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SUBJECT: Aboriginal Admission Policy

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At its meeting on December 15, 2010, the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Faculty Board approved the "Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science Aboriginal Admission Policy".

A copy of the Aboriginal Admission Policy is attached, an electronic copy can be found at:

<http://www-archive.appsci.queensu.ca/calendar/facultyBoard/agenda/2010-2011/documents/EngineeringAboriginalAdmissionPolicy.pdf>

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Attachment: Policy

Aboriginal Admission Policy

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

The Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science offers Aboriginal candidates an alternative procedure for admission to the first year of a full-time degree program. A maximum of ten qualified Aboriginal students per year, whose home community is in Canada, may be admitted to a Bachelor of Science in Engineering by this alternative procedure. Aboriginal candidates may also choose to apply through the regular admission procedures.

Offers of admission will be made to up to ten Aboriginal candidates whose total application shows strong evidence of academic preparedness and potential. Students who are admitted under this alternative admission procedure will be encouraged to make use of the academic advising and academic support services available to all Engineering and Applied Science students. The Aboriginal Council of Queen's University and the Queen's Native Students Association are important resources for Aboriginal students. In addition, the students will be introduced to the Four Directions Aboriginal Centre, whose professional staff provide an array of services ranging from academic assistance, career planning, and information on scholarships and bursaries to cultural programming and social events. Furthermore, The Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science will offer academic and cultural support through the Aboriginal Access to Engineering Initiative.

Aboriginal candidates should contact the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science regarding application procedures. Candidates should expect to meet the general admission conditions (including the university minimum average) and deadlines of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, including completion of the Personal Statement of Experience.

Candidates seeking admission under this alternative process should submit a separate letter to Admission Services, Office of the University Registrar, Queen's University, in which they declare their Aboriginal ancestry, state that they wish to be considered by this alternative process, and provide evidence of Aboriginal status in Canada. In addition to the student's Personal Statement of Experience, admission to the Faculty will depend on the assessment of the student's program prerequisites (or equivalencies) as well as the student's overall average.