

NEWCOMERS GUIDE SERVICES IN ONTARIO

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA.

The head of the federal government - the Prime Minister - is the leader of the political part that wins the most seats in a federal election. To win a "majority" a political party needs to win 50% of 301 federal "seats". Since there are more than two parties, a "minority" government is possible. Canada has three levels of government: federal, provincial, and territorial, and municipal. Canada is a federation with a parliamentary system of government. Those serving in government at the federal and provincial level represent political parties that are voted into office by Canadians during elections. Municipal politicians are elected by voters and are not necessarily affiliated with political parties.

Canada has ten provinces that differ significantly in size. Each has its own government and Premier. Two are island provinces: Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador- both on the east coast. Canada also has three territories in the North. Canada's Pacific coast province is British Columbia. The Prairie provinces are Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, Central Canada refers to Ontario and Quebec. The North means three territories: the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, and Nunavut. "Maritimes" refers to the three provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. "Atlantic Provinces" refers to those three plus Newfoundland and Labrador.

The House Of Commons:

Those elected to the federal government are members of Parliament, or Mps. They sit as members in the House of Commons in the Parliament Building in Ottawa. There are periods when the House of Commons is in session and the members meet to consider, debate and vote on legislation proposed by the government.

Each level of government has certain areas of responsibility. The federal governments major responsibility is defense, foreign policy, regulation of banking, postal services, criminal law, immigration and citizenship. The federal government shares responsibility with the provinces and territories for health services, agriculture, education, social services, transportation and the environment.

Your community will have elected member of Parliament (MP) representative. The member will have a local constituency office. There will be times your MP will be there and you can arrange to meet him or her. You can locate your MP's office through the internet or in the phone book and you can send letters or e-mails to your MP if there are issues that concern you.

There must be a federal election every five years. The Prime Minister and the governing party decide when to call the election. When the decision is made the Prime Minister asks the Governor General to formally dissolve Parliament and call a new election. An election date will be set and parties will "campaign" for election with speeches, signs, debates and visits to try to win votes.

Federal Political Parties:

There are four major political parties at the federal level in Canada: the Bloc Quebecois, the Conservative party, the liberal party and the New Democratic Party. The Bloc Quebecois has representatives only from Quebec. The queen is represented in Canada by the Governor General. The Queen and her representatives have a ceremonial responsibility. The Governor General delivers the speech from the Throne that is written by the Prime Minister's team in the House of Parliament. The Throne speech describes what the government hopes to accomplish during the next session of Parliament.

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Provincial Government:

Each of the 10 provinces holds an election to elect a provincial government. The political party winning the majority of seats will form the government. Provincial elections are usually held every three to five years. Each province has a number of political parties that run candidates in elections. The head of the party forming government will become Premier. The Premier will appoint head of departments (Ministers) who form the cabinet of the provincial government.

Territorial Governments:

Territorial governments are elected directly by the people of the territory. The head of the territorial government is then chosen by the representatives that were elected. Municipal governments hold elections every two years. Candidates usually do not represent political parties. The head of the Municipal government is called the Mayor. Councilors are elected to sit with the Mayor on the Municipal Council To govern the local town or city. Municipal governments provide most local services such as water, sewage, snowplowing, garbage pickup and removal, local parks, recreation facilities, local traffic, police and fire,

local public transportation and so on. In elections candidates appeal to voters to try to win their votes. To vote a person must be on the official voters list. Voters on this list will receive a notice in mail telling them where to vote. Temporary polling stations will be set up at schools, community centres and other public places.

Human Rights Law

Human Rights Laws protect the rights and freedoms of people living in Canada. These rights and freedoms are important in the country. The **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms** guarantees Canadians equal treatment under the law and equal protection and benefit of the law without discrimination. It also guarantees the right to participate in political activities, to vote and to be elected to political office. It guarantees legal rights - the right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty, the right to have a lawyer represent you and the right to an interpreter in court proceedings if you need one. It guarantees mobility rights which means the right to leave Canada and to move to any province or territory. It guarantees language rights- the right, in general, the right to use either English or French in communicating with the federal government and some provincial/territorial governments. This Charter guarantees minority language education- this means that French and English minorities have the right to be educated in their own language. In Canada, women have the same rights as men. Women must be treated the same as men in workplace. They cannot be denied work opportunities, including promotions, because of their gender. All governments encourage equal treatment of, and opportunity for, women of all ages. In addition to rights and freedoms, Canadians citizens also have responsibilities. These include understanding and obeying laws of Canada, voting in elections, allowing other Canadians enjoy their rights of freedoms, taking care of the environment and helping to strengthen our multicultural society.

A person is eligible to apply for Canadian citizenship if he or she is 18 years of age or older, has been a legal resident of Canada for three of the past four years, can communicate in English or French and has the knowledge of Canada including the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Canada encourages newcomers to become Canadian citizens and allows "dual citizenship". An Application for Citizenship can be obtained from a government call centre or downloaded from the website of Citizenship and Immigration Canada. A processing fee and a refundable "Right of Citizenship" fee will be required. You will receive a booklet to help prepare you for the questions you will be asked.

Information on the Government of Canada

If you need to find a federal government department or service, call: 1-800-622-6232 or the Government of Canada's website www.canada.gc.ca

Government Online

The federal government is trying to increase and improve the extent to which government services and information are provided online. It has created and continues to build, the world Government On-Line [GOL] site. This site has sections designed specially for Canadians, Non-Canadians and Business.

"Welcome to Canada"

Citizenship and Immigration Canada has a website to help new comers to Canada. It is full of information, tips and links of interest to newcomers. www.cic.gc.ca

DATES AND EVENTS TO NOTE.

New Year's Day is January 1st. Celebration begins on "New Year Eve". People gather and wish each other a happy and prosperous coming year.

Valentine's Day is February 14th. People show their affection to the ones they love with gifts such as flowers and candy.

National Flag Day is February 16th. On this day, in 1965 the new Canadian maple leaf flag was raised over Parliament Hill for the first time.

St. Patrick's Day is March 17th and is a provincial holiday in Newfoundland though not an official holiday in Canada. It is the celebration of St. Patrick, the patron saint from Ireland who is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland. Many people dress in green colours.

Commonwealth Day is the second Monday of March and is when common wealth countries including Canada, celebrate the contribution of Commonwealth of Nations to the creation of a harmonious global environment.

The first day of the spring season known as the "vernal equinox" is when the sun crosses the celestial equator on or around March 21st

April Fool's Day is on April 1st. It is when people play practical jokes on family and friends.

Daylight Saving Time is on the first Sunday in April and ends on the last Sunday in October. Clocks are set forward 1 hour at 2 am.

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd. Canadians join with people in other countries to organize events and projects related to protecting and improving the environment.

Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May and is a day to show appreciation for the Moms in your life.

Victoria Day is the first Monday preceding May 25th. It is a statutory holiday throughout Canada.

Father's Day is the third Sunday in June and is a day to celebrate, extend thanks to, those who are dads and those who serve as father-like-figures in the lives of others.

The first day of Summer, known as the summer solstice, is the day of the year when the sun is farthest north, which is on or around June 21st.

Discovery day is a provincial holiday in Newfoundland It is celebrated on the Monday nearest June 24th.

Canada Day is July 1st. It is a statutory holiday throughout Canada and is a celebration of the day in 1867 when the first colonies of British North America entered Confederation as the Dominion of Canada.

First Monday of August is a holiday across Canada and is known by different names including "Civic day", British Columbia Day (in B.C.), New Brunswick Day (in New Brunswick).

Labour Day is the first Monday of September. It is a statutory holiday throughout Canada and celebrates the contributions of labour/workers in Canada.

The the first day of Autumn is called the "autumnal equinox" and is when the sun crosses the celestial equator around the 21st of September.

Thanksgiving Day is the second Monday of October. It is a statutory holiday throughout Canada and is a day when people give thanks for the harvest and the good things in life. Many families celebrate by coming together for dinner.

Winter season is the first day of the year when the sun is the farthest south, which is around December 21st.

YOUR FIRST DAYS IN ONTARIO/WINDSOR.

How To get Information and Assistance.

The appendix at the end of this book has a list of immigration and aid agencies and community information centres in Ontario and Windsor which offer assistance to newcomers. You can contact one of these if you need help or information.

Translation/ Evaluation of Educational Documents

Elementary or Secondary School

If you are going to enrol your child in a publicly funded school, that school can perform the evaluation of your child's documents. Based on information obtained from both you and your child, your child will be placed in the appropriate grade.

Colleges, Universities and Institutes

Many newcomers want to know how their education credentials and qualifications compare with educational standards in Canada. A number of organizations can help assess your education. It is best to check with the professional association or regulatory body before paying for any assessments. The website of Citizenship and Immigration Canada will also be helpful.

Canadian Information Centre for International Credentials (CICIC).

95 St. Clair West, Suit 1106

Toronto Ont. M4V 1N6 Tel: (416) 962-9725; Fax: (416) 962-2800; E-mail: info@cicic.ca ;

website: www.cicic.ca

World Education Services-Canada (WES Canada)

45 Charles St. East, Suit 700

Toronto, Ont. M4Y 1S2 Tel: (416) 972-0070; Fax: (416) 972-9004; E-mail: ontario@wes.org ;

Website: <http://www.wes.org/ca/>

Translators usually have a **subject specialty** - legal, business, technical and so on. When choosing a Translator, find out what his or her specialty is. It may improve the quality of translation or interpretation. Some community-based immigrant-service agencies have interpretation and translation services that you can access. Visit our Ontario by Region section to see if there is such a service in your community (select the Language and Literacy area) or call your local Community Information Centre.

Professional and Trade Document Evaluation

How to Get a Certificate of Qualification

Certification requirements vary from trade to trade. Depending on the trade, you may need a 2 to 5 year apprenticeship (training) or proof of equivalent work experience. You can find out how to get a certificate in a particular trade at your local **apprenticeship office**, where you can make an appointment with a **Training Consultant**.

