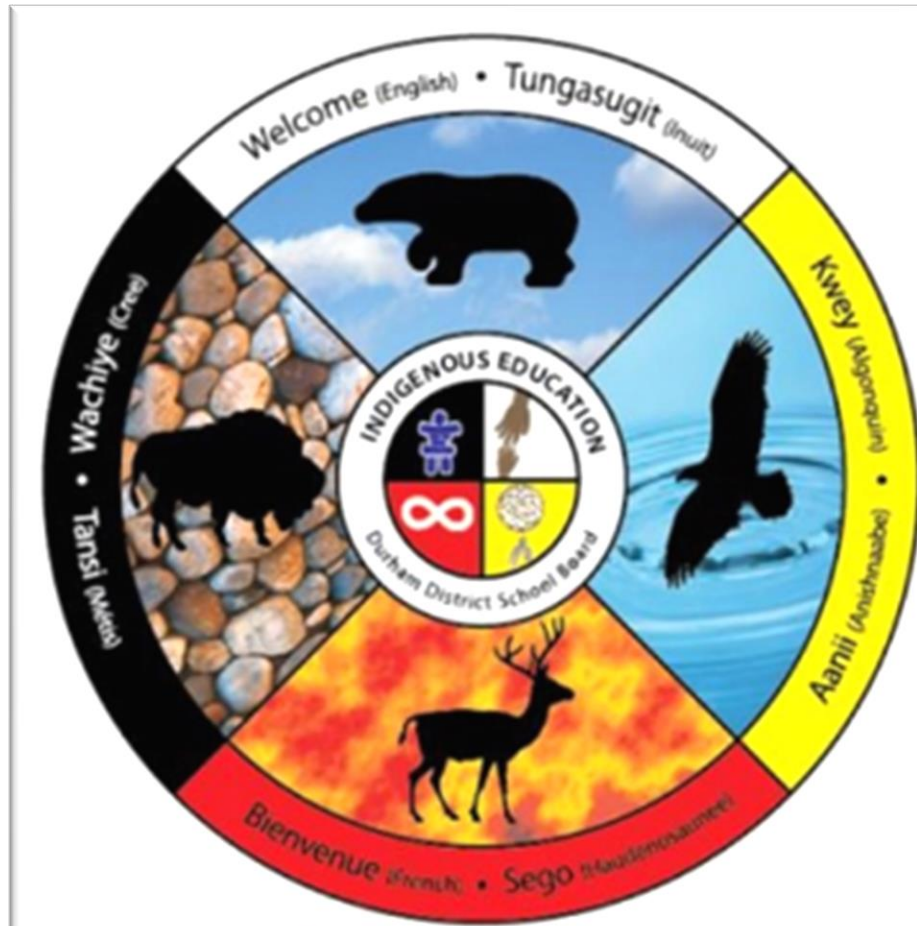


# Welcome to Ajax High School's University Information Night

Ajax High School Class of 2024





The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island (North America). We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.



The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from discrimination.



# The Guidance Team



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# AGENDA

Research and Preparation

University Application Process

Academic Terms

Finances

Additional Resources

Questions



## UNIVERSITY GAZETTE

AJAX HIGH SCHOOL - GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT - SEPTEMBER, 2023  
To receive notifications when Guidance posts new information in your Guidance Google Classroom download the Google Classroom app on your phone!



### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION NIGHT IS COMING!

This presentation will provide students and their families with important information about the university application process. Topics covered will include: timelines, research, finances, the application process, preparation, and more!

**Wednesday, SEPT. 27 @ 6:30 pm in Cafeteria**

### UNIVERSITY LIAISON VISITS

Representatives from many Ontario universities will be at Ajax H.S. during the next several weeks during the lunch hour.

The presentations will discuss programs of study, admission criteria, residence, costs, scholarships, and more. Students will be able to ask questions about their specific pathway.

Students must sign up for these University Liaison presentations through the University Presentations Sign-up Form found in your Guidance Google Classroom.

UNIVERSITY	CAMPUS LOCATION(S)	DATE /TIME
Brock	St. Catharines	Tues. Oct. 3 12:05 LGI
Carleton	Ottawa	Wed. Oct 4 12:05 LGI
Guelph	Guelph	Wed Nov 22 12:05 LGI
Guelph-Humber	Toronto	Thurs OCT 26 12:05 LGI
Laurentian	Sudbury	Fri Sept 29 12:05 LGI
Laurier	Waterloo / Brantford	Mon Oct 2 12:55 LGI - Period 3
McMaster	Hamilton	Thurs. Nov 9 9:30 am LGI
Nipissing	North Bay / Brantford	TBA
Ontario Tech	Oshawa	Thurs Oct 5 12:05 LGI
Ottawa	Ottawa	Mon Nov 6 12:05 LGI
Queen's	Kingston	Thurs Nov 30 12:05 LGI
Toronto Metropolitan	Toronto	Mon Nov 20 12:05 LGI
Toronto	Toronto/Scarborough/ Mississauga	Tues Oct 17 12:05 LGI
Trent	Peterborough / Oshawa	Thurs Oct 19 12:05 LGI
Waterloo	Waterloo	Wed Oct 18 12:05 LGI
Western	London	Thurs Sept 28 12:05 LGI
Windsor	Windsor	Fri Oct 13 12:05 LGI
York	Toronto	Mon Oct 2 12:05 LGI
OCAD	Toronto	TBA ROOM 129



The Ontario Universities' Fairs will be held Oct 21-22, 2023 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in Toronto 10am-5pm daily.

If you plan on attending the fair, please register for an OUF pass using this link: [Registration - Ontario Universities - Strive Scan](#). This way while at the fair, university representatives can easily send you more information about:

- Campus tours and open houses
- Scholarships and awards
- Athletics
- University news

Save time and register for your OUF Pass in advance so you can visit university booths as soon as you get to the OUF!

