First Gen

The First Gen program at Algonquin College is here to support the approximately 4,000 students who are the first in their families to successfully attend college. The services and supports available to First Gen students are specifically geared towards the unique needs of a student who does not have legacy experience to turn to, in order to help them navigate towards their post-secondary goals. The First Gen program strives to engage students by using technology geared toward their needs, to provide ongoing feedback as to what their needs are to succeed at college, and to be a part of the college experience in a meaningful way. Some of the services and supports that the First Gen program offers to students include:

- Sponsored peer tutoring
- Job coaching
- Networking events
- Mentorship opportunities
- Student spotlights of peers at Algonquin College
- Technology-based supports (e-mentoring, learning style assessment, risk assessment, individualized strengths-based planning, Go Forward mobile app)
- Crowdsourcing for student-centred initiatives
- Paid opportunities to work with the First Gen program team

If this program applies to you, reach out to First Gen today!

Who is a First Gen student?
A First Generation student is a student enrolled in a college or university program whose parent(s) or guardian(s) have not attended or completed post-secondary studies in Ontario or anywhere outside of Canada.

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AC Umbrella Project

The AC Umbrella Project is creating a safer space on campus to discuss how the use of alcohol and other drugs impacts students’ lives and focuses on helping students reduce any problematic effects they may experience. Throughout the year, the AC Umbrella Project provides workshops, classroom education sessions, awareness activities, and support services for students.

Explore the Umbrella Project’s website for:

- Anonymous and confidential substance use self-assessments
- Strategies on how to reduce any unwanted risks when using alcohol and other drugs
- Student Advisory Committee opportunities
- How to create a personalized harm reduction plan with the support of a non-judgmental, experienced Harm Reduction Consultant
- On-campus and off-campus resources
- Student SMART Recovery® meeting schedule (SMART Recovery® offers support to individuals who have chosen to change an addictive behaviour. All students welcome)

To book an appointment for a Harm Reduction Consultation, contact the Welcome Centre at 613-727-4723 ext. 7200, or stop by in person (3rd Floor, Student Commons).

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