

Dear Sponsor of the Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative (Medical and Dental Awards),

My name is Erin Ivany and I am a status member of the Qalipu First Nation Mi'kmaq Band. I am currently enrolled as a first-year student in the "Clinical Vision Science Master's Program" at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. With this being my first time living on my own, outside my home province of Newfoundland, the financial support you have provided certainly does not go unnoticed.

This bursary has allowed me to prioritize my training by alleviating the financial strain that comes with the cost of education and the cost of living as a whole. This support allows me to expand my knowledge in a field that I grow to love more and more each day, eliminating one less obstacle in the path to my national certification and master's degree. For this, I am truly grateful and can't thank you enough for your generous support.

At the end of my training and national exams, I will be a certified Orthoptist and Ophthalmic Medical Technologist. As a specialized eye care professional, I hope to use my knowledge to give back to my community whilst working my way to a position where I can aid in another students' success, just as you have done for me.

Thank you again for your generous contribution to my future success.

Best,

Erin Ivany