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Hotii ts'eeda and Aurora College announce Allison Forbes as recipient of 2019 Edets'seèhdzà studentship

Yellowknife (April 30, 2019) The inaugural Edets'seèhdzà Studentship has been awarded to third-year Bachelor of Nursing student Allison Forbes from Yellowknife. The Studentship is a \$20,000 stipend that supports a returning Aurora College student to be involved in health research during their studies.

The Edets'seèhdzà Studentship award is funded by Hotii ts'eeda, and provided through a partnership between Hotii ts'eeda, Aurora College and Aurora Research Institute. Hotii ts'eeda is a CIHR-funded research support unit hosted by the Tłıchǫ Government. *Edets'seèhdzà* [eh-dey-tsay-zah] means "stepping forward to challenge yourself" in the Tłıchǫ language.

Through the stipend, Forbes will be able to participate in Indigenous health research in the NWT. This work will support her long-term career goal of becoming a community health nurse. Forbes will be working with Aurora Research Institute Manager of Health Research Programs, Dr. Pertice Moffitt, on several projects to broaden her perspective on Indigenous and northern health and research.

"Through the Edets'seèhdzà Studentship, we're providing support to students to gain deep and meaningful involvement in health and wellness research in the NWT. Our goal is to build the skills and capacity of homegrown researchers and health professionals to shape the health research landscape."

-Dr. John B. Zoe, Chairperson, Hotii ts'eeda

"Aurora College and Aurora Research Institute are proud to support initiatives that strengthen research capacity in the NWT by providing Aurora College students an opportunity to engage in research while pursuing their studies. The Edets'seèhdzà Studentship is an amazing partnership between connected organizations with this goal in mind. We are proud of Allison and look forward to her future accomplishments."

-Tom Weegar, President, Aurora College

To learn more visit: nwtspor.ca/studentship.

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