

Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Immediate Entrance Bursary

In response to *Indian Control of Indian Education (1972)*, NVIT was created by the five founding bands of the Nicola Valley in Merritt, British Columbia (BC). In 1995, NVIT became a public Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) and is currently the only Indigenous PSI in BC. NVIT has two campuses, one located in Merritt and the other in Burnaby, and provides community-based post-secondary opportunities. The vision of the five founding bands is reinforced through the emerging landscape to Indigenize education through the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), the adoption of the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP). The NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary directly responds to BC's Bill 41 – 2019: *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*. Specifically, removing a financial barrier provides Indigenous learners greater access to post-secondary opportunities at NVIT, resulting in an educational experience immersed in Indigenous ways of knowing.

NVIT first offered the Immediate Entry Bursary in September 2018 to all students graduating from Grade 12 in School District 58. In 2020, NVIT's commitment to closing the education gap was reinforced by further expansion of the NVIT Immediate Entry Bursary program to include all Indigenous Grade 12 graduates across the province of British Columbia. Both SD 58 Grade 12 graduates and Indigenous Grade 12 graduates from BC can apply to either of NVIT's campuses in Merritt or Burnaby, BC. To be eligible, students must be grade 12 graduates who transition directly from high school to NVIT and meet one of the following criteria:

- ▶ graduate from SD 58 (Indigenous or non-Indigenous)
- ▶ graduate from BC First Nations School that is registered with the BC First Nations Schools Association OR
- ▶ Indigenous graduate from any public school in BC

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Deadline for Application Packages is **June 30** of each year.

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Campuses in
Merritt and Burnaby, British Columbia

