

TESS 2026 - Travel Bursary Application

eCampusOntario is allocating funds for faculty, staff, administrators, and students of its member institutions to travel and attend **TESS 2026: *Human By Design***, taking place **in person at The Quay, Toronto, ON, on November 12 & 13, 2026**.

More information about the event can be found on the English and French registration pages.

THE OPPORTUNITY

Recipients will be awarded a **\$750 travel bursary** to support their attendance at **TESS 2026**. This bursary is intended to help cover eligible travel-related expenses such as accommodations, parking, meals, gas, and transportation.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To qualify, the recipient must:

- **Work or study at a publicly-assisted Indigenous Institute, college, or university** in Ontario. And apply with their institutional email address.
- Reside more than **200 kilometers (one-way)** from the site of **TESS 2026 (The Quay, Toronto)**.
- **Make advance arrangements** to attend TESS 2026.

Please note that the event ticket cost is not covered by the travel bursary.

Applications will remain open until **5:00 pm ET on October 30, 2026**, or until available funds are exhausted. **Don't wait – apply today!**

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PROCESS & TIMELINES

Applicants will receive an email confirming the status of their application **within one week** of completing the [form](#).

If selected to receive a bursary, recipients will be required to complete and submit **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) information and a Social Insurance Number (SIN) consent form no later than November 10, 2026**. These documents serve as the final step in confirming eligibility and allow eCampusOntario to prepare payment processing in advance, helping ensure timely reimbursement following the event.

Upon attending **TESS 2026**, bursary recipients **will be required to sign an attendance confirmation form** at the conference registration desk. This attendance confirmation serves as the mandatory verification required for bursary payment.

Payments will be issued only after all required documentation has been received, including **completed EFT information, the SIN consent form, and the signed attendance confirmation**. Recipients can expect to receive their bursary payment **within three weeks following TESS 2026**.

eCampusOntario will issue a **T4A for the 2026 tax year** to all recipients in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) guidelines. **As part of this process, recipients will be required to provide their Social Insurance Number (SIN) for tax reporting purposes**. As receipts will not be collected, it is the recipient's responsibility to retain all documentation for personal tax purposes.

Apply Here

Please complete the form [here](#) to apply for the [Bursary](#).