These events are a great opportunity to get answers about programs, admission requirements, student life and much more. Visit [www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca) for more.

Visit the Ontario Universities' Info (OUI) website ([www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)) for in-depth information about each Ontario university, including programs, [admission requirements](#) and more.



INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FAIR  
Study and Go Abroad Fair - Virtual option  
Sunday October 1, 2023 in Toronto.

Meet with top universities, graduate schools and professional schools from Canada and around the world at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Pre-register online at:  
<https://www.studyandgoabroad.com/toronto/>

Note: If you are interested in a specific university outside of Ontario you should visit the website of that university/college in order to find out about the application process for that institution. Consult with Ms. Callis about your plans.

### UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SEMINARS

Four university application seminars will be held on November 1st in order to provide students with detailed information about the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) application process. The OUAC also provides data to some out-of-province Canadian universities as well.

If you plan on attending an ONTARIO university next fall, you **MUST SIGN UP** for one of the following seminars by the end of September using the University Application Seminar Sign-up Form found in your Guidance Google Classroom.

Application seminars will be held in the LGI.

Mon Oct 30	Period 1 - 9:35- 10:35 - LGI
Mon Oct 30	Period 3 1:00 - 2:10 - LGI
Thurs Nov 2	Period 2 -10:50 - 12:05 - LGI
Thurs Nov 2	Period 4 - 2:20 - 3:30 - LGI

# UNIVERSITY GAZETTE





# STAY CONNECTED

- Be sure you have accepted the invitation to the Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom.
- Download the Google Classroom App to your phone to receive notifications of new postings.



# ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIR

## IN-PERSON EVENT

- Fair-style event
- Sat October 21 and Sunday October 22, 2023, from 10:00 am to 5 pm
- Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building

## VIRTUAL EVENT

Wednesday November 22 , 5-7 pm



[www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca)





Sign-up Google Form and schedule are posted in your Guidance Google Classroom

Explore your options with various universities.

These seminars are scheduled for the lunch hour in the LGI (except McMaster and Laurier)

# UNIVERSITY LIAISON VISITS



## A guide for Ontario high school students applying to Ontario's Universities

### Step 1: Research



#### Find a Program

Find out what you need to apply, like prerequisites, grade requirements and more.



#### Choose a University

Get to know Ontario's universities and where they are located. Find information about campus visits, residence costs and more.



#### Plan Your Finances

Research what scholarships you can apply for and **how much university will cost**.

### Step 2: Gather the Information You Need to Apply



#### Application Guide

Read the complete guide for applying to an Ontario university.



#### How-to Videos

Watch tutorials to guide you through the application process.



#### Attend OUEvents

Learn about the universities of your choice and ask questions at these in-person and virtual events.



#### Get Your OEN

Your high school will provide you with your Ontario Education Number (OEN). You need this to apply.

### Step 3: Apply at [www.ouac.on.ca](http://www.ouac.on.ca)



#### Other Resources

- [Extenuating Circumstances](#) (if they affected your grades)
- [Indigenous Student Resources](#)
- [University Student Transition Resources](#)
- [Ontario Student Assistance Program \(OSAP\)](#)
- [Collaborative University and College Programs](#)
- [Contact the OUAC](#) | [Links to Ontario universities](#)

#### Application Deadline:

JAN  
15  
2024

#### Other Important Dates

# IMPORTANT WEB RESOURCE

- HYPERLINKED RESOURCE
- AVAILABLE IN YOUR GOOGLE CLASSROOM



[www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Ontario Universities Info website. At the top left is the logo for "ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES INFO". To its right is a navigation menu with four items: "PROGRAMS" (WHAT INTERESTS YOU?), "UNIVERSITIES" (WHERE ARE YOU GOING?), "FINANCE" (FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS), and "APPLICATIONS" (WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW). Below the navigation is a large banner image of five diverse young adults smiling. Overlaid on the banner is the text "Welcome to Ontario Universities" and "A guide to Ontario's universities for high school students". At the bottom of the banner are three main navigation buttons: "Find a Program" (with a graduation cap icon), "Choose a University" (with a shield icon containing a 'U'), and "How to Apply" (with a checkmark icon).

# IMPORTANT WEB RESOURCE



# Architectural Engineering

University of Waterloo

✓ Compare

Overview

Requirements

Admission

Contact

## Program Summary

University	University of Waterloo
Degree	Bachelor of Applied Science, BASc
OUAC Program Code	WEA
Grade Range	Mid- to High 80s
Experiential Learning	Co-op program
Enrollment	85
Instruction Language	English

UNIVERSITY WEBSITE

PROGRAM WEBSITE

ONTARIOUNIVERSITIESINFO.CA

Research prerequisites + marks

"Required vs. recommended" courses

Additional admission criteria required?

Your application fee of \$156 covers 3 university choices. You can apply to additional universities at \$50 per choice

Explore all Ontario universities, programs, fees, and scholarships



# ONTARIOCOLLEGES.CA

- Some colleges offer Bachelor's degrees and collaborative programs with universities
- Wide range of industry focused programs, such as: Industrial Design, Game Design, Film and Television, Music, Computing, Business, Practical Nursing (RPN), Nursing (RN), Health Sciences, etc.
- Apply through OCAS instead of OUAC cost is \$110 which includes 5 choices



# A credit transfer & program pathway guide for Ontario students.

Find the information & tools you need to transfer courses or find pathways to/from Ontario's public colleges, universities & Indigenous Institutes.



