1. About GDI
a. Mission statement

Gabriel Dumont Institute Mission Statement: To promote the renewal and the development of Métis culture through research, materials development, collections and the distribution of those materials and the development and delivery of Métis-specific educational programs and services.

b. Need
c. History
i. About GDI
ii. Overview of GDI

The Gabriel Dumont Institute of Métis Studies and Applied Research is the educational arm of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan. The Institute is the only wholly Métis owned and controlled educational institution of its kind in Canada. The Institute is responsible for the design, development and delivery of specific education and cultural programs and services. While the Institute is affiliated with the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Regina and is federated with the Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, it has maintained its independence and Métis identity.

Through its network of learning centres across Saskatchewan, the Institute maintains a close contact with the people it serves. The programs and activities of the Institute are determined by the identified needs of the Métis and are implemented according to the decisions of its Board of Governors.

The Gabriel Dumont Institute Board of Governors oversee the policies and operations of:

*	Gabriel Dumont Institute (GDI) central operations, which include finance and administration, library services, curriculum development and research;
*	Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) -- technical and vocational programs;
*	Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) -- Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert;
*	Gabriel Dumont College (GDC) -- Arts and Science Program; and
*	Other University programming in association with the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan.

iii. Overview

Special Features of GDI Programs

All programs offered by the Gabriel Dumont Institute, the Dumont Technical Institute, and Gabriel Dumont College are designed with a number of special features:

*   Programs are, for the most part, community based.
*   Most programs offer a preparatory phase of training or run concurrent update courses with regular programming when the course begins.
*   All courses offer Métis Studies programming and are sensitive to Métis culture.
*   Programs provide comprehensive academic and personal counselling support to students.
*   Whenever possible an applied practicum phase is included as an integral part of all programs.
*   All training and professional education is fully accredited and recognized.
*   Instruction and programming is of the highest quality.

Funding Arrangements

GED and Technical Pathways or NSIM sponsored students

*   Programming costs are covered and the students are provided with a living allowance while they are attending full-time studies.

University Programming (GDC and SUNTEP)

*   The tuition fees of qualified students of Métis ancestry are paid by the program.
*   Most SUNTEP and GDC students borrow money from the Canada and Saskatchewan Student Loan programs while attending university.
*   Sixty weeks of this debt are forgivable for eligible SUNTEP students who are academically successful.

Entrance Requirements

Applicants must meet the entrance requirements of the specific program in which they wish to enrol. Applicants who meet the following standards are considered for admission into the GDC/SUNTEP program:

*   Regular university entrance requirements:

Grade 12 with a 65 percent average in 7 approved courses. (Fine Arts and/or language at the 30 level are entrance requirements at the U of S).
*   Special (Mature) admissions (University Entrance Program) are allowed for individuals who are over twenty -one years of age; ABE or GED 12 preferred.

Application

Because entrance requirements and admission deadlines may vary, students are encouraged to contact SUNTEP, GDC, GDI or DTI directly for admission and programming information.

Student Selection

Applicants will be interviewed by an admissions committee. Successful applicants should demonstrate:

*   A commitment to the program and a strong desire to work toward becoming effective in their chosen area of study.
*   The ability and willingness to undertake full-time studies and continue the program to its completion.
*   A strong commitment to the Métis community.
*   A strong interest in learning about Métis culture and working with and for the Métis community.

Program Support Services

Curriculum and Publishing Department

*   Develops Métis specific curriculum to be used in Saskatchewan classrooms.
*   Responsible for publishing of educational material.
*   Responsible for Institute promotions and curriculum sales.
*   Publishes books by Métis authors and artists that illuminate Métis history and culture.
*   Supports the work, through publishing and advocacy, of Métis Elders, authors, artists, singers, song writers and video producers.

Library Information Services

*   Located in Regina, Saskatoon, and Prince Albert.
*   Provides computerized library services for all GDI students.

*   Provides a unique collection specific to Métis history and culture.

*   Provides Internet access as well as student access to a computer lab for word processing.

Research and Development Department

*   Research and policy analysis.
*   Community needs surveys.
*   Program proposals and implementation.
*   Short and long term strategic planning.
*   Liaison and advisory services.

iv. History

1976 Métis Cultural Conference initiated planning for a Métis Educational Institute.

1980 The Gabriel Dumont Institute is formed and the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) began operations.
First Annual Cultural Conference is hosted by the Institute.

1983 Initiation of federally sponsored preparatory, credit skill training, and university programs.

1985 The Napoleon LaFontaine Scholarship Foundation is established.

1989 The Institute begins publication of the Journal of Indigenous Studies. Saskatchewan Justice and the Institute establish the first residential community Training Residence (CTR) for female offenders in Saskatchewan.

1991 The Dumont Technical Institute (DTI) was established as a federated institute of SIAST.

1992 Master Agreement between the Institute and Saskatchewan Education providing for the operation of DTI. DTI delivers technical and Adult Basic Education (ABE) programming within all provincial community colleges and SIAST institutions.

1993 The Institute signs an Affiliation Agreement with the University of Saskatchewan creating the Gabriel Dumont College (GDC).

1995 A two year Métis Teacher Associate Certificate Program was developed by the Institute and the University of Saskatchewan.