Trades people who have enough related work experience to meet Ontario standards and who pass a written examination receive a Certificate of Qualification.

Contact a Workplace Support Services office to book an appointment with a training consultant. Click here for a **list of these offices across Ontario**.

The training consultant will ask you for documentation that describes your past work experience and training. Take as many of these documents as possible to this first meeting:

- your Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- letters from current or past employers, dated and written on company letterhead, showing the company name and address, the exact dates of your employment, the number of hours that you worked, your title, and a complete description of your job duties. If you cannot get a letter, prepare a **statutory declaration**. A statutory declaration is an official document, in which you declare in writing certain facts to be true. It must be notarized by a notary public. A statutory declaration for qualifications assessment purposes should state the dates of employment, job title, and job description.
- trade certificates, diplomas, or licences
- official school transcripts from your training, if available. You should also provide a detailed list of the subjects covered in each course and the length of each course. If these documents are in a language other than English or French, bring a translation that is signed by a notary public, or a lawyer.

If your documents are not in English, they must be translated and signed by an official translator who has seen the originals. For assistance, contact the **Association of Interpreters and Translators of Ontario** at 1-800-234-5030.

The training consultant will use these documents to compare your work experience to the requirements for certification in your trade in Ontario.

The training consultant will assess your documents and compare your training and experience to what is required in Ontario:

- If the training consultant decides that your experience is the same as the experience required of an apprentice in Ontario, you will be able to write the Certificate of Qualification exam without having to do an apprenticeship. You will then complete an application for the Certificate of Qualification.
- If the training consultant decides that your documented experience is not the same as an apprenticeship in Ontario, you will need more training and work experience as a tradesperson. You will need to find an employer who will agree to enter into an apprenticeship agreement with you, or you may decide to take a tradesperson course that includes on-the-job training, which still involves an apprenticeship agreement. The training consultant does not help you to find these employers.

If your qualifications are sufficient, you will be issued a **temporary licence**. These licences are valid for 3 months (90 days) until you pass the **written Certificate of Qualification exam**. The passing mark for the written examination is **70 percent**.

We recommend that you contact a **immigrant-serving organization** in your area to assist you **BEFORE** you visit the apprenticeship office. Proving that you have the necessary experience in your trade is **not easy to do**. There are agencies that can help you to ensure that you are **fully prepared** for a meeting with a training consultant.

Canadian Money

Canada's currency is the Canadian dollar. Canadian coins include:

- the \$2 coin (often called the "toonie")
- the \$1 coin (often called the "loonie")
- the \$.25 coin (the quarter)

- the \$.10 coin (the dime)
- the \$.05 coin (the nickel)
- the \$.01 coin (the penny)

Banks, Trust Companies and Credit Unions.

The federal government is responsible for regulating Canada's financial institutions and trying to ensure stable financial markets and the institutions are managed so they remain secure. Bank and trust companies offer a variety of financial services. Some of these services are savings and chequing accounts, money orders loans, mortgages, overdraft protection, certifies cheques, ATM's, line of credit, direct deposit, safety deposit, online banking credit cards, and so on. To open an account at a financial institution you must show personal documents (for example, passport, SIN number, drivers licence). Credit unions offer many of the same financial services to their members. The members must belong to a specific group. It is a good idea to open an account in one of these institutions as soon as possible. Links to financial institutions include:

Banks in Canada: <http://www.cba.ca> (the website of Canadian Bankers Association).

Credit Unions: <http://www.cucentral.ca> (the website offers a locator that can help you find branches near your desired location).

Financial Sector: <http://www.fin.gc/links/bankse.html> (links to Canada's banks, trust companies, and Credit Union Centrals).

Using the Telephone Directory.

The telephone directory has four sections, the information section (contains emergency numbers, how to make long distance calls, and many other things); the white pages (names in alphabetic order); blue pages (government offices and services); and the yellow pages (lists business and services such as dentists, lawyers hotels and restaurants).

Using a Public Telephone:

To make a call from a public telephone you have to deposit 25 cents before or after dialing a number. If it is an emergency or you need an operator you don't have to deposit anything, just dial "911" (emergency) or "0" for the operator. To make a long distance call you must deposit the long distance charges and this charge may vary. If you don't have money to deposit you can make a collect call through the operator (dial 0) who will ask your name and permission from the party you are calling if they will accept your call charges. If so you will be connected but if they decline to accept your call charges your call will not go through. The numbers often starting with 1-800 are toll free which means you can call free of charge from a public or any other telephone.

Sending Letters and Parcels

The federal government runs Canada Post, the nations postal service. Regular mail is usually delivered in two to four business days. All post offices sell stamps and money orders. They also handle registered mail and parcels. There are main post offices and also counter post offices in drug stores. It is important to have the correct postage attached to the mail to be sent. It should also include a postal code.. For international parcels a custom form must be filled out which requires a description of what is in the parcel, value of the contents and the weight of the parcel. It is a good idea to have the parcel weighed for correct postage which can be done by post office.

Sending Telegrams

The post office does not send telegrams. They can be sent through telephone CNCP Telecommunications. They will either mail you the bill or charge the cost of your telegram to your telephone bill. You can find CNCP Telecommunications in the white pages of your telephone book.

Public Transportation.

Cities in Ontario are connected by train, bus, and in some cases by air services. There is bus services within most cities and towns. To use this service you pay an amount of fare in the form of tokens, buss passes, tickets or by cash. You can get bus tickets from most drug stores, gas stations or bus stations. Children under 12 ride free with an adult. Senior citizens and students get a can travel at a reduced fare.

Social Insurance Number

You need a Social Insurance Number (SIN) to work in Canada or to obtain some government benefits. You can get a SIN application from a local federal government office, post office or local organization working with newcomers. You can also download the application from the website:

<http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca/en/gateways/topics/sxn-gxr.shtml> You should keep your nine digit SIN protected. It is your identification number. After filling the form you should receive your card in the mail. It is a plastic card and you should sign it as soon as you receive it and keep the extra paper SIN in a safe place just in case you lose your plastic one.

Family Allowances

The Canada Child Tax Benefit is a tax-free monthly payment made to eligible families to help them with the cost of raising children under age 18. You can get an application form at an Income security office or from the website: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/benefits/cctb/menu-e.html> . You can also get help completing these forms from an immigrant aid agency.

Ontario Health Care

Ontario residents are eligible for provincially funded health coverage (OHIP). To be eligible for Ontario health coverage you must :

- be a Canadian citizen or have immigration status as set out in Ontario's *Health Insurance Act*, and
- make your permanent and principal home in Ontario, and
- be physically present in Ontario 153 days in any 12-month period.

OHIP coverage normally becomes effective three months after the date you establish residency in Ontario. The ministry strongly encourages new and returning residents to purchase private health insurance in case you become ill during the OHIP waiting period. A resident of Ontario must have a **health card** to show that he or she is entitled to health care services paid for by OHIP. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care pays for a wide range of services, however, it does not pay for services that are not medically necessary, such as cosmetic surgery.

Most of your Ontario health benefits are covered across Canada. The province or territory you are visiting will usually bill the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care directly for hospital and physician services. You can contact the Ministry of Health for further information which is listed in the blue pages of the telephone book or call the ministry **INFOline** at 1-800-664-8988 (Toll-free in Ontario only) the website: HealthyOntario.com .

Dental Services

Most dental care is not covered by the Canadian health insurance and it can be quite expensive. Your employer may have an insurance program that pays for some dental treatment for you and your family. You can find a dentist office in the yellow pages of your phone book. For more information about dentists and dental services in your area, contact : **Address and Contact Information**

4 New Street

Toronto, Ontario

M5R 1P6

Phone: (416) 922-3900

Fax: (416) 922-9005

General e-mail: info@oda.on.ca

Canada's Official Languages

In Canada, both English and French are official languages. Most of the French speaking population is in Quebec. Although English is the main language used in Ontario, there is a provincial law which ensures that the government services are offered in both official languages.

Learning English or French

There are programs that help the new comers improve their language skills.. An example is the LINC Program. (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada). Many of these LINC classes are free.

Public Libraries

Most communities have public libraries that are built and maintained by municipal provincial or territorial governments. All newcomers are invited to the public libraries. You can use it for research, leisure, access to reading material, school, work and more. You can get a library card free of charge for borrowing material such as books, videos; cd's, movies etc. To access to the internet , the federal government has set

up the Community Access Program. This service provides public access to the internet through the libraries, community centres and youth service agencies.

Shopping and Business Hours

Stores stay open until 6:00 p.m. in most parts of Ontario. Many city and suburban stores are open until 9:00 p.m. at night for two, three or five weeknights.

On public statutory holidays (see below), many retail stores are closed: check in advance if you plan to visit us on these days.

Our Public Holidays

Many services and retail stores are closed on:

- New Year's Day -- January 1
- Good Friday -- the Friday of the Easter Weekend
- Victoria Day -- May 24 or the preceding Monday
- Canada Day -- July 1
- Civic holiday -- first Monday in August
- Labour Day -- first Monday in September
- Canadian Thanksgiving -- 2nd Monday in October
- Christmas -- December 25
- Boxing Day -- December 26

Days on which services and businesses are most likely to close are:

New Year's Day, Christmas Day, and Good Friday

Some government services are also closed on:

Remembrance Day -- November 11

Buying for the Home

Consumer Protection

Being a wise consumer is your best protection in today's marketplace. That means becoming informed about purchases, understanding your rights as a consumer, and practicing responsible management of your private financial and personal information. "Buyer beware" is still the best advice to any consumer considering any purchase of goods or services. For more information you can visit the website:
http://consumer.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/inoca-bc.nsf/en/h_ca01481e.html

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Taxes

People in Ontario pay several types of taxes:

-Income tax, both provincial and federal. Everyone who has an income pays this tax. Your employer gives you a T4 form which shows your income for the past year. Banks send out statements which show any interest earned on savings or investments during the tax year.. You can also get help from free income tax clinics set up for a certain low income taxpayers who can not afford to pay a professional financial institution or tax company to complete their tax forms.