Search for transfer opportunities

Learn about transfer

School-specific transfer info

# ONTRANSFER.CA



# OUT OF PROVINCE UNIVERSITIES



- Students apply on their own - guidance counsellors will help you with this process
- Transcripts will only be sent to post-secondary institutions outside of Ontario upon the request of the student
- Deadlines and fees vary - check school websites
- Additional admission criteria US Universities
  - SAT registration [satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration](https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/registration)
  - ACT registration and info [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
  - If a student athlete wanting to play in NCAA, you must clear eligibility by meeting course requirements from grade 9-12. Check out <https://web3.ncaa.org>

## Applying to Out-of-province Universities

The OUAC assists the following out-of-province universities with collecting academic data for Ontario high school students who have applied through the OUAC:

- Acadia University
- Bishop's University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Calgary
- Concordia University
- Dalhousie University
- McGill University
- Saint Mary's University
- Simon Fraser University
- The University of Victoria

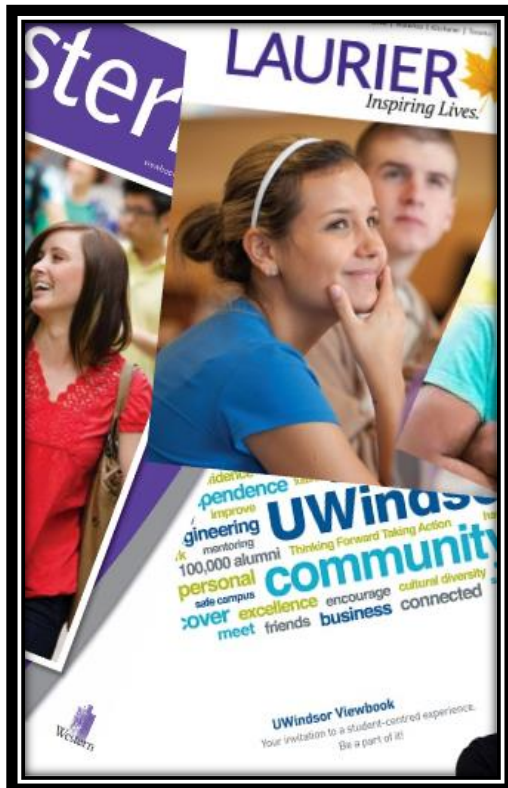
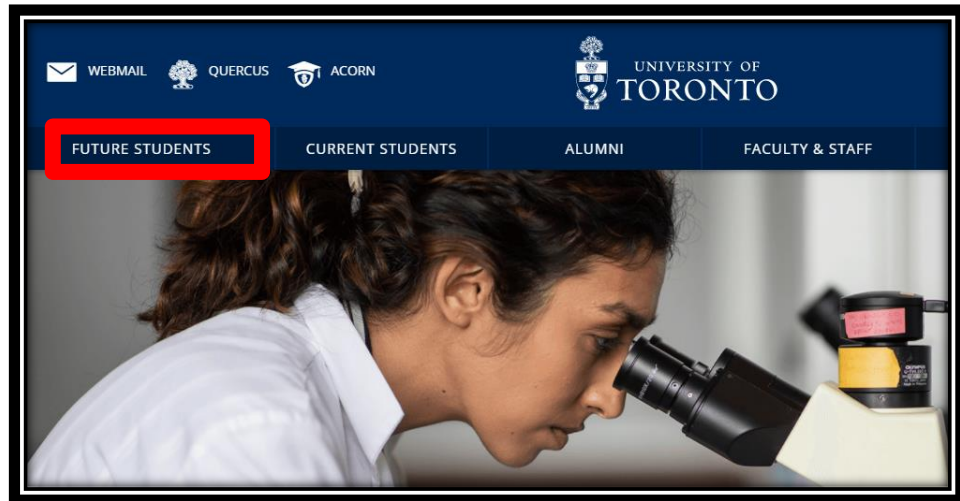
Students who apply to these out-of-province universities can authorize the universities to request their academic information from the OUAC. To authorize them, the applicant must include their 11-digit OUAC Reference Number on the university's application form.

In all cases, the 11th digit should be "0".

This automated transfer of academic data greatly reduces the workload for high schools by eliminating the need to prepare and mail hard-copy transcripts.

# EXPLORE UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

- Research individual programs
- Understand the specific grade 12 course requirements in your chosen program
- What professions can this lead to?
- Contact university admissions' offices with questions
- Explore co-op/internships/exchange opportunities
- Additional admission requirements
- Specific programs
- Tuition
- Scholarships
- Residence
- Recreation and athletics
- Open Houses
- Limited availability of physical copies of university viewbooks in the Guidance Office





# CO-OP/INTERNSHIPS



STUDIES SHOW THAT EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAMS SUCH AS CO-OP AND INTERNSHIP WORK.



\*80 PERCENT OF EMPLOYERS SURVEYED SAY CO-OP AND PLACEMENT STUDENTS ARE A SOURCE OF NEW EMPLOYEES.



CO-OP PROGRAMS ARE PAID WORK EXPERIENCES AND CAN HELP PAY FOR YOUR EDUCATION



CO-OP DEGREE PROGRAMS TAKE MORE THAN 4 YEARS TO COMPLETE



INTERNSHIPS CAN BE PAID OR UNPAID DEPENDING ON YOUR PROGRAM AND YOUR GOALS

\*Source: Leger Marketing employer survey for Universities Canada, 2014.



# UNIVERSITY “FIT FOR YOU”

- Go in-person to see the campus
- Check individual school websites for open houses and tour dates and times
- Consider the following:
  - Programs offered
  - Marks required for admission
  - Large vs. small campus
  - Proximity to your home - travel
  - Residence and meal options
  - Urban vs. self-contained
  - Overall costs
  - University facilities
  - Clubs/activities on campus





ONTARIO  
UNIVERSITIES'  
**INFO**

Your source for up-to-date Ontario  
university information – all in 1 place!

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**INFO**  
des **UNIVERSITÉS**  
de l'ONTARIO

# KNOW YOUR GEOGRAPHY

## Where do you want to study? Commuting vs Residence?





# RESIDENCE LIFE

- Guaranteed for first year students?
- Types of rooms offered?
- What is included in the cost?
- Is a meal plan required?
- Type of housing available off-campus?



# UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from High School (OSSD)
- Complete 18 compulsory credits + 12 optional credits
- Pass/complete OSSLT/OSSLC
- Online learning requirement (or Opt-Out Form)
- Submit 40 community involvement hours (10 hours can be from a paid job before Aug 31/23)
- Minimum 6 Gr. 12 "U" or "M" courses (almost all programs require ENG4U1)
- Successfully complete the prerequisites for your university program choices
- Meet admission average requirement





# UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- How does the university calculate admission averages?
- When are the deadlines for **additional admission criteria**, if required?
- What are their policies regarding repeat courses?
  - (U of Waterloo/U of Toronto - program specific)
- How do they look at summer school/night school/private school courses?  
(U of Waterloo - program specific)
- Do they make alternate offers of admission?



# UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

- Choose programs that are within your range of expected marks: "Reach, Range, Safety".
- Ensure that you will have the necessary courses and average to be considered for admission
- Complete any additional admission criteria (auditions/portfolios/PSE)
- Be realistic and study hard!
- Gr. 11 marks are increasingly important!



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

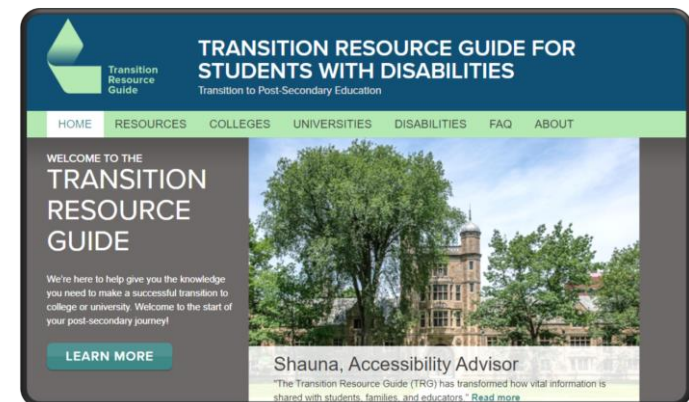
- Contact universities to see if you need to write an English proficiency test.
- Check individual school websites to see which tests are accepted for admissions.
- If you have studied 4 years in an English language high school, you are usually exempt.





# TRANSITION RESOURCE GUIDE

- Everything you need to know about accessibility and other essential resources at Ontario universities and colleges
- EYES-ON-PSE Post-Secondary Prep Course:
  - free, online course
  - designed to leave students feeling significantly more prepared, informed, and confident as they begin their first semester of post-secondary studies.
- <https://www.transitionresourceguide.ca>



# GAP YEAR

- Some universities allow you to defer offer of admission for one year - make sure to research
- Volunteer
- Work
- Travel
- Solidify your future goals





## Ready to Apply?

Once you've decided which programs you're interested in, it's time to start your application to Ontario's universities.

[How to Apply](#)



UNDERGRAD



LAW



MEDICINE



REHAB



TEACHER ED

# UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)



# UNIVERSITY APPLICATION SEMINAR

- Sign up NOW through your Guidance Google Classroom by Fri. Sept. 29
- DDSB transmits all grade 11 and any grade 12 final marks (full disclosure), plus currently scheduled courses
- Every Ontario university-bound student must attend a session either Monday October 16 during period 1 or 3, OR Tuesday October 17 during period 2 or 4. If you have a spare this semester, please sign up to attend during your spare.
- Deadline for OUAC applications & fees - Jan. 15, 2024, if you are applying for a degree program at a college, OCAS applications are due February 1, 2024
- Some early offers of admission can begin shortly after students apply
- NOTE - some university programs/scholarships may require an earlier submission date for the application, please be aware of these deadlines.

[SIGN UP](#)





## Fees for OUAC:

- \$156.00 - for three choices
- \$50.00 for each additional choice
- \$10 International service fee if the applicant is not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- Some programs may have supplemental fees for specific programs

### 4. Supplemental Program Fee

- Supplemental program fees cover the cost of individual faculty admission processes. The supplemental program fee is non-refundable and you pay it along with your OUAC application fee.

#### Supplemental Program Fees

University	Fee
McMaster University – Engineering	\$50
University of Toronto – Architecture	\$45
University of Toronto – Commerce	\$50
University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts & Science – Computer Science	\$50
University of Toronto – Engineering	\$42 (current Ontario high school students) <b>or</b> \$65 (not current Ontario high school students)
University of Toronto – Medical Radiation Sciences	\$47
University of Waterloo – Accounting	\$53.25
University of Waterloo – Engineering	\$53.25
York University – Some programs in the School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design	\$25



## UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Offers of Admission (November - May)
- Universities may request additional information after you apply (auditions/portfolios/PSE/interviews)
- You are responsible for meeting all deadlines
- Read all correspondences carefully
- Some university programs will send out earlier offers than others
- All offers are conditional



# UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

- Final marks will be sent to OUAC by the DDSB at designated times throughout the school year:
  - Semester 1 midterm - Nov 16/23
  - Semester 1 final - Feb 14/24
  - Semester 2 midterm - April 24/24
  - Semester 2 final - July 3/24
- Conditional offers of admission continue as marks are updated during the year





- **May 29, 2024** - The latest date by which all secondary school applicants shall expect a response from an Ontario university
- Such a response will be one of:
  - 1) an offer of admission
  - 2) a refusal; or
  - 3) a deferral pending the receipt of specific additional information
- Offers of admission include any scholarships/financial assistance and residence information
- If you are not admitted into any of your program choices, you can begin to search for other program vacancies through OUAC's "Admission Information Service"
- **June 3, 2024** - Earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response to an offer of admission and any financial commitment



# UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

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## Early July

Durham board sends final marks to the OUAC

Conditional offers reviewed/confirmed



## July/August

Admission Information Service remains open

Offers of admission continue  
Conditional offers reviewed



## August

Summer school marks sent for those programs still accepting students



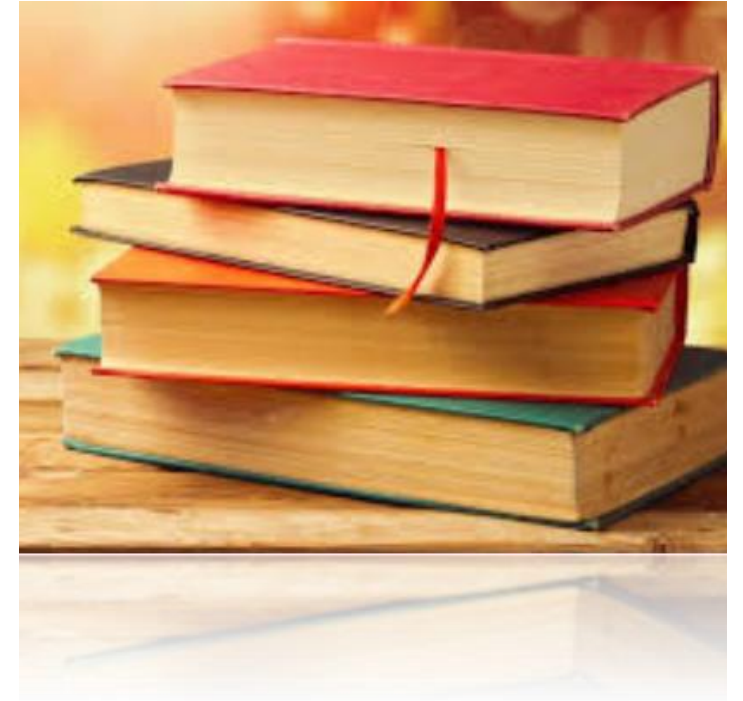
# ACADEMIC TERMS

## DIRECT-ENTRY PROGRAM

- Entry to university with high school credentials
- Requires specific high school courses/prerequisites

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

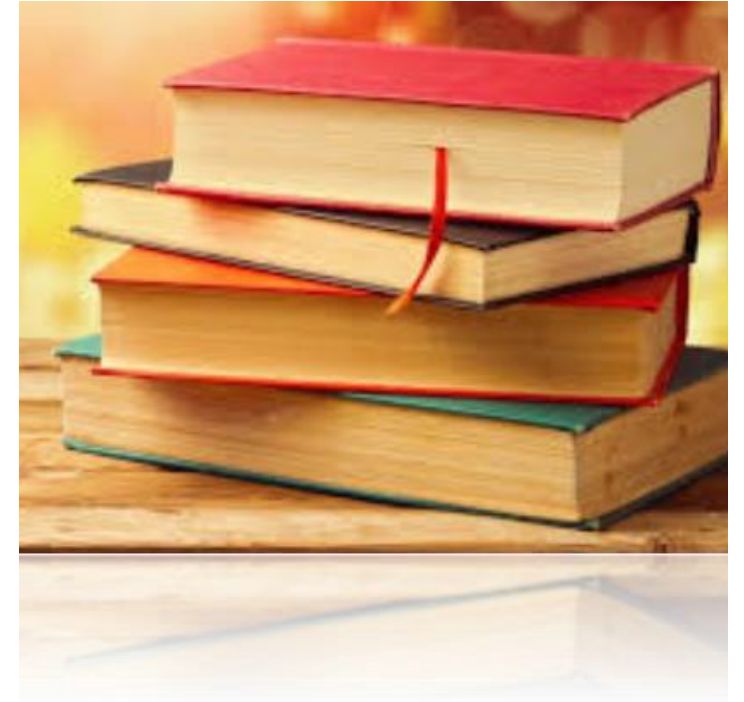
- Minimum GPA/academic progress required to continue to 2nd year of degree
- If minimum academic progress is not met, student may be placed on academic probation



# ACADEMIC TERMS

## UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE

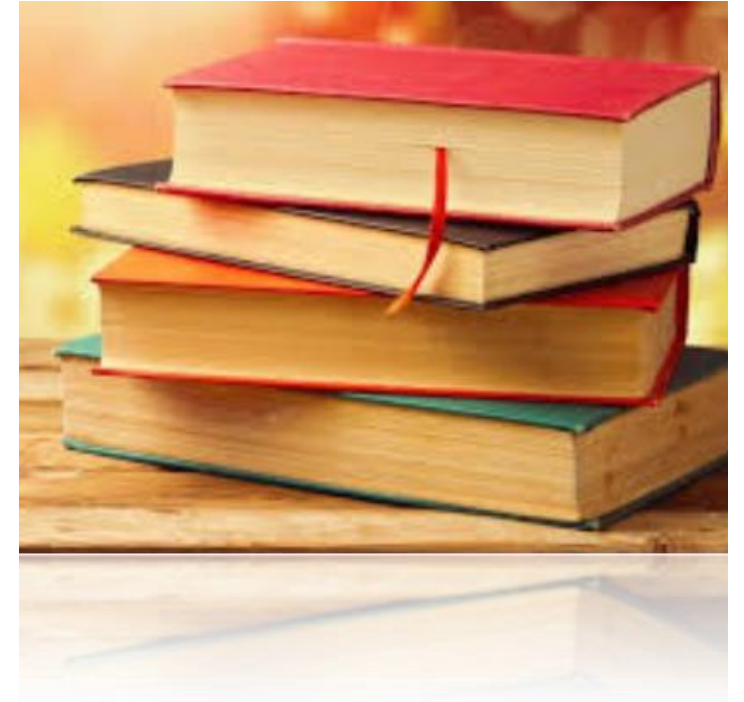
- Normally the first degree completed at university:
  - B.A. - Bachelor of Arts
  - B.Sc. - Bachelor of Science
  - B.B.A. - Bachelor of Business Administration
  - B.F.A. - Bachelor of Fine Arts etc...



