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SOAR Professional Services and the CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund announce new \$5,000 Indigenous Planning Student Bursary

OTTAWA, ON — The CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund (CIP-PSTF), the Canadian planning profession’s national charity, is pleased to announce launch of the ***SOAR Professional Services Indigenous Student Bursary***.

The \$5,000 bursary will be awarded to an Indigenous student working towards a planning degree whose research background is reflective of their Indigenous traditions and culture and their commitment to making meaningful change in Indigenous Communities.

“We are honoured to announce this bursary, which reflects the importance we are placing on increasing access to opportunities for Indigenous students who are pursuing higher education. Our organization is committed to provide opportunities for increased representation of diverse Indigenous perspectives in the communities we work with and for,” says Ryan Dunbar, President, SOAR Professional Services.

The CIP-PSTF Scholarship and Bursary application process is open until February 18, 2022. The recipients will be announced in June. To find out more about applying for the SOAR Indigenous Planning Student Bursary or other CIP-PSTF scholarships and bursaries, visit cip-pstf.ca.

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About SOAR Professional Services

SOAR Professional Services is an innovative, employee-owned planning, engineering, environmental science and management consulting firm dedicated to supporting First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and organizations across Canada. Led, staffed and owned by Indigenous professionals, SOAR understands the diverse traditions and cultures of Indigenous communities and is committed to capturing

community perspective in all the work they do. Learn more about SOAR Professional Services at www.soarps.ca.

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About the CIP-PSTF

The CIP/ICU Planning Student Trust Fund (CIP-PSTF) is the Canadian planning profession's national charity, providing a scholarship and bursary program to students in accredited planning programs in Canada.

The Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) created CIP-PSTF in 1989 to contribute to the advancement of professional planning. After incorporating as a separate entity under the Canada Corporations Act, the fund received charitable status in 1990. Since then, 134 scholarships have been awarded, totalling almost \$419,000 in financial support to worthy students. Learn more about the CIP-PSTF at www.cip-pstf.ca.

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