

Nanabijou is the name of the Sleeping Giant rock formation in the shape of a sleeping warrior, at the top of Lake Superior.

Nanabijou Graduate Enhancement Program For Aboriginal Students

NAGE is a transition and mentoring program designed specifically to address the challenges faced by Aboriginal and Indigenous undergraduate students at Lakehead University, who wish to pursue advanced degrees at the Master's and Doctorate level. These students include Inuit and Metis Aboriginal First Nations (status and non-status).

NAGE aims to:

- Support the development of Aboriginal and Indigenous Graduate scholars
- Enhance growth and pride among Aboriginal students
- Promote academic success, cultural growth, and affirmation of students by augmenting their academic graduate work with culturally informed mentoring cohorts
- Encourage and retain Graduate students at Lakehead University



Rita Tyance
Master in Education

Among the support mechanisms offered by
NAGE are:

- Peer mentoring
- Sharing circles
- Elder consultations and guidance
- Pre-selected workshops
(writing thesis papers, etc.)

NAGE is a program under the direction of the
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*“The time has come for
Aboriginal graduate students
to advance Indigenous
traditions that are related
to our land values through
academic scholarship.”*

Peter Rasevych, MA
(PhD Candidate)
Faculty of Forestry
and the Forest Environment



*“I have grown as a graduate
student/researcher and educator
here at Lakehead University. This
has been made possible through
my experiences at this university.”*

Robert Jerome
Joint PhD in Educational Studies



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