# ACADEMIC TERMS

## SECOND-ENTRY PROGRAM

- Requires prior university courses (or a completed degree) to be considered for entry
- Will often lead to a Graduate Degree
  - e.g., Medicine, Law, Veterinarian, Consecutive Education, MBA, Physiotherapy, Dentistry, MPA, Masters of...



# ACADEMIC TERMS

## ACADEMIC YEAR IN UNIVERSITY

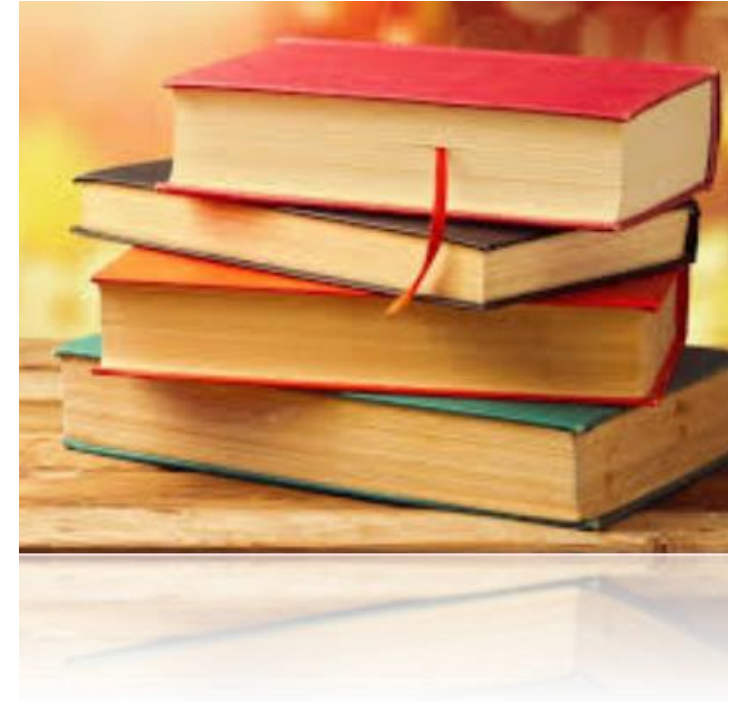
- Two terms (fall and winter terms)
- Summer term is also available
- 10 semester or 5 full year courses/year
- Some programs may require more (Engineering)

## GENERAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE: 3 years

- 30 semester/15 full year courses

## HONOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE: 4 years

- 40 semester/ 20 full year courses



# ACADEMIC TERMS

## SPECIALIST

- Highly-concentrated area of study in a degree

## MAJOR

- The main area(s) of study in a degree

## MINOR

- An optional secondary area of study when completing a single major Honours degree, will require a certain number of completed courses in that subject area

## GRADUATE DEGREE

- Completed after an undergraduate degree



# ACADEMIC TERMS

## FACULTIES

- Comprehensive branches of learning at a university
- Faculty of Fine Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Business, Faculty of Humanities, etc.

## PROGRAMS

- More specific areas of study within faculties
- Faculty of Science may have programs in Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics, etc.



# ACADEMIC TERMS



## EDUCATION DEGREE TERMS

- Concurrent vs. Consecutive
- Direct entry vs. 2<sup>nd</sup> entry
- Primary/Junior, Junior/Intermediate, Intermediate/Senior



## CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION

- Work terms alternate with school terms
- Earn money in your area of study
- Summer sessions often involved
- May extend length of your degree

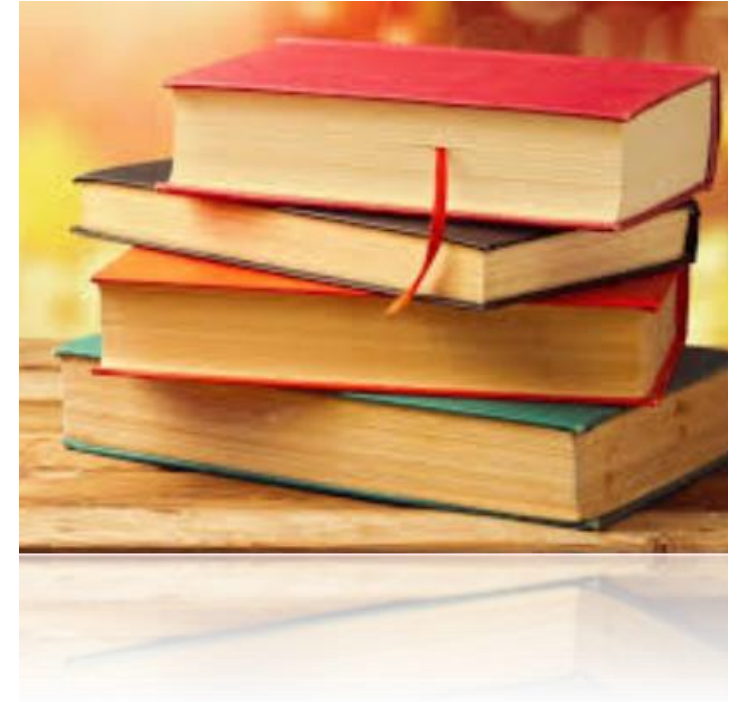




# ACADEMIC TERMS

## INTERNSHIP

- Provides students with a 12-16 month work experience
- Can be paid or unpaid depending on the program. They are professionally supervised, career-related positions designed to offer second- or third-year students the opportunity to learn about current advances, practices and technologies in their area of study
- Can extend the length of time to complete your degree



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION



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## PREPARE A BUDGET

- University costs \$10,000-\$30,000+ /year
- Different tuition for different programs
- Take ownership of your education plan
- Ensure resources are in place before next September
- Talk candidly to family regarding financial commitments
- Create a formal budget - resources and expenses



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## COSTS TO INCLUDE IN YOUR BUDGET:

- Tuition and student fees
- Books/course materials
- Computer/printer/supplies
- Health Insurance
- Living expenses - on/off campus (internet, cell phone, utilities)
- Food costs
- Transportation/Parking/Travel
- Entertainment costs
- Clothing and incidentals



This new grant provides funding for students studying in priority geographical areas in need of nurses in Ontario.

