



INDSPIRE

Representation of philanthropists to conduct due diligence in consideration of a seven-figure principal level philanthropic investment and to define components of stewardship, recognition, and gift agreement.



Indspire is an Indigenous national charity that invests in the education of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people for the long-term benefit of these individuals, their families, their communities, and Canada. The vision is that within a generation, every First Nations, Inuit, and Métis student will graduate.

To reach this goal, Inspire is committed to measuring success and identifying the trends, opportunities, barriers, and supports that shape the experiences of Indigenous learners as they enter and progress through post-secondary education and transition into the labour market. In partnership with Indigenous, private, and public sector stakeholders, Indspire educates, connects, and invests in Indigenous people so they will achieve their highest potential.

Since 1996, Indspire has provided over \$280 million in financial support through more than 84,000 bursaries, scholarships, and awards to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students.

Indspire serves students in remote communities, rural areas, and urban centres across Canada. With the support of its funding partners, it disburses financial awards, delivers programs, and shares resources, tools, and conferences with the goal of increasing high school and post secondary graduation rates for Indigenous students. From bursaries, scholarships, and awards, to mentoring programs, youth conferences, and educator support, Indspire provides vital resources to help students graduate and go on to fulfil their potential.



The Rivers to Success (R2S) program provides a supportive learning environment for students at key stages of their educational journey, giving them the tools they need to complete their education and successfully pursue the career of their dreams.

R2S with its unique three streams and customized cultural resources, including high school, post secondary and career transition, providing a strong support system to ensure the sustained success of Indigenous students as they graduate and go on to become the leaders of tomorrow.

In R2S, students have access to Elders, Indigenous mentors, Indigenous Laureates, and Indigenous Building Brighter Futures alumni. Connecting with these resources enables students to prioritize their own development, seek out exciting opportunities, and ultimately achieve success in their chosen fields – all while maintaining essential connections to their cultures and communities.

Soaring, an Indigenous Youth Empowerment Gathering, enables high school students to learn about a myriad of career and post-secondary education options. Students participate in workshops, learn about financial support, and meet Canada's top employers.

Teach for Tomorrow, an Indigenous Educator Apprenticeship Program is a partnership between Indspire, Winnipeg School Division (WSD), and the University of Winnipeg's Faculty of Education. The goal of the program is to encourage and support First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students in WSD to fulfill their ambition to become teachers. The program provides a seamless approach for students to transition through high school into university by providing college level courses to become certified as Education Assistants with eventual access to the Bachelor of Education and Arts degrees at the University of Winnipeg.

The National Gathering is a place where educators and partners can share their voices and work together to improve the educational outcomes of K- 12 Indigenous students. The annual conference attracts hundreds of educators and partners each year. At the conference Indspire recognizes and celebrates outstanding practicing K-12 educators for their achievement and innovation in Indigenous education with the **Guiding the Journey Indigenous Education Awards**.

Indspire Awards: Celebrating Indigenous Excellence represents the highest honour the Indigenous community bestows upon its own people. For over 30 years, the Indspire Awards have honoured over 400 First Nations, Inuit, and Métis individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement across Turtle Island and beyond. Their stories are shared in a nationally broadcast celebration that showcases the diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada.



The virtual event series **Indspiring Change @ Home** offers thought-provoking conversation with innovative Indigenous community leaders about their vitally important work.

Research and data analysis skills are vital to economic success; the **Research Knowledge Nest** is dedicated to fostering Indigenous engagement and leadership in this sector. The first Indigenous research program of its kind in Canada, the program provides emerging researchers with hands-on experience under the guidance of Indspire's **Research and Impact Team**. The Research and Impact Team also establishes metrics for, and tracks impact of Inspire and develops reports codifying progress for use with stakeholders.

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