



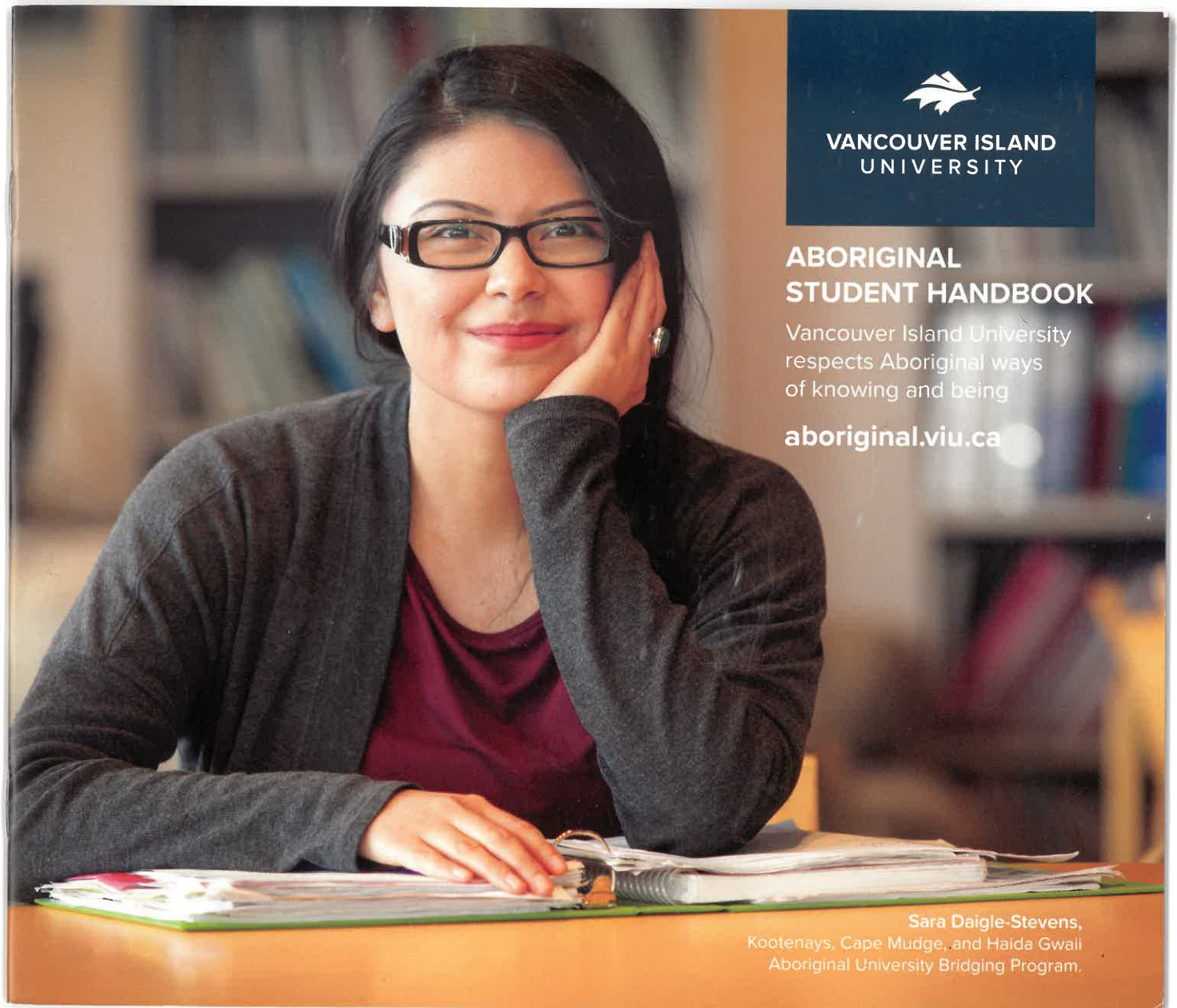
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## ABORIGINAL STUDENT HANDBOOK

Vancouver Island University  
respects Aboriginal ways  
of knowing and being

[aboriginal.viu.ca](http://aboriginal.viu.ca)

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Kootenays, Cape Mudge, and Haida Gwaii  
Aboriginal University Bridging Program.



# VIU ABORIGINAL STUDENT STATS AT A GLANCE



**11**

Elders-in-Residence

**7** Nanaimo

**3** Cowichan

**1** Powell River

[aboriginal.viu.ca/elders-viu](http://aboriginal.viu.ca/elders-viu)



**1,419**

Aboriginal students  
on VIU campuses

**70**

students supported in  
the youth-in-care tuition  
waiver program in  
2016/2017

[ur.viu.ca/tuition-waiver](http://ur.viu.ca/tuition-waiver)



**26**

Cultural and  
Social events  
at Shq'aphut  
each year.

