

Airbus Helicopters and Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies partner to advance Indigenous aerospace training capabilities in Canada

Saskatoon, Canada, 6 October 2026 – Airbus Helicopters in Canada is supporting the development of advanced aerospace training opportunities for Indigenous communities through a partnership with the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT).

Airbus will provide SIIT instructors and students with access to leading-edge helicopter maintenance training tools and technologies, while supporting the continued development of its Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) program.

“Access to this equipment means our students can build their skills with technology connected to the aircraft they may encounter in the industry,” said Riel Bellegarde, President and CEO of SIIT. “We are grateful to Airbus for investing in Indigenous learners with this state-of-the-art technology and helping SIIT create more pathways into aviation careers.”

“This partnership is about creating lasting capability and opening more pathways into Canada’s aerospace industry,” said Dwayne Charette, President, Airbus Helicopters in Canada. “SIIT is doing important work to equip Indigenous learners with the skills and opportunities they need to build successful careers in aerospace, and we are proud to support that work. By bringing H135 training capability to SIIT, we are investing not only in students today, but in the strength and growth of Canada’s aerospace workforce for years to come.”

The donation supports the objectives of the Government of Canada’s Industrial and Technological Benefits (ITB) program, which encourages investments that strengthen Canadian industry, skills, and capabilities. The donated equipment, initially used to support technician training associated with the FAcT program, includes H135 flight control, fuel system, main gearbox and tail unit training equipment, as well as Helionix Advanced Tool Simulator (HATS). HATS is a portable, simulator-based system designed for realistic avionics and cockpit training.

The Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) is Canada’s largest credit-granting Indigenous post-secondary institution, and Saskatchewan’s exclusive provider of Aircraft Maintenance Engineer training. The Airbus H135 was selected for Canada’s Future Aircrew Training program, with 19 aircraft to be delivered to the Royal Canadian Air Force and designated the CT-153 Juno. The program will support the training of the next generation of

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