



**Yukon
University**

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Nakhwanyàa'in geenjit
shòh iidìlii.

Gwich'in

Nèkhwètr'ènoh'ay häjit
shò tr'inlay.

Hän

Dàye yésóots'enindhän,
dàkhwäts'enè'in yū.

Northern Tutchone

Dákwānī'j yū shāw
ghàniddhän.

Southern Tutchone

Nohts'eneh'jj tsin'jj
choh ts'eninhän.

Upper Tanana

Yak'ê ixhwsatìní.

Tlingit

Dahgáts'enehtān
yéh gutie.

Kaska

Dahts'eneh'jh sùkùsen.

Tagish

We are happy to
see you.

English

Special thanks to the Yukon Native Language
Centre for providing the Yukon First Nations
language translations.

We are of the North

The North is so much more than a place.

It is a way of life inspired by a vast, magnificent landscape—and steeped in First Nations' teachings and traditions.

Adventure and opportunity are everywhere here.

The Yukon is on the frontlines of climate change and Indigenous self-determination, making this an ideal training ground for the leaders of tomorrow.

Our currency in the Yukon is connection.

So whether you are a northerner already—or on the verge of a northern adventure you will talk about for a lifetime—lace up your boots to break trail with shared purpose and respect, together, toward a better tomorrow.



We are bold thinkers and change makers

YukonU, Canada's first university North of 60°, offers education, training and research that will equip you to seize opportunities, think boldly and lead positive change in your community, and beyond.

We draw on northern expertise in Indigenous governance, sustainable resource development, the study of climate change and more. Our unique northern perspective will provide you with an experience like no other.

We ground everything we do in the values of integrity, quality, relationship and a just society—empowering you to flourish, persevere and grow to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world.

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YukonU.ca/leading

Leading from the North...



...by responding to emergent northern needs

"There is an overwhelming need for heavy equipment technicians in the Yukon, in the North and in most areas of the country...YukonU Heavy Equipment Technician grads are working for trucking companies, construction, earth moving, road building, mines, factories and more—there's an exciting future out there for them."

Doug McRae
Instructor, Heavy Equipment Technician



...with solutions for real-world needs

"Our small class sizes and connection to community provide opportunities for students to do applied work that they might not be able to do elsewhere. Students work on real-world problems—like food security—it's a win-win situation for everyone."

Dr. Sara McPhee-Knowles
Instructor, Bachelor of Business Administration



...by reconciling education

"It is important to share the stories my mother shared with me about what living on the land was like for her and her parents, how it was for me—and how it's changed. These stories give hope and some direction for the future."

Elizabeth Moses
Elder on Campus



...in collaborative research practices

"Students working with me do so alongside the mining industry and Yukon First Nations. We work together to develop environmentally friendly mine remediation technologies for northern climates. This collaboration offers valuable training for students to build their career."

Dr. Guillaume Nielsen
Industrial Research Chair, YukonU Research Centre

We are a voice for reconciliation

At YukonU, we honour and respect the cultures, languages, heritage, Traditional Knowledge and worldviews of Yukon First Nations by proudly walking alongside them on their paths to self-determination and cultural revitalization.

We acknowledge that Yukon First Nations are the traditional keepers of this land, and we are grateful for the collaboration and guidance that supports the delivery of inspirational and exceptional experiences at YukonU. We look forward to continuing and deepening these important partnerships for many years to come.

Together, we thrive on the Traditional Territories of 14 Yukon First Nations. For learners like you, this means you'll have opportunities to infuse your experience at YukonU with Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, perspectives, and ways of knowing, being and doing:

- First Nations Support Services
- Elders on Campus
- Research partnerships with Yukon First Nations
- Yukon First Nations Core Competency training
- Indigenous Governance programming
- Integrated worldviews and knowledge in our governance and organization
- EleV funding for initiatives in support of Indigenous student success
- Institute of Indigenous Self-Determination

YukonU's *Ceremonial Antler* represents the flow of students, research and knowledge in and out of our 13 campuses. During convocation, our graduates are the leaders, showing future students—future generations—the right path.



Bradley Joe-Malegana (Yäwatà and Swalismexw) wants "to be part of building a better future." Bradley has been a Youth Councillor for Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and sees the great importance of youth as the "'next generation Elders-in-training' ... The strong sense of community and belonging in the IGD program has helped me tenfold. I'm learning where my voice went. I'm learning how to speak up again."