Provides: *free tuition, compulsory school fees, books and other direct educational costs such as supplies and equipment*

You must fulfill a service commitment after you graduate to receive this grant. This includes *working in the same service region of the province where you studied for 6 months for every full year of study funded by the grant*. For example, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing is 4 years long and you received funding for all 4 years, you must work in that same region for 2 years after your graduation. *Your funding will be converted to a repayable loan if you do not meet all required conditions, including meeting the service requirement.*

To be eligible for this grant, you must apply through OSAP website and must also be offered admission into a participating college or university.

Learn more at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-learn-and-stay-grant>

# Ontario Learn and Stay Grant



The following colleges and universities are part of the Learn and Stay Grant for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (4-year degree):

- Algonquin College - Ottawa/Pembroke - Collaborative with University of Ottawa
- Cambrian College - Sudbury
- Canadore College - North Bay
- Confederation College - Thunder Bay
- Fanshawe College - London Collaborative with Western University
- Georgian College - Owen Sound
- Lakehead University - Thunder Bay
- Lambton College - Sarnia
- Laurentian University - Sudbury
- Loyalist College - Belleville
- Nipissing University - North Bay
- Northern College - Timmins Collaborative with Laurentian University
- Queen's University - Kingston
- St. Clair College - Windsor Collaborative with University of Windsor
- St. Lawrence College - Kingston, Brockville, Cornwall
- University of Ottawa - stand alone and collaborative with Algonquin College
- University of Windsor
- Western University - London - compressed program and collaborative with Fanshawe

# Ontario Learn and Stay Grant



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## RESP - Canada Education Savings Grant

- Grant of 20% on every dollar of the first \$2,500 you save in your child's RESP each year.
- Grant-eligible contribution room, up to age of 17
- \$7,200 - Lifetime grant limit per beneficiary
- If you contribute \$2,500 every year, you will hit the maximum grant level in the fifteenth year



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## SELF-FINANCING

- Employment
- Part-time work
- Summer employment
- Co-op and internships





# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## BANK OF FAMILY?

- Free room and board
- Use of family vehicle
- Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)
- Assistance with educational costs (e.g., tuition, books, rent, care packages)
- Co-signing student line of credit



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OSAP)

- Provides a combination of grants and loans
- Full time students only - minimum 60% course load (Students with a permanent disability - 40% course load)
- “Consent & Declaration” forms must be signed by parent(s)/guardian(s) and student and sent to the Financial Aid office of your Ontario university



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION (OSAP)

You can start the application process for OSAP when you apply to Ontario universities - OSAP/OUAC Net Tuition Billing

- OSAP is available for approved out-of-province schools in Canada (see OSAP website for details)
- Canada-Ontario Integrated Student Loan (COISL) is available for approved out-of-country schools
- Complete the application in late May/June



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION (OSAP)

- OSAP is divided into 2 installments:
  - Semester 1 - 60%, Semester 2 - 40%
- Academic progress is required
- Work/Study programs
- You will need to apply for each academic year
- OSAP will not cover all the costs of your education



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION (OSAP)

- Visit OSAP's website to get an idea of what financial assistance might be available to you  
[www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program](http://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program)

## --> OSAP - On-line Aid Estimator

You will need the following :

- The school you plan on attending
- Program of study + expected tuition
- Your assets
- Annual gross income of parent(s) - and 2023 income tax information
- Your gross income and 2023 income tax information (if you were employed)



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

GRANTS: non-repayable (YEAH!)

LOANS: must be repaid

- You can accept the grants and decline the loans from OSAP
- OSAP applications open for the next academic year in the late spring - apply every year you are in university



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## BURSARIES

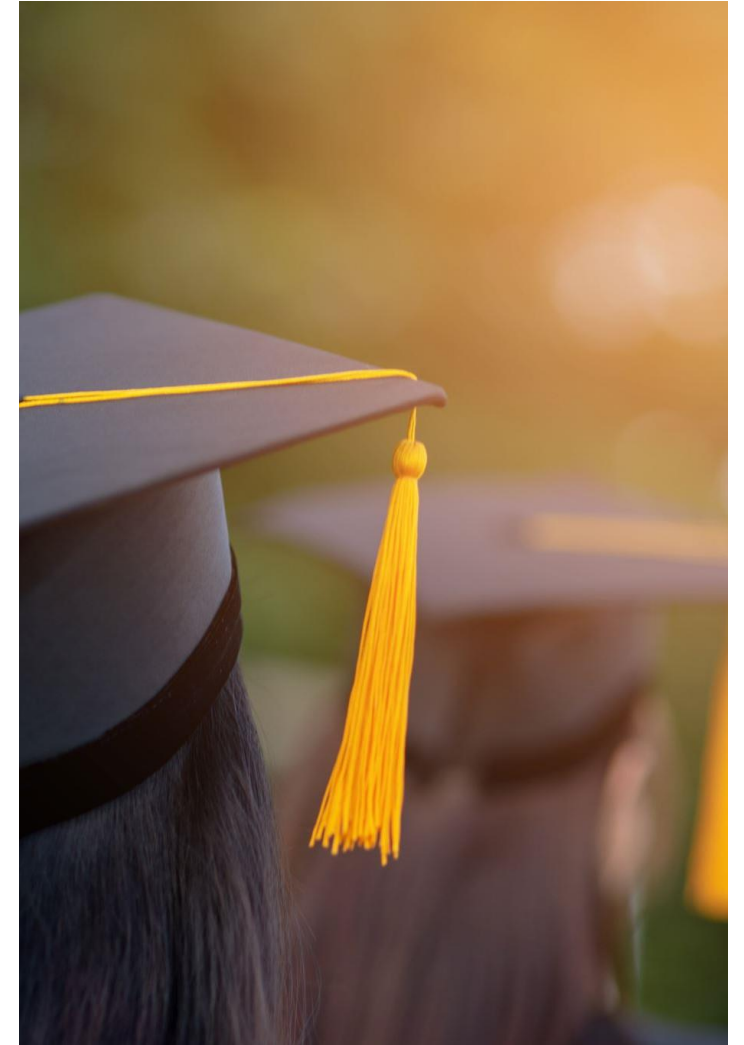
- Based on financial need
- Ability to pay for education is the main consideration
- Applications and financial statements are required



