



## Aboriginal Student Career and Employment Program

### *“I’ve got the interview: now what?”*

Congratulations - you landed the interview! Now what do you do? Here are some top tips for raising your chances of getting the offer you’re looking for.

1) Research, research, research! Get familiar with the role to ensure it’s what you want, that you’d be a good fit for the organization, and to prepare your questions in the latter part of the interview.

2) Practice interview questions. Get ahead of the game by preparing answers to common interview questions. On YouTube, watch practice interview videos. Online, research common interview questions and write down answers for them.

3) Look the part. Appropriate dress is key, but so is demeanour. Practice your posture, smile and handshake. During the interview, lean slightly forward. Make eye contact, shake hands firmly and speak slowly and assuredly.

4) Find your voice. When you’ve prepared, you’re in a better position to speak naturally and truthfully while being professional. If you’re excited, show it. When answering questions, it’s alright to take your time.



5) After the interview, write a brief note to thank your interviewers. Write down the answers to some of the questions you were asked, and ask yourself what went well and what didn’t. Doing this for each interview will allow you to learn from each one.

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## Congratulations, graduates!

It's that time of year again. Over the next few weeks, post-secondary students across the country will be completing their academic journeys. While this is an exciting time, it may also bring with it some uncertainty. Seeking a career, but not sure what's next? Keep current with LYNX for career posting opportunities. Class of 2014, congratulations on all your hard work!



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## Building confidence in your job search

It makes sense to build your confidence before stepping into an interview. But did you know it is important build your confidence before sending out your first resume? Here's how:

- 1) Know your strengths. What makes you unique? What are your skills? Learn about your career interests on Career Cruising or get guidance from your post-secondary institution's Career Centre.
- 2) Set the bar high (and medium). Slightly underqualified for that job you've been eyeing? Apply anyway. By casting a wide net - applying for positions somewhat above your level of experience and well within in it - you stand a chance of getting those interviews.
- 3) Prepare. Build your resume on OptimalResume, develop an 'elevator speech,' create a list of past victories, volunteer, and add some new skills. Record and compile these in a job search folder. You're well on your way!



### The LYNX Program Website:

[www.aboriginallynx.ca](http://www.aboriginallynx.ca)

The LYNX Program

The Native Centre, University of Calgary

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# Announcing the new LYNX website design!



## Out with the old, in with the new!

Fresh and clean: introducing the new LYNX website design.

The LYNX Program website provides the same quality services in connecting Aboriginal post-secondary students and recent graduates to employers, and our website address is the same at [aboriginallynx.ca](http://aboriginallynx.ca).

We welcome feedback on our new design. You may write to us at [lynxhelp@ucalgary.ca](mailto:lynxhelp@ucalgary.ca) with your comments and suggestions.



## Get on the right track with Career Cruising

As part of our website revitalization, we introduce a new, free career guidance tool that will help you to discover your ideal career path: Career Cruising.

Just log in to our website, [aboriginallynx.ca](http://aboriginallynx.ca), click on "Students," and you can register for your own free account with Career Cruising.



## Build your resume with OptimalResume

Optimal Resume offers a comprehensive suite of online career tools. Develop your resume, make a video interview, practice answering 1,000 interview questions, and build an online portfolio.



## Be in touch over the summer!

Want to stay updated with job postings, scholarships, job search tips, LYNX news, and more? Find us on Facebook and Twitter! We update regularly, so join our circle!



**Have a fun  
& safe summer!**





# LYNX Program Objectives

1. To offer a high quality employment program that will provide 'links' between the employment sector and Aboriginal post-secondary students early on and throughout their academic careers.
2. To ensure a smooth transition of the ever-increasing population of Aboriginal people from post-secondary to employment.
3. To offer an interactive online service that connects Aboriginal students to employment opportunities and vice versa.



LYNX Sponsors recognize the dynamic and growing Aboriginal workforce. By sponsoring the LYNX Aboriginal Career and Employment Program they:

- Target job postings to Aboriginal students and graduates from a variety of programs in post-secondary institutions across Canada.
- Recruit Aboriginal employees, increase their corporate profiles in Aboriginal communities and advance diversity in their workplace.
- Have a company representative sit on the LYNX Sponsor Advisory Committee to provide guidance and feedback to the LYNX Program.
- Receive relevant Aboriginal and Post-secondary information and LYNX Progress Reports.

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