuit

Band/Nation Affiliation (optional):

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 (max. 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 leadership 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 proudest of.

Section C: Financial Information

Education related costs*	Anticipated expenses
Tuition	\$
Student fees	\$
Books/supplies	\$
Educational support	Sources of support
Band funding/education	\$
Other scholarships	\$
RESP	\$
Total educational costs	\$

Living related costs	Anticipated expenses
Includes rent or on-campus housing	\$
Utilities	\$
Technology (i.e., cell, laptop, etc.)	\$
Meal plan	\$
Groceries	\$
Health insurance	\$
Personal (i.e., haircuts, toiletries, etc.)	\$
Move-in costs	\$
Living related support	Sources of support
Personal Savings	\$
Anticipated income	\$
Parental support	\$
Band funding/sponsorship for living expenses	\$
Total living expenses	\$

Transportation	Anticipated expenses
To/from UBC (if you are living off-campus and already own a car)	\$
To visit parents/family (if they are located outside of the Lower Mainland)	\$
Other (anticipated exchange/income from co-op)	\$
Total transportation expenses	\$

Scholarship, emergency and other	Anticipated expenses
Emergency funding or other request	\$
Other sources of support	Sources of support
Other scholarships of funding	\$
Total transportation, emergency and other expenses	\$

Total anticipated expenses	\$
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*You will find the UBC first-year calculator helpful in predicting some expenses: you.ubc.ca/financial-planning/cost/. Please note that the total you submit here may differ from the amount that is disbursed.



Section D: Description of Circumstances

Provide a written statement outlining you and your family's financial circumstances that make it necessary for you to apply for the Spitz Family Award. The Description of Circumstances should be approximately 250-500 words.

Section E: 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.

The following section should be completed by the applicant's family/guardian where applicable.

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 deduction	Amount for January-December
Parent/Guardian name: <input type="text"/> Occupation: <input type="text"/> Employer: <input type="text"/>	\$
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Income assistance (welfare) and/or disability assistance	\$
Employment Insurance benefits (Service Canada-HRSDC)	\$
Employment program for people with disabilities (EPPD)	\$
Child	\$
Other including income from investments, rental properties, pension, family business, etc. Please specify: <input style="width: 100%; height: 80px;" type="text"/>	\$
Total income (January-December)	\$

Section E: Family Financial Information cont'd

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. Do not include your principal residence or principal vehicle as an asset.	\$
Total assets	\$

* Do not include 2021 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 2021 employment earnings.

Exceptional expenses	Amounts
Expenses due to unforeseen circumstances, such as emergency health-related expenses, emergency home repairs or an expense which contributed to a financial shortfall. Please specify: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div>	\$
Total exceptional expenses	\$

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 for Dependent Applicants

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 F: 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 to Sheila D'Souza at sheila.dsouza@sauder.ubc.ca by 11:59pm PST February 25, 2022.

