Scholarship Fund - Francophone Students Outside of Quebec, Indigenous, Inuit, Foreign, and Accomplished Students

**THE PROJECT**

In the interests of diversity and inclusion, UQAT is implementing a strategy for access to university-level studies aimed at young adults from Indigenous communities, accomplished students, Francophone students outside of Quebec who wish to pursue their studies in French, as well as foreign students.

This strategy is necessary given that the university graduation rate in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, the Nord-du-Québec region, and the Hautes-Laurentides is around 20% compared to an average rate of 25% in the province of Quebec, when all regions are combined.

The Université would also like to attract accomplished students who stand out in various fields, as well as foreign students, who can contribute to the institution’s influence, abroad.

For many individuals, being able to finance university studies is a major challenge. And this is apart from the territory’s vastness, itself requiring additional funds to be set aside for travel and accommodation, which complicates access to education for many students, in particular Inuit students, and those from the First Nations.

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*UQAT has chosen to apply the rule of invariability to the word Inuit, given that the term is already used to designate several people, in the Inuktitut language.*
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THE OPPORTUNITY

- Promote student success with creative, visionary practices and methods.
- Contribute to knowledge-building that leads to greater understanding of Indigenous realities for all students.
- Enhance UQAT’s image, presence, and visibility in Quebec and Canada.
- Roll out strategic positioning on an international level.
- Support the internationalization of training through innovative methods and actions.
- Enhance UQAT’s institutional position, internationally.

IMPACT

- By increasing the level of assistance it provides by way of financial support in particular, UQAT promotes equal access for all, and counters the exodus of students towards urban centres.
- By its geographical location, and the extent of the territory it serves, it is in the best position to offer young adults from Indigenous and Inuit communities the opportunity to study and increase their employability in sectors of activity that are specific to the various regions.
- Lastly, by offering generous scholarships, UQAT becomes an undeniable attraction to accomplished individuals and students who excel in various disciplines, such as new media, mines, and forestry. Their presence, strengths, and vision build the institution’s reputation and contribute to its influence, both at home, as well as internationally.