ABOUT THE AWARD
The Indigenous Students Health Sciences (ISHS) office would like to recognize Indigenous students who demonstrate excellence in their graduate performance and community leadership. These individuals go beyond expectations of their program and demonstrate leadership by creating, maintaining and/or promoting opportunities for collaboration and knowledge sharing. Recipients are recognized for their excellence in leadership in and out of the classroom and outstanding contributions to McMaster programs and broader Indigenous communities.

Three awards will be presented at the Health Sciences Research Plenary 2021. Recipients will receive a trophy and a letter of recognition for excellence at the graduate level.

ELIGIBILITY
The award is open to self-identified First Nations (status or non-status), Métis and Inuit students who are currently registered in a graduate program in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. Nominations can come from anyone internal/external to McMaster University. Indigenous graduate students are welcome to self-nominate.

NOMINATION DEADLINE
Completed applications must be received by April 19, 2021.

NOMINATION CRITERIA
We define award worthy graduate level academic performance as going beyond expectations of their program and leadership as shown through creating or maintaining opportunities for collaboration and engagement with Indigenous communities.

Nominee:
√ Maintains good academic standing.
√ Is actively involved in professional development opportunities such as conferences and speaking events.
√ Demonstrates engagement within their program by mentoring and role modeling.
√ Demonstrates interest to support and increase Indigenous health through research or practice.
√ Demonstrates resiliency balancing graduate school and life.
√ Engages in knowledge sharing and collaborative work with peers towards knowledge production.
√ Exemplifies leadership and professionalism capabilities.
√ Demonstrates engagement with McMaster committees, working groups, and mentorship activities.
√ Demonstrates engagement and collaboration with Indigenous communities.
√ Supports and builds capacity within self, peers, and community.
√ Acts as an ambassador within communities, family or culture.
√ Demonstrates engagement and leadership within ISHS programs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
This award requires:
1. The completion of this nomination form.
2. A copy of the nominee’s grades at time of submission (i.e., screenshot of grades from Mosaic, or unofficial transcript) which can be submitted separately.
3. A letter of support from the nominator.
4. If self-nominating: a letter of support from a faculty, staff or community member.
5. Nominators are required to contact the nominee for their permission to nominate and request they submit their academic information to ish.docs@mcmaster.ca. The file should be labelled with the nominee’s name and the award. [Example: First name Last name, ISHS Grad Award].
6. Nominees grant ISHS the right to publicize the award recipients through their social media and website. (Picture, Name, Program, Year)
7. Letters should be no more than two pages (minimum 12-point font) and should reference the award criteria to answer the following questions:
   a. Why are you recommending the Nominee for this award or self-nominating?
   b. What are the significant accomplishments of the Nominee or yourself?

ADJUDICATION:
Applications will be evaluated by the ISHS Awards Selection Committee. The ideal applicant(s) reflect the criteria listed above.

Please see next page for nomination form.
Name of Nominated Graduate Student:

Current McMaster Email:  

Phone Number:  

Degree:  
   ___ Master's  
   ___ PhD  
   ___ MD/PhD  
   ___ CIP  
   ___ MPH  

Graduate Program:  
   ___ Biochemistry  
   ___ Biomedical Discovery & Commercialization  
   ___ Biomedical engineering  
   ___ Chemical Biology  
   ___ Child Life & Pediatric Psychosocial Care  
   ___ e-Health  
   ___ Global Health  
   ___ Health Management  
   ___ Health Policy  
   ___ Health Research Methodology  
   ___ Health Sciences Education  
   ___ Medical Sciences  
   ___ Neuroscience  
   ___ Nursing  
   ___ Occupational Therapy  
   ___ Physiotherapy  
   ___ Public Health  
   ___ Rehabilitation Science  
   ___ Speech Language Pathology  
   ___ Other: (Please Specify)  

Department:  

Faculty:  

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Name:  

Email:  

Phone Number:  

Relationship to nominee:  

Email award submissions to the Indigenous Students Health Sciences Office at ishsdocs@mcmaster.ca. The deadline for receipt of materials for award nominees is 9:30AM EDT on April 19, 2021. Only completed nomination forms with supporting documents will be considered.