Bradley Joe-Malegana
Student, Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance

Student life

Thrive at YukonU

Take advantage of YukonU's many services and supports to help you succeed in your studies—and be healthy and well. From academic and personal wellness supports, community-building activities and welcoming spaces to connect, to recreation programming, fitness facilities, and nourishing meals and snacks, YukonU creates an environment for you to thrive.

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YukonU.ca/current-students



Find the path right for you

Our hybrid model provides flexibility and opportunity:

- Academic, trades and career education and training
- Adult basic education and skill upgrading
- Degrees, diplomas and certificates
- Distance, in-person and blended delivery options
- Open studies
- Continuing studies
- Innovation and entrepreneurship services
- Land-based learning opportunities
- Practicum and work-integrated learning options
- Dual credit for high school students
- Transfer credit
- Student research and student employment
- Study abroad opportunities

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"I came to Whitehorse over 20 years ago from Biingtiwaabik-Zaagiing Aniishinabek First Nation in Northern Ontario and worked as a carpenter until arthritis made it impossible to continue in the trade. Today, I am a YukonU grad and finance clerk with a First Nation government. With the supports at YukonU—like supplies, seminars and writing workshops at the Academic Support Centre, assignment and testing accommodations at the Learning Assistance Centre, or instructors who were always excited to help with our program material—I was able to achieve such success as a student."

Derek Hardy
Diploma of Business Administration graduate



"The small classes at YukonU make it easy to have one-on-one time with my instructors—who help with anything I need, even outside of class time. I can get the same education here as at other universities, but it's so much more affordable at YukonU than at other schools. With my job, I can afford school here without borrowing money. It's a great community here with people who are really nice, and being able to earn a diploma without leaving the Yukon is such a benefit."

Emily Organ
Student, Liberal Arts diploma

Programs

Study at YukonU

Academic and Skill Development

- English as a Second Language
- University Access Pathways
- Yukon First Nations Arts

► [YukonU.ca/study-ASD](https://yukonu.ca/study-ASD)

Business and Leadership

- Aviation Management
- Business Administration
- Multimedia Communication
- Office Administration
- Public Administration

► [YukonU.ca/study-business](https://yukonu.ca/study-business)

Culinary Arts

► [YukonU.ca/study-culinary-arts](https://yukonu.ca/study-culinary-arts)

Health, Education and Human Services

- Early Learning
- Education – Yukon Native Teacher
- Education – After Degree
- Health Care Assistant
- Practical Nurse
- Social Work

► [YukonU.ca/study-HEHS](https://yukonu.ca/study-HEHS)

Indigenous Governance

- First Nations Governance and Public Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance

► [YukonU.ca/study-indigenous-governance](https://yukonu.ca/study-indigenous-governance)

Liberal Arts

- Circumpolar Studies
- General Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Northern Outdoor and Environmental Studies
- Northern Studies

► [YukonU.ca/study-LA](https://yukonu.ca/study-LA)

Northern Mining Innovation

- Core Competencies for First Line Supervisors
- Driller's Helper
- Environmental Monitoring
- Introduction to Surface Mining Operations/ Heavy Equipment Operations
- Mining Workforce Readiness
- Multi-Trades for Mining
- Underground Mining Operations
- Yukon Water and Wastewater Operator

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Science

- Earth Sciences
- Northern Environmental and Conservation Sciences
- Northern Science
- Northern Science (Environmental and Conservation Sciences stream)
- Renewable Resources Management
- Science

► [YukonU.ca/study-science](https://yukonu.ca/study-science)

Trades and Apprenticeships

**offered as required*

- Carpentry
- Electrical
- Heavy Equipment Technician
- Millwright
- Oil Burner Mechanic*
- Pipe Trades (Plumbing and Gas Fitting)*
- Welding

► [YukonU.ca/study-trades](https://yukonu.ca/study-trades)

Visual Arts

► [YukonU.ca/study-visual-arts](https://yukonu.ca/study-visual-arts)

With YukonU, you can...

Earn a **degree** without leaving the Yukon. Our degrees offer you a uniquely northern experience where theoretical knowledge is combined with hands-on, experiential learning.

