

Petroleum Technology Research Centre Establishes Undergraduate Scholarship in Science with First Nations University of Canada

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The Petroleum Technology Research Centre is pleased to announce it has reached an agreement with the First National University of Canada to establish an undergraduate scholarship for First Nations students taking science courses both at the University and through related classes offered through the University of Regina. Students are eligible to apply for the scholarships – up to two awards of \$1000 each per year – if they are of First Nations descent and enrolled at FNU.

“In 2008 the PTRC established graduate scholarships in engineering at both the University of Saskatchewan and University of Regina to celebrate our 10th Anniversary,” noted Dan MacLean, CEO and President of the PTRC. “2018 was our 20th and we wanted to provide motivation at a younger age, a way to get students interested in science right out of high school. With that in mind we approached First Nations University.”

“The opportunities created by this scholarship will be key in helping our students achieve their goals,” said Mark Dockstator, president of First Nations University of Canada.

PTRC provided the first endowment installment of \$15,000 to the University in mid-October of 2018, and will provide additional \$15,000 dollar installments in 2019 and 2020 to complete the donation.

Eligible students must be Indigenous, enrolled at the FNUC, and taking at least two science courses. Successful candidates will be evaluated on academic achievement and financial need. To apply, students should submit a First Nations University of Canada General Scholarship Application. Visit <http://fnuniv.ca/scholarships> for more information. The scholarship deadline will be October 31st of each year.

About the Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC)

The Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC) is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1998 to facilitate research and development and field demonstration projects into enhanced oil recovery and carbon storage, with the goals of improving recovery rates while reducing the environmental footprint of the oil and gas industry. It is the PTRC's mission to realize 5 billion additional barrels of oil reserves from Saskatchewan's existing oil-in-place over five years of R&D and field trials of new and improved technologies.

About the First Nations University of Canada

FNU is a unique Canadian institution that specializes in Indigenous knowledge, providing post-secondary education for Indigenous and non-Indigenous students alike within a culturally supportive environment.

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