-federal government collects a Goods Service Tax (GST) on many items sold in Canada. The GST rate is 7% and is added on your bill. GST is not charged on items such as insurance services. Some provinces blend the two taxes PST and GST -together in a Harmonized Sales Tax, or HST.

Race Relation Directorate

The Race Relation Directorate works to promote equality for racial minorities, and to reduce or prevent racial tensions and conflicts.

It works with public institutions (governments, schools, agencies), private organizations (companies, factories), and community groups. Race relations consultants may provide training to these groups.

The Ombudsman's job is to investigate complaints about provincial government organizations. When he finds something wrong he can make recommendations to resolve the problem, and if these are not acted upon, he can report the case to the Legislature. The Ombudsman can also help resolve complaints informally. Ontario's Ombudsman is an Officer of the provincial Legislature who is independent of the government and political parties. All available complaint and appeal procedures whenever possible should be used before the Ombudsman conducts an investigation. Some examples of complaints that may be investigated:

- drivers' licenses
- health insurance (OHIP)
- disability benefits
- workplace safety and insurance
- Family Responsibility Office
- treatment of inmates
- access to government services
- patient care in provincial psychiatric hospitals

The Ombudsman's work is confidential and free and often results in early correction of problems which could otherwise be very costly and time-consuming to fix.

Access Centre

1-800-263-1830 - English

Address

Ombudsman Ontario
Bell Trinity Square
483 Bay Street,
10th Floor, South Tower
Toronto, ON M5G 2C9

Citizen's Inquiry Bureau

Citizen's Inquiry Bureau provides information about services about Ontario government

You can contact the Government of Ontario in several ways:

General Inquiry: 416-326-1234

Toll Free: 800-267-8097 - General Inquiry

Fax: 416-325-3407

Windsor

Devonshire Mall

3100 Howard Avenue (E.C. Row Expressway and Howard Avenue)

Lower level, near Sears, in front of Green Earth

Hours: Mon to Fri 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., Sat 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Sun noon - 5:00 p.m.

Working in Ontario

Finding a Job

There are a number of different ways you can go about finding work. In many cases it is a good idea to work with a local Settlement Agency or Employment Resource Centre, where there are people who can help you in your job search. They have resources and information, as well as contacts in the community that can be very helpful for you as you search for work.

There are a number of ways you can find a job in Canada:

- Contact a local **Settlement Agency** for assistance. Find out more about what services they offer.
- Visit an Employment Resource Centre (ERC) in your area. They are specialized employment

centres, providing information and services for people looking for work. Find one near you in the [Find Help Close to Home](#) section of this site. ERCs are funded by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC), which also runs the [Job Bank](#), a listing of jobs available across Canada. All ERCs offer **workshops** on job search techniques, such as how to prepare a résumé or look for work, as well as computer training and other courses.

- Join **job-finding** programs such as [Job Search Workshops](#) (3-4 day workshops with a focus on finding work) run by Settlement Agencies, specifically for newcomers.
- Look for jobs listed in **newspapers**, and **professional and trade magazines**. Look in the classified advertisements section under "Help Wanted" and "Careers".
- "**Network**". This means establishing personal contacts that may help you to find a job which is not actually advertised anywhere. According to the labour market statistics, 80% of available jobs are not advertised. Personal contacts can be made through volunteer work, community involvement, going to an ethno-specific organization, taking a class, cooperative education, joining a club or child-parent program, going to parties, etc.
- Look for job listings at community centres.
- Go to job fairs.
- Search the **Internet**.

Many of these techniques can help you to access the **hidden job market**, where jobs are not advertised in the traditional way.

While there is much information to be found on the Internet, it is useful to work with people at the local agencies mentioned above for additional assistance. The Internet should only make up one part of your overall job search. Please refer to the [Job listings](#) section of our Web site for more Internet resources.

Creating Your Own Job

If you are looking for a job, one option would be to create one - to become self-employed. You may want to start your own business. There are many resources to help new business owners become successful. Visit our [Self-employment section](#) for more information.

Working Conditions

Once you are employed, you and your employer are subject to certain standards that must be followed. Your rights as a worker are protected by federal and provincial labour laws.

The Canada Labour Code sets out [labour standards](#) for areas of employment that are the responsibility of the federal government, such as banks or transportation. Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) is the federal department responsible for delivering [labour programs and services](#).

Most workers in Ontario are covered by the *Ontario Employment Standards Act* and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The provincial agency responsible for labour-related issues is the [Ontario Ministry of Labour](#).

Ontario workers are protected by both occupational health and safety and employment standards laws. Employers must pay at least a minimum wage and provide a safe and healthy work environment, among other responsibilities.

Workers have responsibilities under the law too. Learning about the legislation that keeps you healthy, safe and treated fairly at work is important.

Employment Standards are rules that all employers have to follow about what they can and can't make you do. Visit [this site](#) for a collection of **frequently asked questions** from the Ontario Ministry of Labour on a variety of related issues. Also includes a list of related phrases and words and their meanings.

The *Ontario Employment Standards Act* covers:

- [hours of work](#)
- [minimum wage and overtime pay](#)
- [public holidays](#)
- [vacation time and vacation pay](#)
- [pregnancy and parental leave](#)
- [termination and severance pay](#)
- [filing a claim](#)

The *Occupational Health and Safety Act* covers:

- The Rights of Workers
- Duties of Employers and Other Persons

- The Right to Refuse Work
- The Right to Stop Work
- Toxic Substances
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)

If you feel that your rights have been violated, you can file a claim with the local Ministry of Labour office or make an application to the Ontario Labour Relations Board.

Occupational Health and Safety

The Occupational Health and Safety Act came into force on October 1, 1979. Its purpose is to protect workers against health and safety hazards on the job. The main features of the Act are described below.

The Workplace Partnership

Workers and employers must share the responsibility for occupational health and safety. This concept of an *internal responsibility system* is based on the principle that the workplace parties themselves are in the best position to identify health and safety problems and to develop solutions. Ideally, the internal responsibility system involves everyone, from the company chief executive officer to the worker. How well the system works depends upon whether there is a complete, unbroken chain of responsibility and accountability for health and safety.

Several provisions of the Act are aimed at fostering the internal responsibility system. Two important provisions introduced in 1990 are: (1) the requirement for employers to have a health and safety policy and program; and (2) the direct responsibility that officers of a corporation have for health and safety. The joint health and safety committee, or, in smaller workplaces, the health and safety representative, has a role to play by monitoring the internal responsibility system. The Act sets out the basic rules of operation for both joint committees and health and safety representatives.

The Rights of Workers

To balance the employer's general right to direct the work force and control the production process in the workplace, the Act gives *four basic rights to workers*.

The Right to Participate

Workers have the right to be part of the process of identifying and resolving workplace health and safety concerns. This right is expressed through worker membership on joint health and safety committees, or through worker health and safety representatives.

The Right to Know

Workers have the right to know about any potential hazards to which they may be exposed. This means the right to be trained and to have information on machinery, equipment, working conditions, processes and hazardous substances. The parts of the Act that implement the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) play an important role in giving workers the right to know.

The Right to Refuse Work

Workers have the right to refuse work that they believe is dangerous to either their own health and safety or that of another worker. The Act describes the exact process for refusing dangerous work and the responsibilities of the employer in responding to such a refusal.

The Right to Stop Work

In certain circumstances, members of a joint health and safety committee who are "certified" have the right to stop work that is dangerous to any worker. The Act sets out these circumstances and how the right to stop work can be exercised.

Duties of Employers and Other Persons

The Act imposes duties on those who have any degree of control over the workplace, the materials and equipment in the workplace and the direction of the work force.

There is a general duty on employers to take all reasonable precautions to protect the health and safety of workers. In addition, the Act and regulations set out many specific responsibilities of the employer. For example, there are duties that specifically relate to toxic substances, hazardous machinery, worker education and personal protective equipment.

There is a duty on all officers and directors of corporations to ensure that their corporations comply with the Act and regulations.

The duties of workers are generally to work safely, in accordance with the Act and regulations.

Enforcement

If the internal responsibility system fails to address adequately the health and safety issues in a workplace,

or if the Act and regulations are not being followed, the Ministry of Labour has the authority to enforce the law.

Inspectors have broad powers to, among other things, inspect any workplace, investigate any potentially hazardous situation and work refusal, order compliance with the Act and regulations and initiate prosecutions.

Employers, supervisors and workers must assist and co-operate with inspectors.

Regulations

The Occupational Health and Safety Act, which gives the Government of Ontario broad powers to make regulations, sets out general principles and duties for the workplace parties. The regulations set out in detail how these duties are to be carried out. Many regulations have been passed under the Act. For example, there are four separate safety regulations that apply to industrial establishments, construction sites, mines and health care facilities. There are also regulations for each of *11 different chemicals known as "designated substances"*. These regulations apply only to workplaces where designated substances are present.

Employers, supervisors, owners and constructors, among others, have an obligation to know and comply with the regulations that apply to their workplaces. See Legislation for a complete list of the regulations that have been passed under the Act.

Approved Codes of Practice

In June 2001, the Act was amended to allow the Minister of Labour to approve all or part of a code of practice as a way to comply with a specific regulatory requirement. An approved code could either be developed by the Ministry or by an organization or individual outside the Ministry.

Approval of a code of practice means that the Ministry will consider compliance with the code to be compliance with its corresponding regulatory requirement. But this does not mean that a failure to comply with the code will, in itself, be considered a breach of the regulatory requirement. Alternative measures and procedures to those in the approved code can be used as long as they provide equivalent protection for the health and safety of workers.

Worker's Compensation

If you have been **injured at work**, you should:

Get proper medical treatment immediately - go to the nearest first aid station or to a doctor or hospital.

Your employer is responsible for providing transport to medical treatment.

Report the incident to your supervisor.

Why should you report the incident to your supervisor? Each workplace has **insurance** to assist workers if they get hurt while on the job.

