



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

November 18th, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education at the University of Toronto is committed to enhancing educational opportunities for Indigenous youth.

We are very excited to offer the 5-day **SOAR Indigenous Youth Gathering** to high school students from Indigenous communities across Ontario. The Faculty will select up to 20 participants for this March-break program from **Sunday, March 15th, 2020 – Friday, March 20th, 2020**.

Our comprehensive program is centered on a physical education model, which will incorporate health and wellness from an Indigenous perspective, Indigenous ways of learning through the involvement of Elders, and community based activities. Participants will have the opportunity to experience university life, partake in a series of recreational events, physical activities, and develop leadership, collaboration, communication, wellness, and team building skills.

The University will cover the full cost of hotel accommodations at a downtown hotel near St. George campus, and full cost of meals for participants throughout the week. Participants will arrive on Sunday March 15th, 2020 by 12pm to the hotel, and depart on Friday March 20th by 12pm from the hotel. Please note, travel arrangements and cost of travel to and from the hotel to buses, trains or flights is the responsibility of the participant.

Each applicant must meet the eligibility requirements listed as well as complete the registration and consent forms in this package. Applicants must send their completed package via email to soar.kpe@utoronto.ca by **Sunday February 2, 2020**.

Applications are reviewed, and funding will be awarded on a rolling basis. The sooner you get your application in, the better chance of receiving a spot in the program.

Thank you for your interest in the SOAR program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact soar.kpe@utoronto.ca.

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SOAR Program Team:

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Indigenous Equity Initiatives Student Leader

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Objectives:

- To foster leadership skills among Indigenous youth
- To increase representation of Indigenous students in higher education
- To introduce youth to the communities that exist at the University of Toronto, and the supports for Indigenous students

Values:

Our values are founded in the Seven Grandfather Teachings of:

Love: having love for oneself, one's community and identity

Respect: fostering a mutual respect between a western educational system and Indigenous ways of knowing and learning

Humility: becoming aware of one's challenges and weaknesses, practicing humility in one's interactions and relationships, asking for support and help when needed

Truth: carrying and remembering our teachings throughout one's journey

Honesty: speaking and acting truthfully, walking a good path

Wisdom: to cherish the pursuit of higher education and continuous learning

Bravery: to be brave through the challenges we might experience

Program Eligibility:

- Students must be of Indigenous ancestry, including First Nations (Status and Non-Status) Métis and Inuit
- Students must be registered with a school board in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12
- Students must be between ages 14 and 17
- Students must agree to attend the program every day, be on time, follow the program guidelines and the student code of conduct

Registration Package Checklist:

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| ✓ SOAR Information/Objectives | ✓ Student Registration Form |
| ✓ Parental/Guardian Forms | ✓ Photo Release Form |

Please complete and return **the following package** by **Sunday January 26th, 2020** via email to soar.kpe@utoronto.ca.

Successful applicants will receive a letter of acceptance to confirm your child's participation in the program and a call from a Student Leader to learn more about your child's interests. In case there are more applicants than the allotted 20 spaces, the university will make selections based on the program eligibility outlined above.

Upon acceptance, you will also receive:

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| • Agenda and Itinerary | • Accommodation Information (2-4/room) |
| • Directions | • Packing List |

Soar Parent/Guardian Registration Package

Surname (Parent)		First Name	
Relationship to Student			
Cell #		Work #	
Home #		Email	

Secondary Emergency Contact			
Surname		First Name	
Relationship to Student			
Cell #		Work #	
Home #		Email	

Student Medical Information			
Doctor's Name		Phone #	
Student Medical Conditions (if any, please describe)			
Health Card #			
Accommodations Required (if any, please describe)			
Food or Other Allergies			
Any Additional Information/Accommodations			

Student Transportation Information*					
(Travel details will be confirmed with parents/guardian prior to program start)					
How will student travel to Toronto? (please circle)	Bus	Car	Train	Plane	Other
If other, please describe					
Estimated Total Travel Costs	\$				
I or my community will be able to cover the full costs of travel (please circle)	Yes		No		
If no, how much of these costs will you or your community be able to cover?	\$				

**Participants will be responsible for their travel to and from the Gathering in Toronto; limited subsidies may be available for participants travelling 200kms or more from Toronto based on a partial funding formula and to a max. of \$400 per participant.*

**Please note that university will only cover transportation fees for the participant. If a parent/guardian wishes to accompany the student to Toronto, they must cover their travel, accommodation, and food costs separately.*

**Please note that once arrived in Toronto, students are responsible for the coordination of their transportation and costs from the bus stop/train station/airport to and from the hotel.*

Soar Parent/Guardian Consent Form

INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT

I the UNDERSIGNED hereby acknowledge that certain RISKS OF INJURY are inherent to participation in sports and recreation activities. These types of injuries may be minor or serious and may result from one's actions, or the actions or inactions of others, or a combination of both. I understand that the RULES and REGULATIONS are designed for the safety and protection of participants and hereby undertake to abide by these rules and regulations.

I hereby WARRANT that the participant(s) that I am registering are physically fit to participate and understand that the CHOICE to participate brings with it the ASSUMPTION OF THOSE RISKS AND RESULTS which are part of these activities. I agree that THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO or the FACULTY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO shall not be liable for any injury to my person and/or loss or damage to my personal property arising from, or in any way resulting from, my participation in these activities, UNLESS such injury, loss or damage is caused by the SOLE NEGLIGENCE of the University or its employees or agents while acting within the scope of their duties. I declare having read and understood the above INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT in its entirety and hereby consent to participate acknowledging all the foregoing.

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Participant's Name		Date	
Parent/Guardian Name		Signature	

Photo Release Consent Form

Level 1: Consent for Photos/images for University Information Purposes

- Display student’s name, home community, school, grade, photograph in university departmental reports, campus newsletters, and report to the Ministry of Ontario Training.
- Use student’s name, home community, school, grade, and photograph in public graduation ceremonies.
- Take photographs of activities by personnel authorized by the university for non-profit educational purposes.

Level 2: Consent for Photos/Images Media Release

- Use student’s information (name, home community, school, grade) and photograph awards in newspapers and other media.
- Take team and group photographs for recognition purposes, and display in newspapers and other media.
- Allow newspapers and other media to take photographs or videos of classroom or other school sponsored activities.

I hereby give consent to the use of photos/images of (participant’s name)		Level 1 or 2? (Please check box)	Level 1	Level 2
Participant’s Name		Date		
Parent/Guardian Name		Signature		

*University of Toronto is not responsible for photos taken in the public domain.