**3**

Tribal Journeys  
participated in by VIU



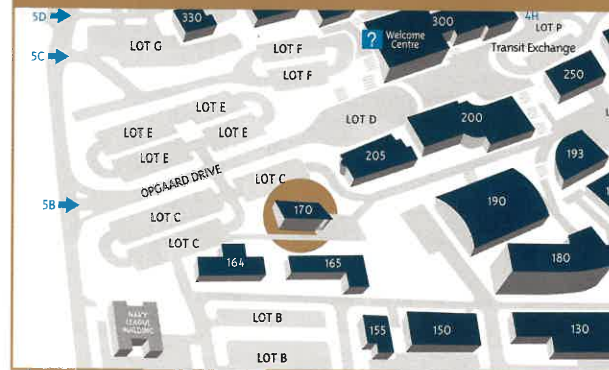
**6** Full tuition  
awards for  
up to 5 years  
offered by VIU  
Chancellor's  
Entrance  
Scholarships  
for Aboriginal  
students  
**\$135,000**  
value



## VISIT SHQ'APTHUT

Shq'apthut - A Gathering Place on the Nanaimo campus is the home of Services for Aboriginal Students (SAS). All campus community members are welcome at Shq'apthut. It is a gathering place and home away from home for First Nations, Status, Non-Status, Métis, and Inuit students. Elders-in-Residence are available at Shq'apthut five days a week to assist you with matters that arise at each stage of your student experience. Shq'apthut is also a place where cultural, academic, recreational, and social activities are promoted and celebrated. There are numerous feasts, success workshops, and other community events that we encourage all students to participate in throughout the year.

**Shq'apthut A Gathering Place**  
**Services for Aboriginal Students**  
**Nanaimo Campus 250.740.6510**  
 sas@viu.ca



## SERVICES FOR ABORIGINAL STUDENTS (SAS)

- Explore and develop your educational and career goals in a supported environment.
- The Elders' office is located here so come visit, seek spiritual/cultural guidance, and listen to them share their stories.
- Change programs, courses, and get assistance with timetabling and registration.
- Find information about funding options for Status and Métis students as well as Aboriginal bursaries, scholarships, awards, and student loans.
- Assistance finding accommodations and daycare.
- Access to a range of academic workshops and one-on-one writing and research opportunities.
- Opportunities to participate in and witness traditional cultural presentations from the four Vancouver Island Nations (Coast Salish, Nuu chah nulth, Kwak waka'wakw and Métis).

**Student Service Centres at other VIU campuses**  
**Cowichan Campus 250.746.3509**  
**Parksville/Qualicum Centre 250.248.2096**  
**Powell River Campus 604.485.2878**





# RE YOUR TRY

declare your Aboriginal  
apply to VIU.

VIU continues to provide  
Aboriginal students.

is required and you can declare  
application or after you've  
the student record.

## ation at the VIU Students' Union

tative at the VIU Students' Union (VIUSU)  
Aboriginal students is heard in the Students'  
e campus. The Aboriginal representative  
making at the Students' Union and advocates

# ADMISSION

## THREE STEPS TO APPLYING

# 1

Start online at [viu.ca/apply](http://viu.ca/apply).  
You can apply online, in-person or by mail.

# 2

Submit your application and pay the application  
fee of \$39.30\*

# 3

Submit your supporting documents

BC high school students need to provide their Personal  
Education Number (PEN); out of province applicants will  
need to provide an official transcript. Some programs  
require an interim transcript, an assessment test, a  
personal profile, and/or a resume or letter of intent.

Printed applications and all supporting documents should  
be sent to:

**Registration Centre**  
Vancouver Island University  
900 Fifth Street  
Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5



### Visit Shq'aphth where an Educational Advisor can help:

- Explore career and post-secondary options
- Choose or change your program/courses
- Clarify your educational goals
- Develop your educational plans
- Explore the impact of dropping a course
- Make a switch to a new program
- Get connected with appropriate resources



Nanaimo Campus, Building 170  
☎ 250.740.6510  
☎ 1.888.920.2221, local 6510  
✉ [sas@viu.ca](mailto:sas@viu.ca)  
[viu.ca/sas](http://viu.ca/sas)



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Aboriginal Recruitment  
[viuconnect@viu.ca](mailto:viuconnect@viu.ca)

Aboriginal Education and Engagement  
[aboriginal.viu.ca](http://aboriginal.viu.ca)

Services for Aboriginal Students  
[sas@viu.ca](mailto:sas@viu.ca)  
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