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Saskatchewan

Minister of Advanced Education

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Regina, Canada S4S 0B3

March 18, 2026

Sherry Saevil, Chair  
Board of Governors  
First Nations University of Canada  
1 First Nations Way  
REGINA SK S4S 7K2

Dear Sherry Saevil:

Saskatchewan's 2026-27 Budget will protect the stability of our post-secondary sector with ongoing predictable investments. Ministry of Advanced Education funding will support students as they pursue higher education and will invest in training opportunities that align with labour market needs and our growing economy.

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$4,079,400 in the First Nations University of Canada for the fiscal year April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Appendix 1 provides a high-level summary of the funding allocation, while Appendix 2 outlines comprehensive details, including the breakdown and intended application of these funds.

A strong post-secondary education sector is essential to building Saskatchewan's labour force and economy. That's why our government is proud to support the new *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*. This agreement delivers funding certainty for post-secondary institutions, requires annual tuition increases to be within the range of 0 to 3.0 per cent for students and includes annual accountability reporting which demonstrates progress in priority areas that support the goals of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan*.

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As a signatory to the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*, the First Nations University of Canada will receive an annual 3.0 per cent increase to its base operating grant beginning in 2026-27. As shown in Appendix 1, the 1.0 per cent increase provided in 2025-26 has been made permanent.

The Government of Saskatchewan provides targeted operating funding for approved initiatives and projects. These funds must be used exclusively for eligible expenses related to the approved purpose and in compliance with all reporting and accountability requirements. Any use of targeted funds outside the approved scope requires prior written authorization from the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Ministry officials will be in contact with representatives at your institution to discuss the following accountability criteria within the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*:

- **Confirmation to comply with the manner and form of the accountability requirements** – due April 15, 2026; and
- **Multi-Year Funding Accountability Report** – due July 15, 2026.

Saskatchewan's future prosperity and success depend on an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce. We appreciate the First Nations University of Canada's role in helping us meet the goals in *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan* and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



Ken Cheveldayoff  
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Jacqueline Ottmann, President, First Nations University of Canada  
Istvan Samayoa, Chief Financial Officer, First Nations University of Canada  
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

**APPENDIX 1**  
**Detailed Schedule of Funding**  
**First Nations University of Canada**

**Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027**

		<b>2026-27 Funding</b>	<b>2025-26 Funding</b>
<b><u>Operating</u></b>			
	Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 3,755,300	
	1% Increase (2025-26)	38,000	
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 3,793,300</b>	
	MYF MOU* 3% Increase	113,700	
	<b>Base Operating Grant</b>	<b>\$ 3,907,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,755,300</b>
	Bachelor of Indigenous Education Programs	122,400	202,800
	1% Increase (2025-26)	—	38,000
	<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$ 4,029,400</b>	<b>\$ 3,996,100</b>
<b><u>Student Supports</u></b>			
	Indigenous Languages Scholarships	50,000	50,000
	<b>Total Student Supports</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$ 4,079,400</b>	<b>\$ 4,046,100</b>

\*MYF MOU = Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30

**APPENDIX 2**  
**Funding Details**  
**First Nations University of Canada**

**Operating**

The 2026-27 total operating grant of **\$4,029,400** for the First Nations University of Canada includes:

**Bachelor of Indigenous Education Programs**

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$122,400** to support two Bachelor of Indigenous Education (BIED) degree programs, as follows.

BIED - Cree	Waterhen Lake First Nation	Yr 4	\$ 61,200 <sup>1</sup>
BIED - Dene	Hatchet Lake Denesuline Nation	Yr 4	61,200 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 122,400</b>

<sup>1</sup> Reporting requirements outlined in the February 6, 2024 ministry approval letter. Cohort 1 began in 2023-24.

**Student Supports**

**Indigenous Languages Scholarships**

The 2026-27 budget includes **\$50,000** to support students studying Indigenous languages. The ministry will disburse these funds in fall 2026. Reporting will be required on an annual basis with details and timelines developed in collaboration with the First Nations University of Canada.