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

WHY YOU SHOULD CHOOSE SCHULICH MEDICINE:

- 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;
- Two campuses, one curriculum: London and Windsor, Ontario;
- Access to dedicated and culturally-responsive spaces, as well as programs and services to foster and support Indigenous students and culture.

KEY FEATURES OF THE MD PROGRAM

- Competency-based medical education curriculum;
- Flipped classrooms, independent small-group discussion and simulation learning;
- Early hands-on clinical training modelled in patient-centred care;
- Medical training opportunities in more than 60 local communities;
- Summer research training programs;
- Invested in fostering your success for licensing exams, residency matching and future careers.

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.

"Schulich Medicine & Dentistry is an incredible community. As an Indigenous medical student, I have access to educational, cultural and social supports, including Western’s Indigenous Services and the Learner Equity & Wellness Office. Indigenous students can expect a safe and welcoming learning environment."

– Zach Miller, Medicine Class of 2021

Kanien’kehá:ka (Mohawk), Six Nations of the Grand River Territory

FACTS & STATS

2,100 APPLICANTS

INTERVIEWED

480 171 ACCEPTED

133 LONDON 38 WINDSOR

5 DESIGNATED SEATS RESERVED FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

2019 FIRST-YEAR TUITION & ANCILLARY FEES

$25,456

FINANCIAL AID FOR ALL FOUR YEARS

$5.1 MILLION SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES (BASED ON MERIT AND/OR NEED)

60 SCHULICH SCHOLARSHIPS

$26,200 PER YEAR
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE
- No course pre-requisites.
- Knowledge in the sciences, arts, and humanities is encouraged.
- 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.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)
- Calculated based on your TWO best UNDERGRADUATE years.
- Each of those TWO years must have:
  - a FULL course load (five full or equivalent courses [30 credit hours] from September to April);
  - AND at least three of five full course equivalents at or above the year of study.
- Graduate, summer and repeat courses are not included in the GPA calculation.

MEDICAL COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST (MCAT)*
- Must be completed prior to October 1 deadline.
- Most recent scores from 2015 version ONLY will be used.

WESTERN AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
- Outline four to eight of your non-academic activities and/or achievements and how they demonstrate four core values:
  - diversity;
  - collaboration and leadership;
  - critical inquiry and self-directed learning;
  - social accountability and responsibility.

CONFIDENTIAL ASSESSMENT FORMS
Completed by three people (non-family members) who:
- know you well;
- can attest to your character, interpersonal skills, and/or academic strengths.
You must also:
- be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada;
- demonstrate proficiency in written and spoken English;
- have the essential skills and abilities for the study of medicine as outlined by the Council of Ontario Faculties of Medicine.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
Applicants must self-identify to be considered for one of the FIVE designated seats and must provide all of the following at the time of application:
2. Additional letters of support from Indigenous communities or organizations.

*Only in exceptional circumstances will Indigenous applicants with a GPA of less than 3.30 or MCAT scores below the 50th percentile be considered for a designated seat.

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.

APPLICATION TIMELINE 2019 - 2020

SUMMER 2019
Review individual Ontario medical school requirements for your application at Ontario Medical School Application Service (OMSAS)

OCTOBER 1, 2019
(4:30 pm EST)
Deadline to submit application to OMSAS

DECEMBER 1, 2019
Confidential assessment forms due

MARCH 2020
Interviews

MAY 12, 2020
First round offers

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