Your workplace insurance entitles you to a range of **benefits**. In order to receive benefits, you have to first **file a claim** with **The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)** (formerly the Workers' Compensation Board). If you disagree with the WSIB's decision, you can **appeal** with the WSIB. You can use **forms** available online.

If you still are not satisfied, you may **appeal** to the **Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal**. The Tribunal is the final level of appeal to which workers and employers may bring disputes concerning workplace safety and insurance matters in Ontario. The Appeals Tribunal is separate from and independent of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

Both you and your employer have **responsibilities** in your recovery and return to work.

Employment Insurance

You can apply for EI benefits if you have paid into the EI account and you are unemployed.

- You can receive **regular benefits** if you lost your job through no fault of your own, for example, due to shortage of work, seasonal or mass lay-offs. To find out about the requirements for **regular benefits...**
- You can also receive **maternity, parental and/or sickness benefits** if pregnant, caring for a newborn or adopted child or sick. To find out about the requirements for **maternity, parental and sickness benefits...**
- You can receive **fishing benefits** if you are a person engaged in fishing. To find out about the requirements for **fishing benefits...**
- You can receive **compassionate care benefits** if you have to be away from work temporarily to provide care or support to a family member who is gravely ill with a significant risk of death. To

find out about the requirements for compassionate care benefits...

How, where and when to apply

To find out if you can receive EI benefits, you must submit an application for EI on-line or in person at your Service Canada Centre, even if you receive or will receive money when you become unemployed. You must request your Record of Employment (ROE) from your last employer. If you have your ROE from your last employer, apply immediately. If you did not receive your last ROE **within 14 days of your last day of work**, submit your application as soon as the 14 days are over, along with proof of employment — for example, pay stubs. If one or more ROE covering periods prior to your last employment are missing, you must still submit your claim for benefits.

If getting your ROE is a problem, your Service Canada Centre can help you. You will have to fill out a form "Request for Record of Employment" explaining what efforts you have made to obtain it. You will have to provide proof of your employment, such as: pay stubs, cancelled pay cheques, T4 slip, work schedules. If possible, we will use the proof to calculate your claim.

If you are applying for maternity, parental, compassionate care or sickness benefits, you should apply as soon as you stop working.

Delaying in filing your claim for benefits beyond 4 weeks after your last day of work may cause loss of benefits.

You must serve a **2-week unpaid waiting period** before your EI benefits begin to be paid. Generally, this period is the first 2 weeks of your claim. This is like a deductible for any kind of insurance. On the other hand, if you reopen a claim for benefits in which you have already served a 2-week waiting period, you do not serve another 2-week waiting period.

Earnings, for example, vacation pay, severance pay, made or allocated during the 2-week waiting period will be deducted in the first 3 weeks for which benefit is otherwise payable following the waiting period. Shortly after applying for EI, you will receive a Benefit statement in the mail indicating your Access code and the date your first report is due. Keep in mind that this does not mean that a decision has been made yet on your claim. If you have provided all the required information and if you can be paid EI benefits, your payment will be issued usually **within 28 days** from the date of filing your claim. If you cannot be paid, we will notify you of the decision made on your claim.

Labour Unions

Unions are employee organizations that negotiate with employers on wages, hours of work and working conditions. Not every employee has a union. But you have the right to join a union in Canada if you are in a union workplace. If you are a union member, money will be taken off your salary for the union.

Starting a Business

There are many services available to you before and after you successfully immigrate to Ontario as a business immigrant. The Business Immigration Section of the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade is an excellent place to start. The Business Immigration Section offers information and guidance to business persons interested in immigrating to and establishing a business in Ontario.

Locations - Small Business Enterprise Centres

Windsor

Windsor-Essex Small Business Enterprise Centre

Radisson Riverfront Hotel and City Centre

333 Riverside Drive West, Suite 217

Windsor, ON

N9A 5K4

Tel: (519) 253-6900

Fax: (519) 255-9987

E-mail: sdagostini@choosewindsor.com

Program Administrator E-mail: sdagostini@choosewindsor.com

Website: <http://www.choosewindsor.com>

Education in Ontario

School System:

The school system has two levels:

- Elementary school - Kindergarten to Grade 8
- Secondary school - Grade 9 to 12

Ontario law requires that all citizens and permanent residents between the ages of 6 and 16 attend school. Children begin **elementary school** at age 4 or 5.

Elementary schools provide Kindergarten and Kindergarten programs (for children aged 4 and 5) and programs for grades 1 through 8. Elementary schools have half day Kindergarten programs for students who are five years of age. Some schools boards also have Junior Kindergarten programs for students who are age 4.

Secondary schools offer programs from Grade 9 through to Grade 12. To receive an Ontario Secondary School Diploma, students need to complete at least thirty credits (one credit is normally one course).

Students also need to do forty hours of community service and pass the literacy requirement.

The **school year** generally begins in September and finishes at the end of June. Apart from the summer vacation, there are brief breaks in December and March. Students attend school Monday to Friday and the school day lasts about six hours.

There are four publicly funded school systems in Ontario: English Public, English Catholic, French language Public and French language Catholic.

In Ontario, publicly funded schools are administered by school boards. English public schools are open to all students. Catholic schools are open to all students who are baptized Roman Catholic, and to children of Roman Catholic parents. Generally, French language schools are open to all students seeking a French language education. For information on French language education, contact the school boards.

In Ontario, the Ministry of Education is responsible for elementary and secondary education. Publicly funded schools are managed by **district school boards** throughout the province. Local representatives, called **trustees**, are elected to the boards. Trustees represent the interests of parents and the general public.

To meet the needs of Ontario students, many schools and boards offer **special programs**. For example:

- English as a second language (ESL)
- Heritage Language Education (for students whose first language is other than English or French)
- Programs for students with special needs (such as extra help for students with a learning disability or programs for exceptional or gifted students)
- Assistance for parents who wish to teach their children at home instead of sending them to school
- Distance education or correspondence courses for secondary students
- Adult education programs

Private schools also offer elementary and secondary education. Private schools do not receive government funding, and students pay to attend them. The Ministry of Education maintains an up-to-date list of private schools in Ontario.

As a newcomer, you will need to decide which school system is best for your children. Most children attend the school in their local community. In some school boards, it is possible to attend a school outside of your local community.

Some schools boards will ask you to bring your child to a "reception centre" where your child's literacy and mathematics skills will be assessed. This information helps the teacher understand what your child has already learned.

Elementary and secondary school students who have recently arrived from other countries may have an **initial assessment** before they can enter a school. Not all School Boards provide a formal assessment, but it is useful to know what to expect.

The purpose of the initial assessment is to gather information about each student's educational background and English skills in order to place him or her in the right grade.

An initial assessment covers two key areas: **mathematics** and **language**.

The **mathematics** assessment is based on the standard requirements for Ontario schools. The assessment takes into account students' limitations in using English and may be partially conducted in the first language in order to better evaluate mathematical ability.

The **language** assessment usually starts with a reception interview. The purpose of the reception interview is to test the general linguistic skills of a student in the language he or she has been taught. That's why the interview is often held in a student's first language. The next steps of the assessment include evaluating oral, reading and writing skills in English. Based on the initial assessment, a student is placed in a program

that matches his or her educational experience and achievements. Most students will require ESL instruction and will be placed in appropriate language training programs. These students will be placed in at least one **mainstream** class, a physical education class, for instance, to allow them to interact with their English-speaking peers.

If assessment results indicate that a student will succeed in mainstream classes, this student may be placed right away at the appropriate grade level in the courses they want.

The initial placement is not final. Schools monitor and revise the placement over a period of time.

Secondary school begins at Grade 9 and finishes at Grade 12.

The high school program is based on a credit system. Students must earn a total of 30 credits (one for every 110-hour course successfully completed) to obtain a high school diploma.

Eighteen of the credits are compulsory, earned in a specified number of courses from a list of subjects that every student must take. The remaining 12 credits are optional, earned in courses that the student may select from the full range of courses offered by the school.

To graduate, a student must:

- earn 30 credits
- pass the Grade 10 Literacy Test
- complete 40 hours of community involvement

Although students may take eight credits per year and complete secondary school in four years, many students take a fifth year or an additional semester. Extending their studies this way allows them to take fewer courses each year (or explore their interest in other school subjects.) Some students take more courses than necessary. Students can continue in regular high school until they are 21.

In grades 9 and 10, students choose whether to study academic or applied courses in English, mathematics, science, history, geography and French. Students may take a mixture of academic and applied courses or take all their courses in one or the other.

Academic courses prepare students for grade 11 and 12 University preparation courses and some grade 11 and 12 University / College courses, which lead to University and some Community College programs.

Applied courses prepare students to enter University / College, College and workplace preparation courses in grades 11 and 12, which lead to Community College and training programs and prepare students to go directly to work after high school.

Registering For School

Here is what you must have, to register your son or daughter for school.

- proof of student's age - a birth certificate or passport
- proof of address - copy of a bank statement, telephone or electrical bill or apartment lease with your name and address
- proof of guardianship - required if the student is under 18 years of age and is not living with a parent
- proof of student's immigration status - one of:
 - birth certificate
 - passport
 - Confirmation of Permanent Residence (IMM 5292)
 - Permanent Resident Card.
- Immunization record - proof that your son or daughter has been immunized

For some school boards, newcomer students must go to an assessment centre where teachers review their mathematics and English language skills. That information is then sent to the student's school to help teachers understand what he or she has already learned. If you have your child's previous report card or textbook, or any other school information that might be helpful, please bring it along to the centre.

Refugee students register in different ways depending on the school board. Contact your school board to learn what their policy is.

When your son or daughter starts school, the Guidance counsellor will talk to your child about his or her previous schooling, interests and goals for after graduation.

The counsellor will then help your child choose the appropriate courses. When choosing the courses the school will consider:

- the match between what has already been learned and what the student is expected to learn in secondary school in Ontario
- the student's skills, abilities and interests

- reports cards and other documents you provide that describe what the student learned previously
- the results of the mathematics and language assessments
- the number of years the student has been in school.

