

# First Nations youth mentorship program

Our mentorship program is designed specifically for First Nations youth in Ontario who are interested in pursuing a career in a technical service area.

Our mission is to create the technical leaders of tomorrow through mentorship, student awards and career promotion.

## Why mentorship?

In the spring of 2021, we launched the mentorship aspect of our TYCOP program in an effort to connect First Nations youth with mentors who can help them navigate the often confusing and overwhelming process of finding & selecting a post-secondary program that's perfect for them!

### Benefits of mentorship:

- It provides mentees a support system during critical stages of development
- Provides mentees with insight, perspective, support, and direction when navigating their career path
- Mentees will receive specialized support and resources to fit their needs
- Develops learning, analytical and reflective skills in mentees
- Develops or reinforces self-confidence
- Encourages ongoing learning and development throughout life

## About TYCOP

The Technical Youth Career Outreach Project (TYCOP) is an initiative of the Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation. TYCOP encourages career choices that create future capacity in areas that are vital to First Nations operations. By showcasing Indigenous role models and connecting First Nations youth with mentors, we aim to address the gaps Indigenous youth face when it comes to obtaining post-secondary education. Our hope is that this will lead to increased technical service capacity and future technical self-reliance for First Nations in Ontario.

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# Who is eligible to participate?

## Mentees:

- First Nations youth in Ontario who are currently in grades 7 - 12.

## Mentors:

- First Nations technical professionals from across Canada are eligible to mentor our students.
- Must pass police background check.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Q: Do I need to be sure of my career path/what I want to do when I'm older to participate?

A: Not at all! Even if you don't want to take one of the technical careers listed on the next page, this program could still be beneficial to you.

## Q: How long will the program run and what's the time commitment?

A: We are currently in the first cohort of the program which will be running for 6 months from April - September 2021. Mentees can expect a minimum of one 30-minute mentoring session per month, with the option for more sessions if needed.

# What are technical service careers?

Some examples of technical careers include infrastructure specialists, housing inspectors, architects, civil engineers, environmental monitors or scientists, water and wastewater mechanics and operators, firefighters, emergency planners, welders, public works managers, construction workers, geologists and so much more. To see a full list visit our website!



# How do I sign up?

## STEP 1:

The first step is to complete our digital application form, available on our website at [www.firstnationcareers.com](http://www.firstnationcareers.com).

## STEP 2:

The next step includes a review of your application by our TYCOP staff, who will ensure that you meet our requirements as a mentee.

## STEP 3:

Upon successful review of your application, we will match you with a mentor in your chosen field. At this point in time, you will be connected with your mentor and schedule your first introductory call to discuss your career goals and future dreams.

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