

Indigenous Apprenticeship Initiatives Program KM and QA

Key Messages

- The Indigenous Apprenticeship Initiatives (IAI) program funds projects for training in designated trades that supports Indigenous people as they search for a meaningful career.
- The IAI was created by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) in 2002.
- Proposals for IAI program funding are accepted once per year during the RFP period and are typically reviewed in the spring to inform funding decisions for the next academic year (July-June).
- The SATCC allocates \$400,000 to the IAI. For 2022-23, an additional \$500,000 is available to support a few more of the proposals that were submitted to the SATCC last spring.

Q&A

- Who is this for?
 - IAI program funding is allocated to SATCC approved project proposals. These projects will aid Indigenous people seeking training, mentorship, and education in designated trades.
- What are designated trades?
 - Saskatchewan has more than 40 designated trades, ranging from cooks to carpenters, and electricians to landscape horticulturalists. To view all designated trades in Saskatchewan, please visit: <https://saskapprenticeship.ca/designated-trades-searchable/>
- What sort of projects will this funding support?
 - These project proposals range from hands-on skills training sessions involving tiny home builds, preemployment and apprenticeship training sessions, and career exploration courses delivered in or near First Nations and Metis communities.
- Are there other supports for apprentices?
 - The Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada offer several supports for apprentices, including the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship Training Allowance, the Saskatchewan Graduate Retention Program, federal tax credits, and more.
 - For more information on these supports, and others, please visit: <https://saskapprenticeship.ca/support-programs/>