



2026 Personnel Awards for Indigenous Scholars Recipients

Heart & Stroke and Brain Canada are excited to announce the recipients of the 2026 Personnel Awards for Indigenous Scholars (ISA). This program aims to strengthen the Indigenous health research community and build national capacity in heart and/or brain health science by supporting Indigenous students in pursuing post graduate studies.

Following Heart & Stroke's rigorous peer review process, **3 trainees** are being supported from the 2026 ISA competition in pursuing their post graduate studies. We are pleased to celebrate the following recipients:

Doctoral

McLean, Angelina (University of Calgary)

Substance Use and Multi-Morbidities in Healthcare: Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Lived Experience of Substance Use Disorder in Cancer Care

Master's

Dell-Mendia, Celena (York University)

Examination of Mechanisms via which ALY688 Attenuates PUFA-exacerbated Ferroptosis in Cardiomyocytes

MacPhatter, Lisa (Toronto Metropolitan University)

Family History, Menopause, and DLPFC Integrity: Early Executive Vulnerability in Midlife Women