Build a solid foundation for further education and employment with our **diploma or certificate** programs.

Study for an in-demand **career**. Our programs are responsive to the needs of communities and industries in the North.

Take university-level courses through **open studies**—without program admission—to help achieve your academic, professional and personal goals.

Get a great foundation at YukonU and **transfer credits** from many courses to post-secondary institutions across Canada and Alaska.

Earn university credits that will count toward your high school graduation with our **dual credit** options.



"The field courses in my program are an amazing way to see the Yukon, gain practical experience and expand my professional network. The instructors are strong advocates for their students who are genuinely passionate about the course material and setting students up for success. YukonU strikes a great balance between challenging and laid back. I've gained more from my short year-and-a-half at YukonU than I did from four years at a larger institution. I feel like this is one of the best paths I could take to make a difference in an area that means so much to me."

Joe Boyd
Student, Renewable Resources Management diploma



Originally from Quebec, Anne-Marie Légaré is completing the Carpentry Level 2 program. She finds that "carpentry requires a lot of problem-solving, which is what makes it so rewarding ... I love to look at my work at the end of the day and appreciate what I've been able to accomplish." Anne-Marie hopes to inspire other women and girls to consider the field of construction—and possibly carpentry—as a career option.

Anne-Marie Légaré
Student, Carpentry

[YukonU.ca/programs](https://yukonu.ca/programs)



Research

Build a more resilient North, together

YukonU offers exciting research opportunities for you to solve real-world problems.

Work hands-on in the lab and field, while connecting with potential employers and building your resume throughout your studies. Whether it be a diploma, degree or graduate work, you'll have access to high-quality analytical equipment and work alongside our experts who bring valuable perspectives from diverse backgrounds.

Research is integrated into many of our classroom experiences, and paid **student research** opportunities with faculty or the YukonU Research Centre are available throughout the year.

► [YukonU.ca/research/student-opportunities](https://yukonu.ca/research/student-opportunities)

YukonU's **Research Services Office** is available to support your research project from beginning to end—including help to find funding opportunities.

► [YukonU.ca/research-services](https://yukonu.ca/research-services)

YukonU research is rooted in collaboration, reconciliation and trust. Partnerships with industry, communities, post-secondary institutions and all levels of government—including First Nations governments—deepen our relationships with the people and the land of the North. Our research draws on Western science and Indigenous Knowledge to develop innovative northern solutions.

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YukonU Research Centre has been conducting, mobilizing and sharing applied research on northern topics for over three decades. Some of our focal areas include:

- Climate change and adaptation
- Impacts of thawing permafrost
- Renewable energy production
- Mine remediation
- Community-based health research
- Indigenous Knowledge
- Biodiversity monitoring
- Climate policy and decision-making support

► [YukonU.ca/research-centre](https://yukonu.ca/research-centre)



"Thanks to the many research opportunities at YukonU, I am now a graduate student! I was exposed to classroom-based research and hired as a student research assistant for the Northern Mine Remediation research program. This work inspired me to pursue a graduate degree exploring whether native bacteria can remove blasting nitrates from contaminated mine water. I have support from YukonU experts, access to the lab, and funding from YukonU's academic partners, while working in partnership with industry."

Taylor Belansky
Bachelor of Science in Northern Environmental
and Conservation Sciences graduate

Campus Housing

Live at YukonU

YukonU's Campus Housing in Whitehorse is situated close to amenities and attractions, with breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. There are opportunities for hiking, biking, skiing, snowshoeing or quiet reflection on the forested trails that crisscross the wetlands near campus. Public transit connects the campus to downtown Whitehorse.

As a resident of Campus Housing, you'll engage in a diverse, close-knit community, with a collective goal of creating an environment where every student is celebrated.

There are four co-ed buildings at Ayamdigut Campus, offering 60 traditional dorms and 32 multi-bedroom apartments. Our furnished accommodations meet the needs of both individuals and families.

When you live on campus, you are steps away from your classes, your study spaces and campus activities.

You will benefit from:

- Being a part of a structured and supportive community.
- Maximizing cost-effective living.
- Enhanced on-campus safety and security.
- Meeting people from across the Yukon, Canada and around the world—and developing lasting friendships.