1996 Gabriel Dumont College began offering Arts and Science classes.

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    i. Governing structure
    ii. Annual reports
    iii. Department reports

  e. Campus and Staff directory
    i. Campuses
    ii. Staff directory by department/campus
  f. Message from GDI
  g. Message from Executive Director
  h. Careers (?)
  i. Admissions (?)
  j. Graduates (?)
  k. ABE (?)
  l. Financial Aid (?)

2. GDI Programs and Services
  a. SUNTEP
    i. About SUNTEP
      1. history and overview
    ii. Info about program
      1. administration
      2. department reports
      3. courses
      4. events
      5. etc.
      6. Campuses
      7. program locations
      8. Staff and sessional directory
    iii. Application procedure

1. brochure in PDF
2. application info

iv. Prospective students
   1. application process
   2. applications in PDF
v. Current students
   1. news, events
   2. course descriptions etc.
vi. Alumni
   1. job info
   2. registry database
vii. Funding info
   1. scholarship info
   2. scholarship PDFs
   3. link to other scholarship info (UofS)

b. DTI

   i. Info about program
      1. administration
      2. history and overview
      3. department reports
      4. courses
      5. events
      6. etc.
   ii. Campuses
      1. program locations
   iii. Staff
      1. staff and sessional directory

   iv. Upcoming programs
      1. info
      2. application procedure
      3. funding info and procedure
   v. Current programs
      1. news
      2. info
      3. jobs
   vi. Past programs
      1. news
      2. info
      3. jobs
      4. registry database
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c. GDC

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  d. Library
    i. About the library
    ii. Campuses
    iii. Staff directory
    iv. Services
    v. Search the catalogue
    vi. Other libraries and resources
     1. Virtual Museum
     2. Search Uof S catalogue
     3. Search Uof R catalogue
  e. Publishing
    i. Info about program
     1. reports
    ii. Location
    iii. Staff
    iv. Projects/Current Initiatives, news, new resources, upcoming
    v. Publications
    vi. Métis Museum
    vii. Shop gdins.org
    viii. Catalogue PDF

  f. Finance and Operations

3. Admissions
  a. Admission procedures
  b. Applications process
  c. Applications forms in PDF

4. Resources for Students
  a. Funding info
    i. Scholarships
    ii. Provincial training allowance
    iii. Student loans
    iv. jobs
  b. Students Associations/organizations
  c. City living
    i. Services in the city
    ii. Housing
    iii. jobs

     d. **Campus life**
        i. **Books**
        ii. **Housing**
        iii. **Etc.**
     e. **Class Bulletins**
     f. **Events Calendar**
     g. **Current students**
     h. **Prospective Students**
     i. **Links to other resources/services**
        i. **Virtual museum/publishing**
        ii. **Health**
        iii. **Youth**
        iv. **Jobs**
        v. **Etc.**

     j. **News and events**

5. Métis Cultural Development Fund

Funding for activities that preserve, strengthen and transmit Métis culture and traditions is being offered through the Métis Cultural Development Fund (MCDF). This is a two year pilot project between the Gabriel Dumont Institute and SaskCulture Inc. The MCDF is funded by SaskCulture through the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

An emphasis is placed on children with a focus on building cultural leadership skills, transferring knowledge between generations, skills development, mentorship and having fun. The MCDF will give priority to funding programs that seek to meet these goals, contribute to long-term cultural awareness and growth, and promote a high level of access and participation.

Scope and Funding

The MCDF provides grants for Saskatchewan-based activities that are *local, regional or provincial* in scope. Local activities may receive up to $5,000, regional activities may receive up to $10,000 and provincial activities may receive up to $20,000 in funding.

Eligibility

To be eligible for this Fund, you must be Métis. You can apply as an individual engaged in a not-for-profit activity at the community level or as a non-profit Métis

community group. Individuals or agencies directly connected to Gabriel Dumont Institute or the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan are not eligible.

Eligible Activities:

*   Cultural programs lacking access to mainstream support and other funding sources
*   Activities that provide cultural enhancement and collaborative exchange
*   Purchase of equipment to support cultural development and participation (organizations only)
*   Research, documentation and dissemination of Métis culture

Ineligible Activities:

*   Prize money (e.g. for a dance competition, etc.);
*   Capital costs (e.g. for building or renovating facilities, renovations);
*   General support for festivals; or,
*   Activities that have access to other funds

Applications

There are two application deadlines for 2003. Applications must be received or post-marked no later than **May 1, 2003 and October 1, 2003.** Applications must be mailed directly to Gabriel Dumont Institute. To receive an application form and guidelines for the Métis Cultural Development Fund, please contact:

Gabriel Dumont Institute
2 - 604 22nd Street West,
Saskatoon, SK
S7M 5W1
Ph: (306) 934-4941
Fax: (306) 244-0252

6. **More GDI Resources**
   a. **The Métis**
   b. **history and photos**
   c. **link to Virtual museum**
   d. **friends of GDI**
   e. **Alumni**
   f. **Michif Database**
   g. **Events in the community**
   h. **Links to other resources**

7. **Resources**

a. Acrobat download