Students entering secondary or high school face many of the same issues as elementary students. Many of the same decisions need to be made and a similar enrolment and information-gathering procedure applies. High school does, however, bring its own set of issues and concerns, such as balancing studies and a part-time job and deciding on post-secondary education or employment.

In order to understand some of the choices ahead, there are some important terms that parents and students will need to know:

Semestered and non-semestered schools: Non-semestered schools offer credits that last the whole academic year, from September to June. The semestered year is divided into two portions, and credits generally last half the academic year.

Compulsory courses/credits: Students must complete these courses in order to graduate. Sometimes a particular course is compulsory. Other times, a specific number of credits in a particular area must be completed. There are also optional courses ("options") that contribute to a student's overall number of credits, but are not mandatory.

Prerequisite courses: Students must complete these courses before proceeding to more advanced courses in the same or in a closely related subject.

Streaming: Students are placed or "streamed" into courses that are taught in either an **applied** ("practical") or an **academic** ("theoretical") manner. **Open courses** may be taken by all students. Students in Grades 9 and 10 can switch from one stream to the other fairly easily. Grade 11 students may need to take transfer courses in order to change from one stream to another.

High school offers many **extracurricular activities**. Sports, clubs, musical groups, theatre and student government are a few of the options. For the new student, joining an extra-curricular activity can be a great way to meet people. Schools with more developed English-as-a-second-language (ESL) programs may even have activities that are tailored to the ESL student. As part of the new curriculum, students are also expected to do 40 hours of **volunteer work** in the community. Both extra-curricular activities and community involvement are important parts of how students are evaluated when they apply for post-secondary education.

Many students **work part-time** while completing secondary school. Some work by choice; others by financial necessity. For students who work, **good time management** is necessary in order to balance the demands of school and work. A guidance counsellor can provide advice to students who are finding this double responsibility a challenge.

For students with **special needs**, the need for good time management is increased. Many newcomers attend ESL or FSL classes in addition to regular classes. This workload can put the student under considerable pressure. Because the success of a student in secondary school has such an impact on his or her choice of post-secondary education, course selection and the monitoring of progress are very important.

Report cards and parent-teacher interviews are opportunities for parents to see how a student is doing. Parents may also contact a teacher, teacher-adviser or guidance counsellor directly. These staff members work with parents and students to meet challenges as they arise. They can also help students to develop plans for life after secondary school, whether those plans include employment, college or university.

Universities of Ontario.

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY.

The Lakehead University offers the only nationally accredited professional forestry undergraduate degree of its kind in Ontario. The major selling point is the university's impressive \$44-million Advanced Technology and Academic Centre. It provides 16 new "smart" classrooms that integrate multimedia, network and computer technology. Lakehead University offers business programs: an honors bachelor of commerce degree and a one-year bachelor of administration degree that can be taken after completing the first two years of bachelor of commerce. Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre is right across from the campus which benefit's the students of health sciences. Qualified students already holding a degree can go to an

intensive one-year bachelor program. The faculty of engineering gives the opportunity to earn a two-year technology diploma and then the option of completing an engineering degree in two additional years.

Lakehead's Paleo-DNA Laboratory is considered a world leader in forensic identification, the lab receives frequent requests from law-enforcement agencies in Canada and U.S. A new "microarray facility" allows to observe thousand of genes in a single sample rather than one at a time. The student residence can benefit by skating on Lake Tamblyn, skiing and taking long walks along McIntyre.

FACTS + FIGURES:

Thunder Bay, Ont. (1965) / President: Frederick F. Gilbert / Full-time Students: 6,123 / Part-time Students: 1,456 / www.lakeheadu.ca

Admissions
Office of Admissions and
Recruitment Lakehead
University
955 Oliver Rd.
Thunder Bay, Ont.
P7B 5E1
(807)343-8500.
1800-465-3959
(Manitoba, Ontario and
Saskatchewan).

Scholarship and Bursary office.
(807)343-8923.

Financial aid office
(807)343-8206.

Residence spaces for first-year
students
810.

Male-female ratio
44 to 56.

Minimum entering grades in
first round of admissions
Arts: 70%; Science: 70%;
Commerce: 70%; Engineering:
70%.

Most popular majors
Business, Engineering,
Kinesiology, Nursing,
Psychology.

Co-operative Education
Computer Science, Economics,
Engineering, Forestry,
Mathematical Sciences, physics,
Commerce: Accounting,
Business Finance, Human
Resources
Management/Industrial Relation
Systems, Marketing.

Internships
Computer Science,
Mathematical Sciences

Popular profs: Mary Brenuig (Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism); Ken Brown (Forestry); Lori Chambers (Women's Studies); Yin Chen (Mathematics); Brent Cuthbert son (Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism); Bahram Dadgostar (Business Administration); Roger Delaney (Social Work); Livio Di Matteo (Economics); Todd Dufresne (Philosophy); Tom Dunk (Sociology); Philip Fralick (Geology); Rick Holmes (English); Syed Serajul Islam (Political Science); Matt Leitch (Forestry); Bruce Moorhead (History); Alain Nabarra (French); Donna New house (Biology); Inderjit nerdish (Chemical Engineering); Karen Poole (Nursing); Todd Randall (Geography); Gillian Siddall (English); Cindy Soldan (English); Beatrice Vernier-Parachute (French); Doug West (Polital Science).

Famous grads: Author Diane Schoemperlen; native artist Goyce Kakegamic; Denis Turcott president and CEO of Algoma Steel.

General Scholarships:

Arbitibi-Consolidated Inc. Entrance Scholarships: Criteria: High ranking entrance students; Value: \$200; Number: Two.

Keith And Carrie Black Family Awards: Criteria: Financial need; Minimum Average: B, Value: \$100;

Number: One; Application Deadline: March 15.

C. J. Sanders Scholarship; Criteria: Academic excellence, financial need; Value: \$700; Number: Two; Application Deadline: March 15.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR.

The University of Windsor located at the heart of the Ambassador bridge, a local landmark. It has program sharing and student exchanges with universities and institutes throughout Michigan. It is situated in the automotive manufacturing capital of Canada. It is one of only a handful of universities in Canada that offers all three schools of art-drama, music and visual arts. The faculty is also home to Windsor's impressive St. Denis Centre, which includes the Field House, a multi purpose indoor sports facility and a new stadium track. It has also offers the Anthony P. Toldo Health Education Centre. There is also a new dramatic art facility. The architecture is a mixture of old and new buildings. It is truly situated in the heart of Windsor, that boasts a symphony orchestra, art gallery, theatres, dance companies and a really great nightlife.

Facts + Figures

Windsor, Ont. (1857) / President: Ross H. Paul / Full time students: 13,215.

Part-time students: 3,297 / Tuition: \$4,790 / www.uwindsor.ca

Admissions
Office of Registrar
University of Windsor
401 Sunset Ave.
Windsor, Ont.
N9b 3P4
(519)253-3000,
ext. 3315.

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(519) 253-3000,
Ext. 3300.

Residence spaces
1,830.

Residence spaces for
first-year students
1,609.

Male-female ratio
44 to 56

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions

Arts: 70% -82%;
Science: 70%-80%;
Commerce: 71% 75%;
Engineering: 75%.

Co-operative education
Business, Business and
Computer Science,
Computer Science
(Artificial intelligence,
Computer Information,
Systems, Computer
and Multimedia,

Networking and
Security, Software
Engineering) Earth
Science
(Environmental
Geology, Geology),
Great Lakes
Environmental
Biology, Kinesiology
Master of Business
Administration,
Operational Research,
Physics and High
Technology
Engineering:
Automotive, Civil,
Electrical and
Computer,
Environmental,
Industrial and
manufacturing Systems
(Automotive
Manufacturing, Supply
Chain), Materials,
mechanical.

Most popular majors
Business, Education,
Engineering, Human
Kinetics, Psychology.

Internships
Applied Human
Performance,
Communication
Studies, Computer
Science, Drama in
Education, Education,
Engineering, General
Science/Medical
Laboratory Science,
Labour Science, Law,
Nursing, Music
Therapy, Political
Science, Psychology,
Social Work,
Sociology, Sport
Management,
Volunteer Internship
Program.

Popular Prof.: Jeff Berryman (Law); Randy Bowers (Engineering); Daniel Britten (Mathematics); Kenneth Cramer (Psychology); John Deukmedijan (Criminology); Jack Freeman (Accounting); Denise Ghana (Business); James Green (Chemistry); Doug Haffner (Biology); Susan Holbrook (English); Dale Jacobs (English); Ralph Johnson (Philosophy); Larry Kulisek (History); Anna Lanoszka (Political Science); Heather Maclvor (Political Science); Suzanne Matheson (English); Jeffrey Noonan (Philosophy); Stewart

Page (Psychology); David Palmer (Music); Kirsten Poling (Biology); Martha Reavley (Business); Andrew Richter (Political Science); Alan Trenhaile (Geography); Bruce Tucker (History); Sirinimal Withane (Business).

Famous Grads. Anna Maria Tremonti, host of CBC Radio's *The Current*; Krystyna Hoeg, President and CEO of Corby Distilleries; Richard Peddie, President of Maple Leaf Sports.

General scholarships:

Alumni Entrance Scholarship: Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum Average: 90%; Value: 5,000, over four years; Number: One.

Brian Briggs Memorial Awards: Criteria: Participation in organized sports in town of LaSalle, Athletic and social leadership, Academic excellence; Minimum Average: 80%; One years tuition (maximum); Number: Varies.

Norah Cleary Entrance Awards: Criteria: Students from Windsor Essex County secondary schools, academic excellence, financial need; Minimum Average: 90%; Value: \$2,800, renewable for three years; Numbers: Five

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO.

