

# MentorSTEP

MentorSTEP supports Indigenous women and girls at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Tribal Council regional high schools who are interested in science, technology, engineering, math and related business, health, and environmental studies. It builds connections between Canada's mining industry and Indigenous women.

The program has three components:

- Mentorship
  - High school and university students are matched in a Mentorship Circle with a combination of on-campus faculty or mining mentors
  - Mentors and mentees meet during shared events combined with some one-on-one connections
- Learning
  - Shared learning events once per month (i.e. learning labs, Indigenous cultural events, real or VR mine tours, mining industry support business tours, professional development events)
- Summer research internships
  - Matched summer research internships for university students at USask
  - Support summer research internships for mining industry partners

<https://vpresearch.usask.ca/students/undergraduate/mentorstep/mentorstep.php>



## PROJECT INFORMATION:

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