

VERNA J. KIRKNESS



SCIENCE & ENGINEERING EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Verna J. Kirkness program goal is to encourage and support First Nations, Métis and Inuit students in pursuing science and engineering education at Canadian universities. The program offers grade 11 students the opportunity to spend a week at a university interacting with scientists in their research laboratories and experiencing the excitement of a research project. Through the experience, students learn about whether a life in university is a fit for them, and build connections and support networks with fellow students.

IMPACT SURVEY RESULTS 2017

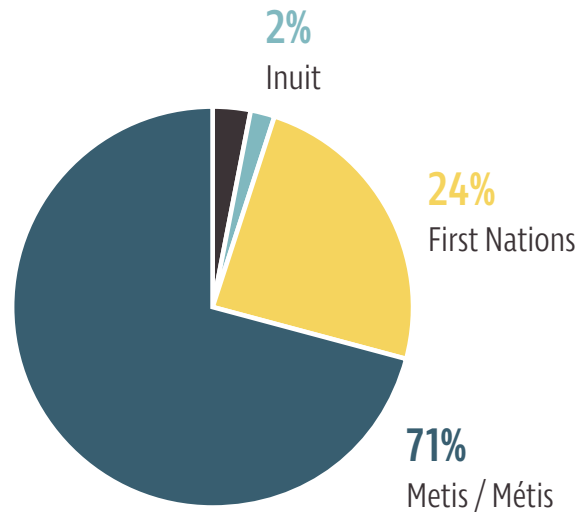
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT



total student participants
(2009-2017)

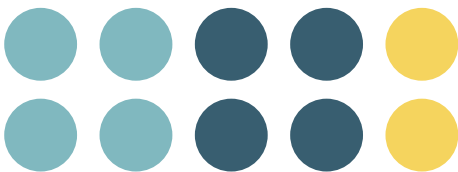


participating universities
(2009-2017)



POST-PROGRAM IMPACT

80% enrolled in university

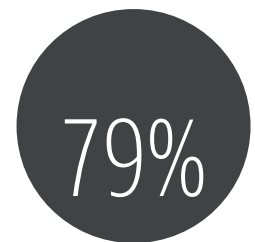


half of these in STEM fields

(2012-2016 participants)



were either already enrolled in a STEM program or were planning to enrol in the future



were still in contact with other participants over 1 year post-program

"This program not only educated me on how I could be involved in the science and engineering world, but exposed me to the world of university. Coming from a small town this was single handedly the most impactful moment in my life. It gave me the confidence and reassurance that there is a place for me in the world to do whatever I want wherever I want."

- Drew - Courtenay, BC

"The Verna.J.Kirkness program has helped me in so many ways, it has given me valuable learning tools in my quest for post-secondary. I have met many amazing people as a result from the Verna.J.Kirkness program and they have helped me along the way as well. This program has helped me become an efficient learner and become an active community member. Miigetch!"

- Madison - Winnipeg, MB

"I love how I got to experience what being a university student was like and how it was exactly what I needed. I made a whole bunch of new friends and memories"

- Aleyna - Punnichy, SK

"If more people in my community were aware of how much science comes into our everyday lives, I feel like there would be way more jobs and interest... This program is opening my eye to university life. Also it's encouraging me to pursue finishing high school, and get ready for my future"

- Sara - Gift Lake, AB

"I have more connections/friends/role models to help me in my science education because of the Kirkness program"

- Mackenzie - North York, ON

"I really enjoy participating in science, and it was a great opportunity to get out and experience new things"

- Arielle - Smithers, BC

PARTICIPATING UNIVERSITIES