"It's been really good to be in Campus Housing at YukonU. There's quite a mix of people here—many different nationalities, single people and families with children—everyone is very tolerant and respectful. The staff have been very accommodating and take positive steps to deal with any issues. I've never been to a place where I've felt so welcomed and integrated. We are all just people here and that's what impresses me most about YukonU. I think the atmosphere the University has created is unique in Canada. This feeling of caring, support and respect extends to every staff member and instructor I have been blessed to meet and work with at YukonU."

Bill Hare
Student, Bachelor of Social Work



YukonU.ca/campus-housing

Community education

Stay rooted in your community

With distance and in-person delivery options, you can upgrade your education, earn a degree, get certified or learn a new skill—all while living in your home community in the Yukon.

Our 13 campuses offer **distance learning and online connectivity** so you can access YukonU certificate, diploma and degree programs. We offer remote academic, personal and IT support throughout your studies to help you on the road to success.

► [YukonU.ca/communities](https://yukonu.ca/communities)

You can access many of our **continuing studies and training programs** remotely or in-person in your Yukon community. Pursue lifelong learning in areas of particular relevance to the North, including personal and professional development, social issues, youth programming, industry training, first aid and more.

► [YukonU.ca/CS](https://yukonu.ca/CS)

Access **customized and on-request learning solutions** for individuals, organizations, governments or businesses in a variety of areas—from workplace safety, industry training, governance and management, to home-based entrepreneurship and more.

► [YukonU.ca/learning-solutions](https://yukonu.ca/learning-solutions)



"It's important for me to stay in Carmacks while working on my degree because I am contributing to the community and building capacity here. Living on my Traditional Territory is a piece of who I am. My children are here with me and they have a strong sense of community. This is where their language, culture, friends and family are. YukonU in Carmacks has really supported me—from helping me understand how to apply for grants and awards, to opening up the campus when I needed internet access and fostering me through the process of online learning. With YukonU, the possibility is there to stay home and get an education."

Nicole Tom
Student, Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous Governance
Chief, Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation



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Money matters

Invest in your future

Education is an investment in your future, your family and your community—and YukonU gives you a great return on your dollar. But going to school can be expensive, and that's why we offer opportunities for financial support that will help you pursue higher education.

- YukonU offers some of the most **competitive tuition and fees** in the country.
- **Entrance awards** are available to new YukonU students each year.
- **Bursaries, awards and scholarships**—with a range of application criteria—are available twice a year to help support your educational and living costs.
- **Student Emergency Fund** applications can be made for unforeseen circumstances that affect your ability to continue your studies.
- Our **financial aid advisor** provides support on financial literacy; budgeting; and funding options like the Canada Student Loan, provincial or territorial assistance programs and more.
- Yukon First Nation citizens or beneficiaries may be eligible for **financial assistance from your First Nation's education office**.
- **Part-time jobs** for students may be available at the Ayamdigut Campus in Whitehorse, to help you earn while you learn and gain valuable experience.

[YukonU.ca/money-matters](https://yukonu.ca/money-matters)



Next steps

- 1** Decide which program is best for you. You can check the admission requirements for each program at [YukonU.ca/programs](https://yukonu.ca/programs). Contact us for advice or with any questions you have! futurestudent@yukonu.ca
- 2** Apply online at [YukonU.ca/apply](https://yukonu.ca/apply).
- 3** We can offer advice on financing your education. [YukonU.ca/money-matters](https://yukonu.ca/money-matters)
- 4** For more information about living on campus, visit [YukonU.ca/campus-housing](https://yukonu.ca/campus-housing).
- 5** Once you have received your letter of acceptance, your next step is to register for courses and pay tuition. This step is very important since course enrollment is limited. [YukonU.ca/online-registration](https://yukonu.ca/online-registration)
- 6** Before your classes start in September or January, we welcome you to attend orientation, where you will meet YukonU staff, faculty and classmates, and learn about supports, resources and activities. [YukonU.ca/orientation](https://yukonu.ca/orientation)

We're here to help at every step along the way to support your journey at Yukon University.

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YukonU's crocus symbol reflects the resilience, passion and positivity we strive to inspire in our students and community. Like us, the crocus doesn't thrive in spite of the conditions of the North—it thrives because of them.



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