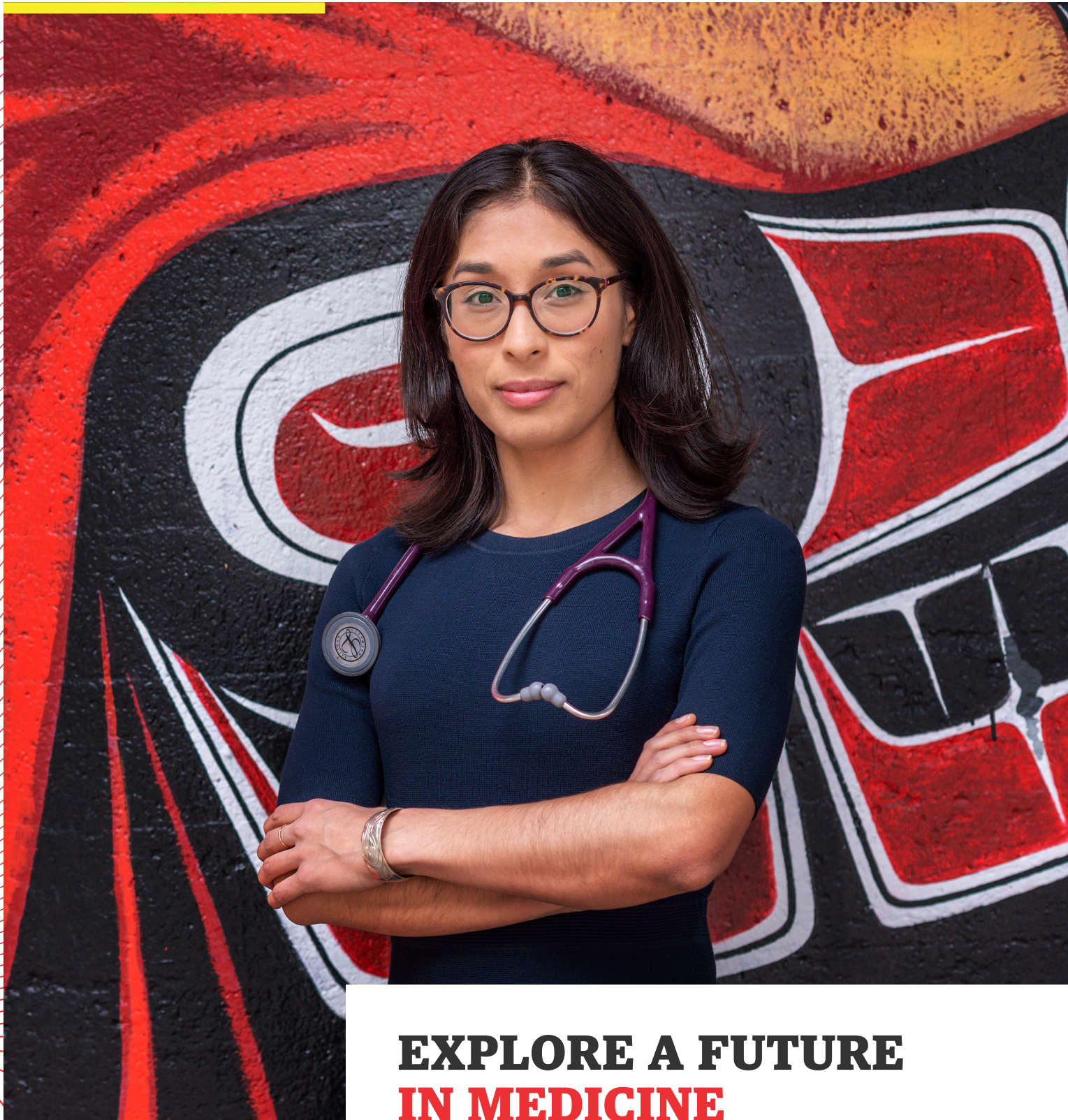




THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Faculty of Medicine



**EXPLORE A FUTURE
IN MEDICINE**

JOIN A VIBRANT, CARING COMMUNITY

Being part of a community is important—it helps people feel connected to traditions and knowledge unique to them. At the UBC Faculty of Medicine, we are a community that celebrates our students' diverse perspectives on healthcare and Indigenous ways of knowing.

