



**Potential
Learning Opportunity
January 2019 – March 2021**



Academics in Environmental Studies, Stewardship, & Science

Now accepting expressions of interest from Matawa members

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from Matawa members who are eligible and able to pursue academic studies while also working on related projects within Matawa member First Nation homelands. Interested individuals are encouraged to submit expressions of interest by **December 14, 2018 at noon**

Capacity building through Matawa Water Futures Project

As part of our commitment to long term environmental capacity building, through the Matawa Water Futures Project, Matawa First Nations Management will be working with Laurier, Lakehead and Laurentian Universities on advancing academic learning opportunities for Matawa members. It is our hope that this will lead to new types of environmental programming that is more responsive to community member needs and constraints. As part of this initiative there may be some **immediate undergraduate and graduate learning opportunities where individuals meet specific academic AND project eligibility**. Through agreements between universities and the individuals' current employer it is our hope that students can work on projects related to their studies, while also advancing their academic pursuits.



It is anticipated that other learning opportunities will become available over the course of the Matawa Water Futures project. Any individual interested in environmental learning opportunities regardless of eligibility for academic or project pursuits are encouraged to contact us.



Information on Eligibility Requirements for Academic Pursuits in Environmental Studies, Stewardship or Science through the Matawa Water Futures Project:

Individuals interested in pursuing academic learning opportunities related to the Matawa Water Futures Project must meet both academic and project eligibility. While it is possible that academic pursuits may be accessed at participating universities pending availability, individuals must meet the specific requirements of that university to enroll in academic programs. Please access the links provided below for eligibility requirements associated with disciplines at partnering universities.

Academic Eligibility for Graduate Level Studies

Laurier University Graduate Studies:

<https://www.wlu.ca/academics/faculties/graduate-and-postdoctoral-studies/index.html>

Lakehead University Graduate Studies:

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/graduate/programs/masters>

Laurentian University Graduate Studies:

<https://laurentian.ca/graduate-programs>

As part of graduate studies at any participating university, students will need to attend classes in person and fulfill residency for one or more semesters (pending university requirements).

Academic Eligibility for Undergraduate Level Studies

Laurier University Undergraduate Studies:

<https://www.wlu.ca/future-students/index.html> (Select High school or Indigenous Student)

Lakehead University Undergraduate Studies:

<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/undergraduate-programs>

Laurentian University Undergraduate Studies:

<https://laurentian.ca/undergraduate-programs>

It is likely that you will be required to attend courses in person in situations where online or distance education does not exist.

Project Eligibility

Members of Matawa First Nation communities are preferred; Individuals currently employed to work on Matawa member First Nation environmental initiatives are preferred; Individuals are expected to contribute to the advancement of Matawa environmental stewardship initiatives including the Matawa Water Futures Project and Climate Change Adaptation Projects through their studies and related projects; Ideally, individuals will have a supportive employer who is willing to accommodate project and academic pursuits (including residency at a participating University if required), and who may be able to provide related funding supports if required. Must be a highly self-motivated individual.

Submitting and Expression of Interest

Please submit expressions of interest for this learning opportunity to info@fourrivers.group by **December 14, 2018 at noon**. Please ensure to include your name and contact information, Matawa member community name, details on your educational background, role/title at current job and name of your employer. Please also describe what you are interested in studying. Please also verify that you meet project and academic eligibility. Attaching a copy of your current CV/Resume would be helpful.



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