The University Of Western Ontario is located on 480 hectares of land in London. It offers more than 50 degree and diploma programs. It offers Canada's only one-year master's degree in journalism. The average entering grades have been steadily rising luring the very brightest students to this University. Western offers a wide range of programs including the Scholar's Electives program which invites students to take whatever courses suit their interest from across the spectrum of faculties and also provides extracurricular 'growth opportunities' for a select group of students, allowing them to participate in service-learning activities related to their program of study. With the New Academic Choices degree structure, students can combine existing academic programs to meet their individual goals. Western has three affiliated colleges - Huron, Brescia and King's which offer smaller class sizes, more hand-on learning and dedicated professors. The University's Financial Aid Program offers \$20 million in scholarships and bursary each year. There are more than 2,000 work-study jobs across campus.

Facts + Figures

London, Ont. (1878) / President: Paul Davennort / Full-Time Students: 28 529

courts, indoor track and rock climbing wall. It will soon gain the capacity to accommodate 1,400 students on campus. Large residence parties are very much popular across the campus.

Facts + Figures:

Sudbury, Ont. (1960) / President: Judith Woods worth / Full-time students: 5,939
 Part-time students: 2,270 / Tuition: \$4,516 / www.laurentian.ca

Admissions Office of Admissions Laurentian University 935 Ramsey Lake Rd. Sudbury, Ont. P3E 2C6 (705) 675-4843.	Residence spaces 1,175.	Minimum entering grades in first round of admissions. Arts: 70%, Science: 70%, Engineering: 70%, Commerce: 70%	Most popular majors Biomedical Biology, Commerce, Education, Nursing, Psychology. Co-operative education Computer science, Engineering. Internships Commerce, Sports Administration.
Scholarship and financial aid office (705) 673-6578	Residence Spaces for first-year students 375		
	Male-female ratio 37 to 63		

Popular Prof. : Brian Atken (Ethics); Linda Ambrose ((History); Charles Be'langer (Commerce and Administration); Patricia Brace (English); Dale Brawn (Law2 and Justice); Jean-CharlesCachon (Commerce and Administration); Hoi Cheu (English); Austin Davey (Commerce and Administration); Scott Fairgrieve (Forensic science); Marie Luce Garceau (Social Work);Diana Luele-Colilli (Modern Languages and Literature); Wendy Jerome (Sport Psychology); Margaret Kechnie (Women studies); James Ketchen (Law and Justice); Paul Emile Legault (Astronomy and Physics); Janice Liedl (History); Frank Mallory (Biology); Steve Meyer (Geography); Ginette Michel (Human Kinetics); Theresa Mirka (Nursing); David Pearson (Earth Sciences);Michael Persinger (Psychology); Bob Newsworthy (political Science); Carol Stos (Modern Languages and Literature); Pamela Toulouse (Education).

Famous Grads. : Swimmer and Olympic Gold medallist Alex Baumann; writer Roy MacGregor; Liberal MP Diane Marleau; Senator Marie-Paule Poulin.

General scholarships:

Alumni Entrance Scholarship: Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$2,500; Number: One.

R. J. Askin Memorial Scholarship: Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$700; Number: One. Board Of Governors Scholarship :Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$1,300; Number: One.

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO .

The University of Waterloo is renowned for its innovation and academic excellence, especially in the fields of science and technology. It also offers the country's largest co-operative program It offers well over 100 undergraduate and graduate co-op programs. The nature of the co-op-alternating work placements with four months academic terms- makes for a demanding learning environment and gives a hunger to succeed to the students. Arts and business program students have a choice of 25 majors in the co-op program. It is a five year program that allows art students

to specialize in areas such as international trade and cultural management. The University finished fourth in the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition which involves 515 colleges and university's throughout Canada and U.S. Last fall Waterloo launched a new bachelor program in computing and financial management that prepares students for IT careers. Co-op opportunities for science and technology students has increased in the past three years.

Facts + Figures:

Waterloo, Ont. (1957) / President: David Johnston / Full-time students: 23,185

Part-time students: 2,660 / Tuition: \$4,645 / www.uwaterloo.ca

Admissions
Office of Registrar
University of Waterloo
200 University Ave.
W.
Waterloo, Ont.
N2L 3G1
(519) 888-4567.

Scholarship and
bursary office
(519) 888-4567,
ext. 6042

Financial aid office
(519) 888-4567,
Ext. 3583

Residence spaces
6,164.

Residence spaces for
first-year students
5,460.

Male-female ratio
54 to 46.

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions
Arts: 75%;
Science: 75%;
Commerce: 80%-90%;
Engineering: 85%

Most popular majors
Arts, Computer
Science, Mathematics,
Psychology, Science.

Co-operative education
**Applied Health
Science:** Health
Studies, and
Gerontology,
Kinesiology,
Recreation and
Business, Recreation
and Leisure Studies,
Therapeutic Recreation
Arts: Accounting and
Financial Management,
Anthropology,
Classical Studies,
Cultural Management,
Digital Art
Communication,
Drama, Economics,
English, Fine Arts,
French, German,
History, Human
Resources,
International Trades,
Management Studies,
Medieval Studies,

Music, Philosophy,
Political Science,
Psychology, Religious
Studies, Rhetoric and
Professional Writing,
Russian, Slavic
Studies, Social
Development Studies,
Sociology, Spanish,
Speech
Communication.
Engineering:
Architecture,
Chemical, Civil,
Computer, Electrical,
Environmental,
Geological,
Management Sciences,
Mechanical,
Mechatronics,
Nanotechnology,
Software, System
Design.
**Environmental
Studies:** Environment
and Business,
Environment and
Resource Studies,
Geography, Planning.
Mathematics:
Actuarial Science,
Applied Math,
Bioinformatics,
Business

Business
Administration,
Chartered
Accountancy,
Combinatorics and
Optimization,
Computational
Mathematics,
Computer Science,
Math Teaching,
Mathematical Physics,
Mathematical
Sciences, Operations
Research, Pure Math
Scientific
Computation, Software
Engineering, Statistics.
Science: Biochemistry,
Bioinformatics,
Biology,
Biotechnology/
Chartered
Accountancy,
Chemistry,
Computational Earth
Sciences
(Environmental
Hydrogeology,
Geophysics),
Environmental,
Geochemistry,
Geology, Mathematical
Physics, Physics,
Psychology, Science
and Business, Science
Teaching.

Internships
Optometry, Social
Work.

Popular Prof. : Jean Andrey (Geography); Vivian Dayeh (Biology); John English (History); Richard Ennis (Psychology); Pierre Fillion (Planning); Stan Fogel (English); Steve Forsey (Chemistry); Vera Golini (Italian); Laura Gray (Music); Andrew Hunt (History); Wing-Ki Liu (Physics); Harriet Lyons (Anthropology); Eric McCormack (English); Ted McGee (English); Robert McKillop (Civil Engineering); Richard Nut brown (Political Science); Brian Orend (Philosophy); Robert Park (Anthropology); Mark Seasons (Planning); Adel Sedra (Electrical and Computer Engineering); Larry Smith (Economics); John Thompson (Biology); Bruno Tremblay (Philosophy); Pat Wainwright (Health Studies Gerontology); Wei-

Chau Xie (Civil Engineering); Frank Zorzitto (Pure Mathematics)

Famous Grads: Academy award winning animator William Reeves (*tiny toy*); v-chip inventor Tim Collings; author George Elliot Clarke.

General scholarships:

Walter A. Bean Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation Scholarship

Criteria: Waterloo County Special Entrance Scholarship winner, leadership ability, good citizenship, extracurricular activities, academic excellence Value: \$2,500, Number: One

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation Award:

Criteria: Moral force of character, capacity to lead and motivate, extracurricular attainments, strong commitment to the community, both within and outside the school, academic excellence; Value: Up to \$24,000, over four years; Number: Varies

Ross and Doris Dixon Waterloo Region Entrance Scholarship: Criteria: Outstanding student from a secondary school in the region of Waterloo; Value: \$2,500; Number: Two

WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY.

Wilfrid Laurier University has a relatively small size compared to other Educational Institutes but size doesn't matter especially when it comes to quality. The University is well known for its music faculty, which attracts students from across Canada and the U.S. It is also recognized for its music therapy program which is used to help and improve communication abilities of autistic children and adults with Alzheimer's disease. Students in all arts, science and honors programs can apply for co-op placement in the second year with the exception of music students. Laurier opened a campus in Brantford which also offers a joint concurrent education program with Nipissing University. It has several joint offerings from nearby universities like Mohawk, Conestoga College, Guelph and Waterloo. At Laurier an entrance scholarship grid provides automatic awards, based on best grade in final year of high school. Its graduation and employment rates are among the highest in the province.

FACTS + FIGURES:

Waterloo, Ont. (1911) / President: Robert G. Rosehart / Full-time students: 10,864

Part-time students: 2,286 / Tuition: \$4,922 / www.wlu.ca

Admissions
Office of Registrar
Wilfrid Laurier
University
75 University Ave. W.
Waterloo, Ont.
N2L 3C5
(519) 884-0710,
Ext. 3351

Scholarship and
bursary office
(519) 884-0710,
Ext. 4255

Financial aid office
(519) 884-0710,
Ext. 4147

Residence spaces:
2,495

Residence spaces:
2,495

Residence spaces for
first-year students
2,319

Male-female ratio: 39
to 61

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions

Arts: 79.2%

Science: 80.9%

Commerce: 85.2%

Most popular majors
Business,
Communication
Studies, Contemporary
Studies, English,
Psychology

Co-operative education
Anthropology,
Archaeology,
Biochemistry and
Biotechnology,
Biology, Business
Administration,
Canadian Studies,
Chemistry, Classical
Studies,
Communication
Studies, Computer
Science, Computing
and Computer
Electronics, Cultural
Studies, Economics,
English, Film Studies,
Financial Mathematics,
Geography and
Environmental Studies,
Geomatics, Global

Studies, History,
Kinesiology and
Physical Education,
Languages and
Literature,
Mathematics, Medieval
Studies, Mediterranean
Studies, Philosophy,
Philosophy and
Economics, Photonics,
Political Science,
Politics, Psychology,
Religion and Culture,
Sociology, Women's
Studies
Interdisciplinary:
Business
Administration, and
Computing, Business
and Chemistry,
Business and
Mathematics

Famous Profs: Laura Allan (Business and Economics); Richard Christy (Sociology); Carol Duncan (Religion and Culture); Alistair Edgar (Political Science); Peter Eglin (Sociology); Peter Erb (Religion and Culture) Frederique Guinel (Biology); Susan Johnson (economics); Barry Kay (Political Science); Michele Kramer (English); Shirly Lichti (Business and Economics); Gordon McDougall (Business); William McNally (Finance); William Mcteer (Kinesiology and Physical Education); Franklin Ramsomair (Business

and Economics); Mercedes Rowinsky (Languages and Literature); Alma Santosuosso (Music); Debora Van Nijnatten (Political Science); Richard Walsh-Bowers (Psychology); Kirsten Yri (Music)

Famous Grads: Financial huru and author David Chilton; cancer researcher Dr. Michael Overduin; Noel Edison artistic director and conductor of Toronto Mendelssohn Choir; Timothy Penner, president of Proctor & Gamble Canada; Olympic hockey gold medallist Cheryl Pounder; MuchMusic veejay Matte Babel

General scholarships:

Alumni Association Award of Merit:

Criteria: Academic excellence, sibling or child of a Wilfrid Laurier, alumnus, leadership, school or community activities; Value: Up to 1,000; Number Three.

