

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 than 400 Indigenous students.
- Schulich Medicine & Dentistry offers access to an Indigenous Leader in Residence.
- Western offers 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.

FACTS & STATS

485
APPLICANTS

INTERVIEWED
140 56
ACCEPTED

2

DESIGNATED SEATS
RESERVED FOR
INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

2020 FIRST-YEAR
TUITION & ANCILLARY FEES
*tuition fees subject to change

CANADIAN STUDENTS
\$52,845

FINANCIAL AID FOR
ALL FOUR YEARS

\$632,000

SCHOLARSHIPS
& BURSARIES

(BASED ON MERIT AND/OR NEED)

16
SCHULICH
SCHOLARSHIPS
\$11,200
PER YEAR

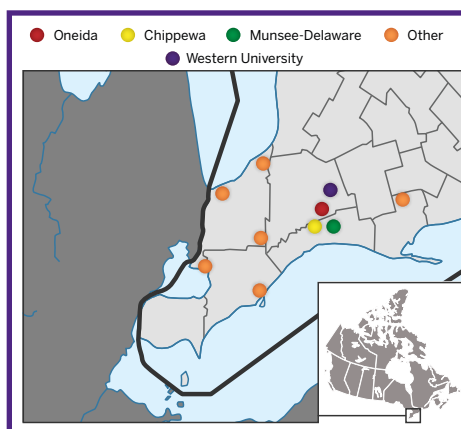
ACKNOWLEDGING TERRITORY

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.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION TIMELINE 2020 - 2021

FALL 2020

Review the dental school requirements

DECEMBER 1, 2020

(11:59 pm ET)

Application including Autobiographical Sketch & Personal Statement, transcripts and DAT scores due

FEBRUARY 2021

Interviews

MARCH 2021

First round offers

DEGREE

- Must be in the final year of, or have successfully completed, a four-year undergraduate university degree.
- Degree requirements must be completed by:
 - June 30, 2021 (undergraduate or thesis-based graduate program);
 - August 15, 2021 (course-based graduate program).
- Pre-requisite courses in Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, and Human/Mammalian Physiology.
 - Pre-requisite courses require a pass or credit designation.

ACADEMIC AVERAGE

- If 2019-2020 **is not** one of your two best undergraduate years, each year must have five full or equivalent courses (30 credit hours) from September to April, with at least three full or equivalent courses (18 credit hours) at or above the year of study.
- If 2019-2020 **is** one of your two best undergraduate years, the 2019-2020 year must have five full or equivalent courses (30 credit hours) from September to April, with at least three full or equivalent courses (18 credit hours) at or above the year of study. However, academic average will be calculated on grades from fall 2019 semester only.
- Courses taken during the application cycle are not eligible for academic average consideration.

DENTAL APTITUDE 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:

- Within the Autobiographical Sketch and Personal Statement, describe experiences within Indigenous communities.
- 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.

Second Year Transfers

Students who are citizens or permanent residents of Canada who are enrolled in an approved dental program in Australia, Ireland, New Zealand or the United States may apply to transfer into Year 2, through a competitive application process, provided a vacancy exists.

The transfer 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.

