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# NEWSLETTER

Dear Students,

Greetings from JIBC's Office of Indigenization (OI). On behalf of our team, we send our respects and hope you and your relations are healthy and well during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As we have passed through the Autumn Equinox, you may find yourself noticing the sun setting earlier, the nights becoming darker earlier, and the weather getting colder. Give yourself gratitude for all that you are and all that you have surrounding you, celebrate your achievements so far this fall with your own advancement in education and personal growth.

We invite you to engage with the OI's new Indigenization Plan titled Living Indigenization 2021-2027. Living Indigenization is both a concept and a framework to guide JIBC to continue to move forward in the areas of Indigenization, Reconciliation, and decolonization. A copy is available on our website [here](#).

## WHAT IS THE OFFICE OF INDIGENIZATION AND WHAT SUPPORTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INDIGENOUS LEARNERS?

The Office of Indigenization (OI) works across the Institution to support JIBC's commitment to Indigenous Education and implementation of its five-year Indigenization Strategy.

When studying at JIBC, the OI offers Indigenous learners holistic services and supports designed with student balance in mind. Students have access to the Elders-in-Residence, the OI Team, the Aboriginal Gathering Place, Indigenous Garden and Traditional Medicines. Throughout the calendar year, the OI organizes events and learning opportunities to observe significant Indigenous occasions and to celebrate and strengthen the active presence of Indigenous ways of knowing, being, relating, and doing at JIBC.

The Aboriginal Gathering Place (AGP) is in AD 135 near the gymnasium at the New Westminster campus. The AGP is open for Indigenous students. If you would like to use the space for studying or to connect with the OI staff, please drop by or email [indigenization@jibc.ca](mailto:indigenization@jibc.ca) We look forward to you visiting the AGP soon.

## DID YOU KNOW?

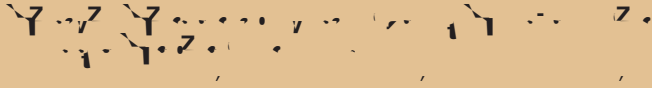
The Office of Indigenization logo is created by Haida Gwaii artist James Cowpar, and reflects a concept of social justice and the design acknowledges the diversity of Indigenous Peoples.

## **CANADA'S NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION**

The creation of this statutory day by the Government of Canada responds to Call #80 of the Calls to Action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (2015). Together with the OI and our JIBC family, we mourn together with everyone from across the four corner

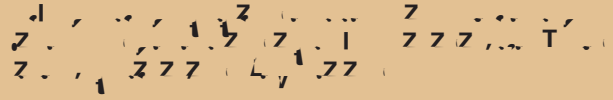
## RESEARCH

Did you know that the OI conducts and supports ethical research by and with Indigenous Peoples and communities which prioritizes Indigenous knowledge systems, methodologies, and experience? The most recent achievements are two publications:



The goal of this study was to explore current practices that help support and enhance Indigenous students' experiences

in post-secondary education. This research emphasized themes of relationships, visibility, geography, and identified barriers that weaken transfer credit pathways. <https://www.bccat.ca/pubs/reports/PathwaysPartnerships2021.pdf>

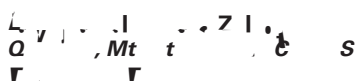


This article discusses culturally responsive interventions aimed at supporting strong cultural identity formation and safeguard Indigenous and autistic people from stigmatization, misrepresentation, and erasure of identity. This research paper can be found in JIBC's Vault.

## FUNDING FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The OI works with [JIBC's Financial Aid Office](#) to communicate funding options and support application processes for student financial aid. If you have any questions about any of these funds or wish to apply, please email [financialaid@jibc.ca](mailto:financialaid@jibc.ca) or call 604.528.5762.

1. Indigenous Emergency Assistance Fund. For Indigenous post-secondary learners who are in difficult and emergency situations. You can apply at any time in the calendar year.
2. Marvin and Colette Storrow Award. This award provides tuition support for Indigenous students enrolled in a JIBC certificate (6 credits or more), diploma or degree program. Value: \$1,000 awarded annually.



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