The Dom Cardillo Scholarship:

Criteria: Academic excellence, must be resident of Kitchener Waterloo, leadership, school or community activities; Minimum Average: 80%; Value: Up to \$800; Number: One.

Chancellor's Scholarship Fund: Criteria: Outstanding academic achievement, significant extra curricular activity or volunteer work; Minimum Average: 85%; Value: Up to \$1,500; Number: Two.

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

Guelph takes pride in catering its students in every aspect of the academic life , from the residence cafeteria to the classroom. It is home to the nationally renowned Ontario Veterinary College. It is also gaining reputation as a place where academic innovation and student comfort intersects. New students can get help through the Expanded Student Life and Career Services Centre. Next door is the University of Guelph Research Park. It highly marks the devotion to research . It offers The Summer Undergraduate Research Assistantship Program which in return offers hands on experience for 130 students. In addition it also has 500 full and part time work-study opportunities throughout the year. The University also boasts its Health and Performance Centre and its established College of Social and Applied Human Sciences. There is an Olympic sized arena, two pools and three gymnasiums and 160 hectare arboretum with about 3000 kinds of trees and shrubs.

FACTS + FIGURES:

Guelph , Ont. (1964) / President: Alastair Summer lee / Full-time students: 16,653
Part-time students: 1,565 / Tuition: \$5,012 / www.uoguelph.ca

Admissions
Admission Services
Level 3 University
Centre University of
Guelph
50 Stone Rd. E.
Guelph Ont.
N1G 2W1
(519) 824-2130

Scholarship and
bursary office
(519) 824-4120
Ext. 52309

Financial aid office
(519) 824-4120,
Ext. 58715

residence spaces: 5,240

Residence spaces for
first year students
3,500

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions
Arts: 78%; Science:
77%; Commerce: 75%;
Engineering: 75%

Male-female ratio: 37
to 63

Most popular majors
Biological Sciences,
Biomedical Sciences,
Business, Commerce
and Marketing,
Criminal Justice and
Public Policy,
Psychology

Co-operative education

Arts: Economics
Psychology
Commerce:
Agricultural Business,
Hotel and Food
Administration,
Housing and Real
Estate Management,
Management
Economics in Industry
and Finance,
Marketing
Management, Public
Management
Engineering:
Biological,
Environmental,
Systems and
Computing, Water
Resources

Science: Applied
Computing and
Communication
Systems Technology,
Applied Mathematics
and Statistics, Applied
Pharmaceutical
Chemistry,
Biochemistry,
Biomedical toxicology,
Biophysics, Chemical
physics, Chemistry,
Child Youth and
Family, Computing
and Information
Science, Earth and
Atmospheric Science,
Ecology,
Environmental,
Environmental
Economics and Policy,
Environmental
Geography,
Environmental
Monitoring and
Analysis,
Environmental
Toxicology,
Environmetrics, Food
Science, Gerontology,
Microbiology, Natural
Resources
Management,, Physics,
Physics and
Technology

Internships:
Agriculture, Allied
Human Nutrition, Art
History, Arts and
Science, Business
Administration, Child,
Youth and Family,
Consumer Studies,
Distributed Computing
And Communication
System Technology,
Early Childhood
Services, Ecology,
Environmental
Biology,
Environmental
Science, European
Studies, Family and
Community Social
Services, Forest
Science, Gerontology,
History, Horticulture
Management, Hotel
and Food
Administration,
International
Development, Justice
Studies, Landscape
Architecture, Marine
and Fresh Water
Biology, Media
Studies, Music,
Nutrition, Plant
Biotechnology,
Psychology, Veterinary
Medicine, Wildlife
Biology, Women's
Studies, Zoology

Popular Profs: Lorne Benette (Geography); Aaron Berg (Geography); Janine Clark (Political Science); Dawn Cornelio (French); Susan Douglas (Art History); the Fastwurms (Studio Art); Robert Foster (Pathobiology) Linda Hunter (Sociology); Thomas King(English); Tim Mau (political Science); Ruediger Mueller (German Studies); Frances Sharom (Biochemistry); Geoff Smith (hospitality and Tourism Management); Ian Spears (Political Science); Renee Sylvain (Anthropology); Dan Thomas (Chemistry); Bill Van Heyst (Engineering); Jack Weiner (Mathematics); William Woodward (Human Health and Nutritional Sciences)

Famous Grads : Astronaut Roberta Bondar; singer Jane Siberry; author Jane Urquhart; Scotiabank chief economist Warren Jestin; women's Olympic hockey team captain Cassie Campbell

General Scholarships:

Board Of Governors Scholarship: Criteria: Outstanding academic achievement; Minimum average: 80%, Value: \$8,000; Number: 25.

International Student Entrance Bursary: Criteria: Demonstrated Financial need; Value: \$1,000 to \$6,000; Number: Varies; Application Deadline: March 1.

Gorden W. Innes Scholarship: Criteria: Student from Oxford County with the highest admission average; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$1,400; Number: One.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY .

McMaster University's mission reflects is a mixture of old; traditional and new; modern techniques. Keeping its traditional academic, it forges ahead with its modern research. Some popular undergraduate programs are the bachelor of health sciences and bachelor of science and art program. Interdisciplinary innovation has resulted in other unique combinations as well such as engineering and management or society programs. Students usually choose from for streams including mass communication or language and social life. The University's Centre of Leadership in Learning offers the Inquiry project for students which determines how students can benefit from the so-called inquiry approach. It's courses are limited to about 20 students. McMaster Guarantees a spot for those entering with an average of 80% or higher. It has two campus bars and clubs that add to extracurricular activities of students.

FACTS + FIGURES

Hamilton, Ont (1887) / President: Peter George / Full-time students: 19,264

Part-time students: 3,505 / Tuition: \$4,924 / www.mcmaster.ca

Admissions
Office of the Registrar
McMaster University
1280 Main St. W.
Hamilton, Ont.
L8S 4L8
(905) 525-4600

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(905) 525-9140,
Ext. 24319

Residence spaces:
3,366

Residence spaces for
first-year students
2,700

Male-female ratio: 41
to 59

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions

Arts: 78%
Science: 83%
Commerce: 82%
Engineering: 80%

Most popular majors
Biology, Commerce,
Kinesiology, Nursing,
Psychology

Co-operative education
Biochemistry, Biology
and Pharmacology,
Chemistry, Earth and
Environmental
Sciences, Engineering,
Mathematics and
Statistics, M.B.A.,
Medical and Health
Physics, Physics

Internships
Anthropology,
Biochemistry, Biology,
Chemistry, Commerce,
Communication
Studies, Computing
Science, Economics,
Engineering,
Environmental science,
Geography and
geology, Gerontology,
Health Studies,
Kinesiology, Labour
Studies, Mathematics,
Physics, Political
Science

Popular Profs : Barry Allen (Philosophy); Richard Arthur (Philosophy); Narat Charupat (Business); David Clark (English); Ritta Cossa (Marketing); Donald Dawson (Economics); Robert Hamilton (Multimedia); Hugh Hartwell (Music); Martin Horn (History); Atif Kubursi (Economics); Miroslav Lovric (Mathematics); James Quinn (biology); William Scarth (Economics); Alexandre Sevigny (French); Stephen

Streeter (History); Mark Vorobej (Philosophy); Jean Wilson (Comparative Literature)

Famous Grads: Actors Martin Short and Dave Thomas; Roberta Bondar, astronaut; James Orbinski and Richard Heinzl, founding members of Doctors Without Borders (Canada); War Child Canada founder Dr. Samantha Nutt; Hockey Hall of Famer Roger Neilson; Former CFL quarterback Russ Jackson; Dalton McGuinty, premier of Ontario

General Scholarships: No applications are required for general scholarships, which are unlimited in number and based on final admission average to the program. All general scholarships are renewable during the second year if honours standing is maintained. Some program specific scholarships are stackable.

McMaster Honour Awards: Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 90%; Value: \$2,000, renewable; Number: Unlimited.

McMaster Honour Awards: Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 85%; Value: \$1,000, renewable; Number Unlimited.

McMaster Honour Awards: Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum Average: 80%; Value: \$750, renewable; Number: Unlimited.

NIPISSING UNIVERSITY.

Nipissing University still has one of the smallest undergraduate student bodies in Ontario's Public Universities which in return makes it easy to look after student needs on the campus. It provides 375-hectare "Nipissing University-Alcan Environmental Research Preserve" for ecological studies. It has a new Central Analytical Facility for chemo-sensory research but the university is best known for training teachers. It also offers an innovative Aboriginal teacher education program. The university shares its campus with Canadore College and offer joint programs in nursing criminal justice, and some environmental areas. First-year students can choose from 27 townhouses on campus or three apartments style complexes a short walk away. Outdoor recreation includes skiing with ski trails intersecting the campus. McMaster also lends students ski equipment at no charge.