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Based on academic achievement and/or community involvement/leadership
- Search out scholarships available from: universities / corporations / private organizations / non-profits / high school commencement







# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

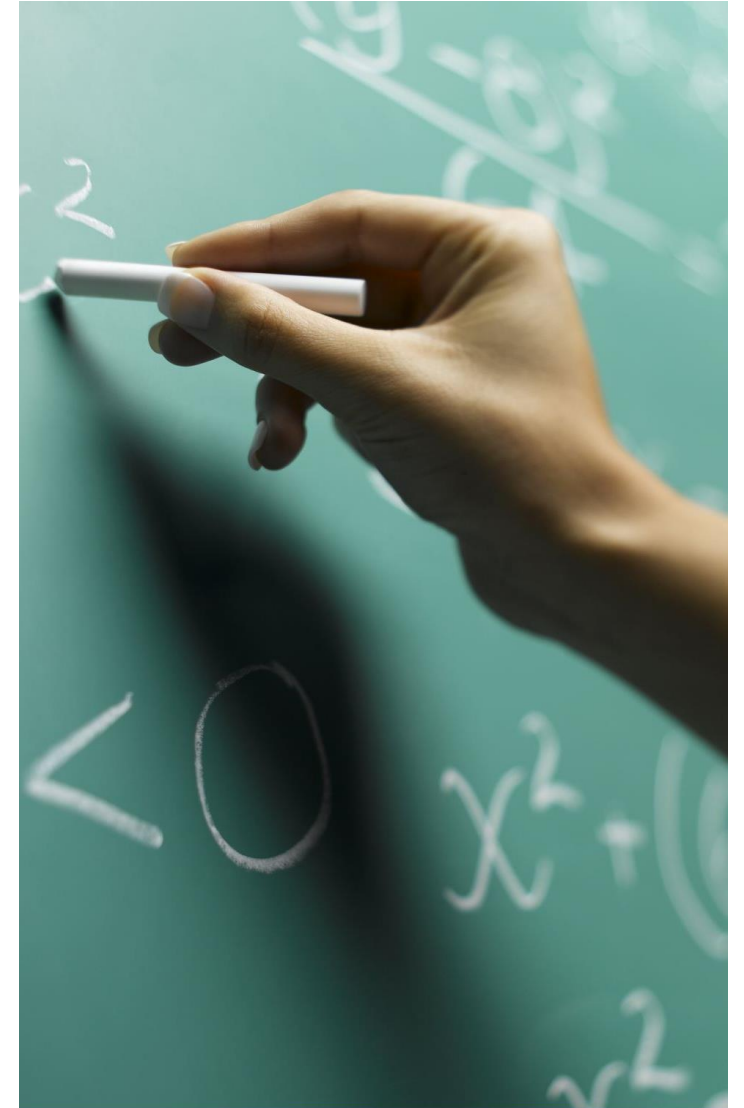
- Information about scholarships (including “The Scholarship Report”) will be posted in the Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom throughout the year.
- **Scholarship Websites**
- [www.yconic.com](http://www.yconic.com)
- [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.ontariouniversities.ca](http://www.ontariouniversities.ca)



# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## GRADES-BASED UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

- No separate application required
- Based solely on entrance mark averages (80% +)
- Varies depending on university:
  - E.g., Trent University: 95%+ = \$3000 x 4 years = \$12,000, renewable by maintaining an average of 80% or above in 5.0 Trent credits per year
  - University of Ottawa: 95%+ = \$4000 (non-renewable)





## APPLICATION-BASED UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- Many university scholarship applications are available on-line now
- Some require completed applications early (before acceptance into a program)
- Some require school sponsorship - these will be posted in your Guidance Google Classroom and will require timely action on the part of the student to receive the school's sponsorship

# FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

## ATHLETIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (AFA)

- Ontario-based program (some other provinces have a similar program)
- Coach recommended
- Max. \$ 4,500 (renewable)
- 80% entrance average required.





Look for bursaries and scholarships once you are in university



Contact the Financial Aid Office of the university you are going to attend



Discuss options regarding financing your education and any questions



Contact for questions regarding OSAP

**ONCE YOU ARE THERE...**





**Access Career Services**



**Consider Co-op placements, Internships**



**Consider International experience**



**Join clubs/teams of interest**

**ONCE YOU ARE THERE...**



# AJAX H.S. WEBSITE - GUIDANCE

**Ajax**  
High School

OUR SCHOOL

DEPARTMENTS

FAMILIES

STUDENTS

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

## Guidance

Postsecondary Resources - Apprenticeship/College/University/Financial Aid/Scholarships

Use the resources below in order to learn about various postsecondary pathways, including the Skilled Trades, College and University and how to finance your future.

Apprenticeship/Skilled Trades

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College

+

University

+

Financial Aid and Scholarships

+





## QUICK SUMMARY!

- Be prepared - do your research
- Attend university liaison visits
- Sign-up for an application seminar
- Research programs/visit campuses
- Apply early
- Ensure finances are in place





# NEXT STOP - UNIVERSITY!

To our students...

- Best of luck in your studies and research.
- See us in Guidance with any questions/concerns.
- You've got this!

To our parents/guardians...

Relax and breathe!

**If we have not answered your specific question(s), please reach out to a guidance counsellor for assistance - we are here to help**

