INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS TO THE DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY PROGRAM
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE SCHULICH DENTISTRY:

- Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is committed to making a difference in the health of First Nations, Métis and Inuit People in Canada;
- Consideration is given to applicants who self-identify on their application that they are from an Indigenous community;
- Western is home to a growing Indigenous population with more 400 Indigenous students;
- Access to dedicated and culturally-responsive spaces, as well as programs and services to foster and support Indigenous student culture.

KEY FEATURES OF THE DDS PROGRAM

- Early introduction to patient care;
- State-of-the-art Dentistry Simulation Laboratory to practise your skills;
- Summer research training programs and Dental Outreach Community Service opportunities;
- Invested in fostering your success for licensing exams and future careers, and offering graduate programs in Orthodontics and Oral Maxillofacial Surgery.

ACKNOWLEDGING TERRITORY

We acknowledge the history of the traditional territory in which Western University operates and respect the longstanding relationships of the three local First Nations groups of this land and place in Southwestern Ontario.

- **The Haudenosaunee Peoples** also known as the Iroquois people or Six Nations Confederacy consisting of the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora;
- **The Anishinaabe Peoples** also referred to as the Three Fires Confederacy including Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatami Nations;
- **The Leni-Lunaape Peoples** also referred to as the Delaware and/or Munsee.

Western is located close to nine vibrant First Nations communities and is closest in proximity to:

- Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, part of the Anishinaabe Nation;
- Oneida Nation of the Thames, part of the Haudenosaunee Nation;
- Munsee-Delaware Nation, part of the Leni-Lunaape Nation.

FACTS & STATS

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2019 FIRST-YEAR TUITION & ANCILLARY FEES

| CANADIAN STUDENTS $51,911 |
| FINANCIAL AID FOR ALL FOUR YEARS $632,000 |
| SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES (BASED ON MERIT AND/OR NEED) 16 |
| SCHULICH SCHOLARSHIPS $10,500 PER YEAR |
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE
- Must be in the FINAL year of, or have successfully completed, a four-year undergraduate university degree.
- All degree requirements must be completed prior to:
  - June 30, 2020 (undergraduate or thesis-based graduate program);
  - August 15, 2020 (course-based graduate program) with a letter of good standing provided by June 30, 2020.
- Pre-requisite courses are APPROVED courses in Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Human/Mammalian Physiology.

ACADEMIC AVERAGE
- Calculated based on your TWO best UNDERGRADUATE years (not including the current year’s average).
- Each of those TWO years must have:
  1. a FULL course load (five full or equivalent courses [30 credit hours] from September to April);
  2. AND at least three of five full course equivalents at or above the year of study.
- Average must be at least 80% or higher in those TWO undergraduate years.
- Pre-requisite courses must have a minimum grade of B or 74.5% according to the Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS) scale. Where both a numeric and alpha grade exist, the numeric grade will be used.

DENTAL APITUDE TEST (DAT)
- Must be written within TWO years prior to the December 1 application deadline.
- Only the most recent test scores will be used.

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH AND PERSONAL STATEMENT
- Outline additional scholastic and non-scholastic achievements that may not be evident in your application and/or transcripts.
- Provide us with an understanding of what makes you unique.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
Applicants must self-identify to be considered for one of the TWO designated seats and must provide all of the following at the time of application:
- A Personal Statement describing experiences within Indigenous communities.
- Additional letters of support from Indigenous communities or organizations.
- Confirmation of Indigenous status.

OTHER APPLICATION STREAMS

Dental Clinician Scientist Program
Students who wish to pursue a PhD in a dentistry-related field may concurrently apply for deferred admission to the DDS program.

Transfer Students
Students currently enrolled in an approved dental school may transfer into Year 2, through a competitive application process, provided a vacancy exists.

Application deadline is July 1 for entry in September of the same year.

Admission is competitive. Requirements may change from year to year without notice.

HARMONIZING HEALTH PERSPECTIVES
This symbol depicts a model of health known as the Medicine Wheel, recognized by many Indigenous nations particularly those in the Eastern Woodlands region where Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is located.

The figures holding hands signify a community of unique individuals working toward a common goal. The infinity symbols represent the exchange of knowledge and culture, and refer to an original Métis meaning: the joining of distinct cultures. Purple represents Western University, the community in which we learn, grow and teach.