

KITIGAY: Indigenous Food Systems Intern Program

This Kitigay Intern program offers an exciting menu of courses from the University of Manitoba (UM) Faculties of Agricultural & Food Sciences, Kinesiology and Recreation Management, Science, Engineering and the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth & Resources.

“Kitigay” is an Ojibway word that means to plant. This Kitigay Intern program will grow plants, in addition to ideas of reconciliation, Indigenous food sovereignty, Indigenous student capacity and food businesses. Kitigay will offer applied learning in partnership with Brokenhead Ojibway Nation (BON) to grow food, cultural awareness, and self-sustenance.

Kitigay will apply the five beneficial practices recognized by the 2014 First Nations, Inuit and Metis Essential Skills Inventory Project: 1) working with/in the community; 2) learner-centred, holistic approaches; 3) Indigenous learning principles; 4) employer involvement in providing work experience; and 5) First Nation control & ownership.¹

Kitigay is partnering with BON knowledge holders to learn from local food projects. The projects encompass community harvesting and stewardship activities for medicines, wild rice, crops, animals, and fish in this applied Indigenist training program.

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¹ Canadian Career Development Foundation, 2014



Kitigay Intern Program Schedule (Aug. 2021 to Aug. 2022)

Session/ Term/Code	Course Information with name, teacher and degree (D) or Agriculture Diploma (AD) status	Credit Hours
August 2021	Qualico Bridge to Success (QBTS) & Kitigay Orientation	
Fall Courses 2021 (September to December)		
DAGR 0660	Special Topics in General Agriculture: Designing and Building a Farm - Dr. Shirley Thompson & Daryl Wastesicoot (AD)	3
REC 2130	Introduction to Outdoor & Land Based Recreation - Dr. Dan Henhawk (D)	3
DAGR 0410	Skills for Agricultural Communication and Decision Making - Kathleen Wilson (AD)	4
ENVR 3020	Environment Field Investigations – Dr. Rick Baydack (D)	
REC 3370	Indigenous Perspectives on Land-based Education - Dr. Brian Rice (D)	3
NA	Fall Internship	
Winter Courses 2022 (January to April)		
AGRI 2300	Indigenous Issues in Food Systems - Dr. Kyle Bobiwash (D or AD)	3
DAGR 0910	Integrated Sustainable Agri-Food Systems - Maggie Abwao (AD)	3
DAGR 0540	Exploring New Opportunities in Adding On-Farm Value - Phil Veldhuis (AD)	4
SCI 3000	Science Policy - Dr. Myrle Ballard (D)	3
ENV 4020 or ENVR 3340	Environment Field Investigations- Dr. Rick Baydack (D) OR Circumpolar Cultures and Lifestyles - Dr. Jill Oakes (D)	3
NA	Winter Internship	
Spring Internship 2022 (May to June 2022)		
Summer Internship 2022 (July to August 2022)		

Note: Course offerings for Kitigay interns include 20 diploma credits (DAGR) transferable to the 93 credit hour two-year Agriculture diploma program. Degree (D) courses are transferable to degrees in various faculties. Following the Kitigay intern program, connect with an Academic Advisor to explore your options for a degree or diploma.

For KITIGAY: Indigenous Food Systems Intern Program, visit [Mino Bimaadiziwin Partnership Website](#) or contact [Shirley Thompson](#): <http://ecohealthcircle.com/kitigay-indigenous-food-initiatives/>

How to Apply

Initially, participants applied to BON and UM for MITACS internship. This step is completed. For the Kitigay internship, participants must qualify for admission to the UM, specifically U1, Extended Education – General Studies, or Diploma in Agriculture.

Step 1: Apply to UM

Based on educational background, submit an online application* to:

1. [University 1](#): High School Graduates/Mature Students aged 21+,
2. [Extended Education – General Studies](#): Transfer Students, or
3. [Diploma in Agriculture](#): Special consideration possible with letter.

*Please refer to the [Admissions](#) page to apply and view the 2021/2022 Applicant Information Bulletins, which outlines categories of admission, requirements, and deadlines. **Suggested application deadline: May 1, 2021**

Step 2: Submit Documentation

Depending on your application, UM Admissions may require the following documents:

- High School Transcripts – final, official
- Post-Secondary Institution Transcripts – final, official
- Proof of age – driver’s license, passport, status card



Step 3: Receive and Accept your Offer of Admission

Log into your online application portal to receive important news from the Admissions, including offers of admission. Offers must be accepted by the deadline indicated in your electronic offer letter.

UM Recommended Support Program: Qualico Bridge to Success (QBTS)

The Indigenous Student Centre (ISC) is pleased to offer [QBTS](#). This program facilitates the transition of new Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, Métis) students into the University of Manitoba by offering pre-orientation activities, academic learning support, advising, peer mentoring, and special events. There is no cost to participate in this program to enhance your first-year experience.

Kitigay Intern students are encouraged to apply now at [Fall 2021 QBTS](#) and participate in the Bootcamp sessions offered in August.

UM Information and Resources

- [Indigenous Viewbook](#)
- [Admissions – Indigenous Student Recruitment](#)
- [Video – Incoming Indigenous Students](#)
- [Video – Application Demo](#)
- [Indigenous – Student Experience](#)
- [Video – Financial Planning for University](#)
- [Financial Aid and Awards – Indigenous Students](#)
- [ISC EmpoweringU Financial Wellness Program](#)

UM Application Questions?

For information and application support, please contact:
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