

February 27, 2023

UArctic International Secretariat
c/o University of Lapland
P.O. Box 122
96101 Rovaniemi
FINLAND
Via email

RE: Letter of Intent - Membership

Dear UArctic, International Secretariat,

Please accept this letter as confirmation of our deep institutional interest in becoming members of the University of the Arctic network. On behalf of the President and the senior administration of Keyano College, I am authorized to indicate our full support of this application.

Keyano College is dedicated to a set of values that closely align with those of the UArctic. In particular, we strongly advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion in all our practices. We are committed to advancing knowledge that contributes to the well-being of circumpolar communities. We have a particular interest in embracing the perspectives of Indigenous peoples and have demonstrated that through the creation of a Strategic Plan and the recent creation of an Associate Vice President, People and Culture position.

Our interest in joining UArctic is rooted in the desire to expand our collaborative networks for research and teaching. We look forward to sharing our knowledge, resources, and capacity in both areas. We also see significant opportunities in exploring exchange opportunities for students and faculty across the network.

Thank you for considering our application. Please let me know if you require additional information or documentation.

Sincerely,



Jay Notay
President, and CEO

2022 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT – PROFILE

Applicant: Keyano College

Country: Canada

Membership Category: Arctic

Membership Type: Higher Institution

Profile Description:

Keyano College opened in Fort McMurray in 1965 as the Alberta Vocational Centre (AVC). The official opening ceremonies were held on January 26, 1966. The first graduating class was a welding class. It was appropriate at the school's official opening, the Minister of Education cut the chain 'ribbon' with a blowtorch.

Over the years, programs and services have grown with the community, reflecting the changing demands.

In 1975 the College was reopened under its current name, "Keyano", which is a Cree word that roughly means "Sharing". The College's slogan was later adapted from that to be "Yours, Mine and Ours" and the interests of the region, its broadening multicultural orientation, and ever-changing technologies.



In 1978, Keyano College went public and became a community college when the province appointed a Board of Governors to serve as the decision-making body for the institution.

Keyano has positioned itself as a community builder meeting both the training and skills needs of industry and the personal and cultural needs of the Wood Buffalo community. Many additions, including the Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre, the Suncor Energy Industrial Campus, and the Syncrude Sport and Wellness Centre, have been added to the Keyano College landscape.

The College offers programs that lead to certificates, diplomas, certificates of qualifications (trades), and baccalaureate degrees. The College also supports professional development in the areas of energy, construction, business, health and safety, arts, sciences, education, and transportation. A wide range of corporate training options is available to client companies.

Working with partner institutions in Alberta, Keyano offers collaborative degrees in nursing, environmental sciences, elementary education, social work, and business administration that allow students to stay in Fort McMurray while earning their degrees.

Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:

Access and Affordability

Skills for Jobs

Internationalization

Sustainability

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Keyano College is a comprehensive community institution in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. Stretching from north-central Alberta to the borders of Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories, Wood Buffalo is one of the largest municipalities in Canada.

Keyano respectfully acknowledges that we are on Treaty No. 8 Territory, the traditional meeting grounds and gathering places of our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples. Keyano is a Cree word roughly translated, means, “Sharing”.

Keyano serves students through its Clearwater Campus and Suncor Energy Industrial Centre in Fort McMurray.

The College meets both the training and skills acquisition needs of industry and the personal enrichment and cultural needs of the Wood Buffalo community. Keyano provides opportunities for lifelong, relevant, and practical learning and is committed to increasing access to post-secondary programs.

The College offers programs that lead to certificates, diplomas, certificates of qualification (trades), and baccalaureate degrees. The College also supports applied research and the development of professional knowledge and skills in several sectors, including energy, construction, business, health and safety, arts, sciences, education, human services, and transportation. A wide range of corporate training options are available to client companies, as well as Indigenous Education and Regional Stewardship programming focused on improving access to learning opportunities.

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