

# MSWI STATEMENT OF INTENT

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

School of Social Work

### FACULTY OF HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Program Entry Term: **SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Submit this form under the STATEMENT OF INTENT section in the online application**

*The School of Social Work is accredited by the Canadian Association of Social Work Education. Our undergraduate (BSW) and graduate programs (MSWF, MSWA, MSWI) nurture accountable and critically engaged social work education, research and practice in the advancement of decolonization, anti-racism, Indigenous resurgence, feminism, 2SLGBTQ+ liberation struggles, disability justice and other social justice struggles.*

*The School welcomes and is actively recruiting applicants from communities that experience historical and present-day systemic discrimination and marginalization, and who are committed to social justice, equity, anti-racism and decolonization. In our admissions decisions, we will apply a decolonial equity framework which includes an intersectional lens and will prioritize applicants who are Indigenous, Black and other racialized people.*

In the **STATEMENT OF INTENT** address the following four (4) points:

1. Please explain what led you to apply to this specific MSWI program as opposed to other MSW programs. Critically reflecting on your personal and professional experience, our School's mission statement, and the required courses for the MSWI, please explain how you are a good “fit” for this program.
2. Please identify at least one area of critical study or research you are aiming to explore during your graduate education. You are encouraged to reflect on and address your intentions, motivations and personal, professional and/or scholarly connections to your selected area(s) of study and/or research.
3. Please describe how your previous experiences and work with Indigenous peoples has informed your decolonization practice. Non-Indigenous applicants to the MSWI are also asked to reflect on your lived experience of working in solidarity with Indigenous peoples.
4. Non-Indigenous applicants to the MSWI program are required to have a minimum of two years of social work practice experience in an Indigenous setting. Please briefly describe how you meet this criterion and offer a critical reflection describing how your previous practice experience in an Indigenous context has informed your understanding of decolonization.

*\* Please do not type past the boundaries of the text box – when saved in the application system we cannot scroll up and down*

**NAME:**

**STUDENT NUMBER:**

**PROGRAM ENTRY:**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT** – maximum of 1000 words

