

Dear Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative,

My Name is Mackenzie Turner, I am a Metis of Saskatchewan, which is where I grew up and pursued my degree at the University of Saskatchewan. I love nature and being outdoors and I have a strong interest in plant medicine, which lead me to pursue a doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine. I am currently in my fourth year of studies at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine -Boucher campus in Vancouver. Receiving the Indspire's Building Brighter Futures award will help me in accomplishing this endeavor. With this program comes a huge financial sacrifice with added layers of financial stress studying away from my home province. This funding will allow me to pursue my dream career and lessen the enormous financial burden. There are no words to express my gratitude to you, I am beyond thankful for this support.

My plans after graduation are to move home and to work at a Naturopathic Medical clinic until I am able to pay down some student debt. I then hope to open my own Naturopathic Clinic and provide care to people within my community. One of my goals is to open a clinic that will help First Nations in need of health care, who want to follow their traditional holistic way of healing and who have been failed by the conventional medical system. I love applying and expanding on the knowledge that has been engrained by our elders and integrating them back in our society -- because they are so invaluable.

Thank you for your generous support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mackenzie Turner".

Mackenzie Turner