We believe your skills and experiences are vital to a vibrant medical community. As a faculty, we care deeply about creating a respectful and inclusive educational experience for Indigenous students throughout their academic careers.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Why is there a need for more Indigenous medical doctors? We know that as an Indigenous healthcare professional, you can make a profound difference to the health and wellness of people and communities. Significantly more Indigenous representation is needed because less than 1% of doctors in BC and in Canada are Indigenous. We are confident you'll find a sense of belonging and purpose in your studies with us.

YOU BELONG

It's not too early to think about joining our community of healthcare professionals. We want you to feel supported from the moment you join our community so that you can make a difference in the world — to communities, nations, and relations.

There are many academic, financial, personal, and cultural supports at UBC for Indigenous peoples, including Medicine Cousins, our welcoming mentorship program. This supportive community is made up of prospective pre-medical students, current medical students, residents, and physicians to support Indigenous applicants and medical students.

LET YOUR CURIOSITY TAKE YOU PLACES

When you consider all of your different interests, you probably can't imagine deciding to be one thing for the rest of your life! Medicine is a little like that too. You have the chance to learn and try a lot of different things before deciding on a specialization you are passionate about.

The remarkable diversity of medicine offers endless career opportunities—there's so much to discover no matter what direction you take. Imagine all the possibilities: there's surgeons, psychiatrists, pediatricians, general practitioners, emergency doctors, and more.

We recognize you might feel there are a lot of barriers to studying medicine. We want you to know that there's a strong support system for you here at the UBC Faculty of Medicine. Becoming a doctor might seem like a big commitment, but we are dedicated to your wellbeing and academic success.

BY BECOMING A MEDICAL DOCTOR YOU CAN

- Bring valuable experience and perspective to the medical field.
- Help people when they're at their most vulnerable.
- Improve the health of Indigenous people and communities.
- Help people lead healthier, happier lives.

You're here

Grades 8-10

Grades 11-12

1st – 3rd year of university

Med School

Graduate and specialize

Become a medical doctor

Path to becoming a doctor

Work, volunteer, and develop leadership skills.

Explore admission criteria; continue being involved in your community for grades 11-12, 1st-3rd year of university.

Start university!

Begin your formal training.

You're done your medical degree.

Celebrate! Now you're able to specialize in an area of medicine you love.

HOW DO I QUALIFY THROUGH THE INDIGENOUS ADMISSION PATHWAY?

We welcome students who self-identify as Status Indians, Non-Status Indians, Métis and Inuit. You'll have to provide a copy of the front and back of a Status, Treaty, or Metis card, or a letter of support from an Indigenous organization for your application.

If you're not sure if your proof of ancestry is accepted, please contact us and we can help you navigate what you need for the admissions process.

BUT WAIT... ISN'T IT REALLY EXPENSIVE?

You might be surprised to learn there are a number of routes you can take to get support in pursuing an education in medicine. It's important to plan ahead and work hard for some of the opportunities such as scholarships, but you'll be glad you did when you're finished your degree.

We encourage you to explore funding through your band or nation as many students can find financial support for their medical studies through this option. You do not have to pay back band funding so this is a great way to access support for your medical studies.

Other opportunities for funding:

Scholarships	You do not have to pay back scholarships
Bursaries	You do not have to pay back bursaries
Government student loans	Must be paid back over time
Line of credit from a bank	Must be paid back over time



GET TO KNOW US

We invite you to discover more about pursuing an education in healthcare at UBC Faculty of Medicine at our annual Indigenous MD Admissions Workshop. This three-day workshop is held once a year in the summer and provides a great chance for you to learn about the admissions process, get to know the

campus, and attend presentations by Indigenous doctors, medical students, faculty and staff. The workshops are free and the UBC Faculty of Medicine covers all accommodation and food during all three days.

CONTACT US

Please reach out to us for a conversation, we're here to help you with any questions you might have about admissions, the workshop, or your future studies with the UBC Faculty of Medicine.

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