

Dear Sponsor of the Baker Hughes Indigenous Scholarship,

My name is Jacob Rahn, and I am a 20-year-old Métis student in my First Year of Engineering at the University of Alberta. Before this I was in a Business Administration program at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology for one year. I decided it was not quite what I wanted to do even though I did very well at it. I felt I needed more of a challenge, so I went into an Engineering Program. Now that the fall term is over, engineering is definitely a difficult challenge and very rewarding. Aside from academic successes I have also been involved in competitive curling for the last 13 years, making it to 9 provincials thus far.

The transition from High School to an Engineering program is already difficult on its own, but with COVID-19 it is even harder to try and make up for the resources that on-campus learning would provide. I can use this money to make sure I have the resources and help I need to be successful. This scholarship has made a huge impact, not just on my learning, but also supporting me as a developing athlete. I am now able to focus my time on school and athletics, instead of having to work in such a challenging time.

At the moment I am still in my qualifying year, but I would like to get into the discipline of Mechanical Engineering for my second year. There are a lot of different career possibilities, but I am most attracted to a specialization in Aerospace Engineering and I would like to pursue a master's degree in the future. In the long term, I would like to find a career path in the aerospace industry, which I have had an interest in my whole life.

Thank you for choosing to generously support Indigenous students, I am honoured to have received this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Jacob Rahn