FACTS + FIGURES

North Bay, Ont. (1992) / President: Dennis Mock / Full-time students: 3,071
Part-time students: 2,835 / Tuition: \$4,745 / www.nipissingu.ca

Admissions
Office of the Registrar
Nipissing University
100 College Dr.
P.O. Box 5002
North Bay, Ont.
P1B 8L7
(705) 474-3450,
Ext. 4515

Scholarship and
bursary office
(705) 474-3450,
Ext. 4490

Financial aid office
(705) 474-3450
Ext. 4311

Residence spaces:
1,007

Residence spaces for
first-year students
652

Male-female ratio: 28
to 72

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions
Arts: 70%
Science: 70%
Commerce: 72%

Most popular majors
Education, English,
History, Psychology,
Sociology

Popular Profs : Dean Berry (Education); Doug Bolger (Education); Wayne Broody (Philosophy); Greg Brown (Criminology); Kari Brozowski (Sociology); Ted Chase (Computer Science and Math); Ann Clendinning (History); Teri Dokis (Native Studies); Ann-Barbara Graff (English); David Hackett (Environmental Science and Biology); David Hall (Sociology); Catherine Kilbride (French); John Kooistra (English); Helen Langford (Education); Gerald Laronde (Education); Stan Lawlor (Sociology); James LeClair (Geography); Eric Mattson (Geography); Gary McEwen (Education); John Munro (Classical Studies); Dana Murphy (Psychology); Sean O'Hara (Geography); Gregory Pyle (Biology); Sal Renshaw (Gender Equality and Social Justice); Jo-Ann Ryan (Business); Matti Saari (Psychology); Ken Stange (Psychology); Ursula Stange (Humanities and Cultural Studies); Denis Stokes (English); Murat Tuncali (Mathematics); Vesko Valov (Mathematics); Diana Walton (Classical Studies)

Famous Grads: Olympic kayaker Alison Herst.

General Scholarships:

Carl Sanders Scholarships: Grade specific automatic scholarships

Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum Average: 80%; Value: 1,250 (80%), \$2,250 (85%); Number: Unlimited.

Nipissing University Tuition Assistance: Criteria: Academic achievement, financial need; Minimum Average: 70%; Value: \$1,000; Number: 200; Application Deadline: March 25.

Calliope Loukidelis Memorial Scholarship: Criteria: Restricted to women from Nipissing area secondary schools, academic excellence; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$300; Number: One; Application Deadline: March 25.

ONTARIO COLLEGE OF ARTS & DESIGN.

The Ontario College of Arts and Design is the oldest and largest of Canada's four main art schools. OCAD offers a wide range of courses, from life drawing and Sculpting to product design and typography. It offers an Art Program for 30 students in Italy. OCAD has earned the right to grant degrees in 2002. The most prominent feature of OCAD is its "Sharp Centre For Design", perched on spindly multicolored columns, which was conceived as a solution to the long standing shortage of space. Most significant is OCAD's new independent degree granting status which allows students to earn bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of design degrees. OCAD's degrees are recognized by the Ontario College of Teaching. Classes at the OCAD remain small with instructors fostering an environment in which ideas flourish. The Art Gallery ; the Queen Street West and other suppliers are not far away from OCAD.

FACTS + FIGURES

Toronto, Ont. (1876) / President: Sara Diamond / Full-time students: 2,646

Part-time students: 709 / Tuition: \$4,670, plus \$2,400 (approx.) for supplies / www.ocad.ca

Admissions
Admissions Ontario
College of
Arts and Design
100 McCaul St.
Toronto, Ont.
M5T 1W1
(416) 977-6000,
Ext. 308, ext. 310, ext.
428 or ext. 489

Scholarship and
bursary office
(416) 977-6000,
Ext. 257 or ext. 391

Financial aid office
(416) 977-6000
Ext. 346

Male-female ratio: 37
to 63

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions

Arts: High-school
diploma (70%
minimum average,
including 70% in
English), plus portfolio

Most popular majors
Advertising, Drawing
and Painting, Graphic
Design, Illustration
Industrial Design

General Scholarships: Awarded to full time students enrolled in year 1 (Art or Design).

Earla Alexander Scholarship: Criteria: Awarded to students from the Etobicoke community, jurying will be based on high school academic standing and portfolio scores; Value: \$1,000; Number: One.

BMO Financial Group Scholarship: Criteria: Students who have demonstrated community involvement, , jurying will be based on high school academic standing and portfolio scores; Value: \$2,000; Number: Six.

Humber Valley Art Club Award: Criteria: : Awarded to students from the Etobicoke community, jurying will be based on high school academic standing and portfolio scores; Value: \$750; Number: One

RYERSON UNIVERSITY.

Ryerson University has introduced new undergraduate programming in every year of this decade. Ryerson's philosophy of "learning by doing" is evident throughout the campus. It offers 75 degree programs in arts, communication and design, community services , engineering, architecture and business. Ryerson also offers undergraduate degrees in graphic communication management, radio and television arts, early childhood education, retail management, and Canada's first degree program in mid-wifery offered in conjunction with Laurentian McMaster. Ryerson's connection to the real world extends beyond its downtown location. Most its full-time students live off campus many working part time jobs in their field of study. Nearly 65 percent of the first-year class arrives straight from high school whereas the rest are graduates from universities or university transfer students.

FACTS + FIGURES

Toronto, Ont. (1948) / President: Sheldon Levy/ Full-time students: 14,265

Part-time students: 13,786 / Tuition: \$4,711 / www.ryerson.ca

Admissions
Office of the
Undergraduate
Admissions
Ryerson University
350 Victoria St.
Toronto, Ont.
M5B 2K3
(416) 979-5036

Scholarship and
Bursary office
(416) 979-5115

financial aid office
(416) 979-5113

Residence spaces: 840

Residence spaces for
first-year students
726

Male-female ratio: 46
to 54

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions
Arts: 70%-72%
Science: 70%-72%
Commerce: 72%-75%
Engineering: 70%-73%

Most popular majors
Business Management,
Electrical and
Computer
Engineering, Image
Arts, Information
Technology
Management, Nursing

Co-operative education
Applied Chemistry and
Biology, Chemical
Engineering, Civil
Engineering
(Geomatics option),
Computer Science,
Information
Technology
Management,
Occupational and
Public Health

Internships
International
Economics,
Engineering,
Aerospace, Civil,
Electrical and
Computer, Industrial,
Mechanical.

Work experience
placement/practicum
Business Management,
Early Childhood,
Education, Fashion,
Geographic Analysis,
Graphic
Communication
Management,
Hospitality and
Tourism Management,
Image Arts,
Journalism, Nursing,
Nutrition and Food,
Public Administration
and Governance, Radio
and Television Arts,
Retail Management ,
Social Work, Theatre,
Urban and Regional
Planning

Popular Profs : Gene Allen (Journalism); Mike Burke (Politics and Public Administration); John Curauna (Philosophy); Alice Chu (Fation); Steve Daniels (Image Arts); Bruce Elder (Image Arts); Don Gibb (Journalism); Mike Inglis (Business Management); Hugh Innis (Image Arts); Arne Kislenco (History); Scott Lauder (English); John Miller (Journalism); Roy Mrley (Retail Management); Sheila O'Neill (Business and Technical Communication); Nadia Potts (Dance); John Shields Politics and Public Administration); Myer Siemiatycky (Politics and public Administration); Edward Slopek (Image Arts); Don Snyder (Image Arts); Ron Stagg (History); Neil Tomlinson (Politics and Public Administration); John Turtle (Psychology); Baruch Zone (Architectural Science)

Famous Grads: Actor Eric McCormack (Will & Grace); Heida artist Bill Reid; broadcaster s Wendy Mesley , Alison Smith; film maker Bruce Mac-Donald; Is adore (issy) Sharp, founder, chairman and CEO of Four Seasons Hotel Inc.; actress Sonja Smits; fashion designers Lida Baday and Brian Bailey; musicians Tyler Stewart (Barenaked Ladies) and Margo Timmins (Cowboys Junkies); interior designer Brian Gluckstein.

General Scholarships:

Bank of Montreal Scholarship: Criteria: Must be from traditionally under-represented groups including women, visible minorities, international students, students with disabilities and Aboriginal students;

Minimum average: 75%; Value: \$2,500; Number: One.

Bank of Montreal Scholarship: Criteria: Must be from traditionally under-represented groups including women, visible minorities, international students, students with disabilities and Aboriginal students; Minimum average: 65%; Value: \$1,000; Number: Three.

Terence Grier Entrance Scholarship: Exceptional aptitude or interest in chosen field of study; Minimum average: 85%; Value: Full tuition; Number: One; Application deadline: April 1.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

University of Toronto offers more than 300 undergraduate programs, 32 libraries, 3000 faculty and 3 distinct campuses, each with its own programs, clubs and residences. Its size provides a wide range of resources. University of Toronto is positioning itself to become one of the 10 top notch public research universities in the world. The campus includes the Morrison Pavilion, providing 650 new spaces at the Gerstein Science Information Centre, the largest of its kind in Canada, The new Bahen Centre for Information and Technology, Sydney Smith Hall and the Terrence Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research. Over the decades Toronto University formed a federation with many other colleges and institutions. Still research is the corner stone of U of T. Many students are attracted by its co-op programs. It boasts its Ph. D programs in 75 disciplines and receives more grant money from the three major federal granting councils than any other university.

FACTS + FIGURES

Toronto, Ont. (1827) / President: David Nayler / Full-time students: 59,870

Part-time students: 8,958 / Tuition: \$4,982 / www.utoronto.ca

Admissions
Office of the
Admissions and
Awards
University of Toronto
315 Bloor St. W.
Toronto, Ont.
M5S 1A3
(416) 978-2190

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(416) 978-2190

Residence spaces:
8,201

Residence spaces for
first-year students
7,047

Male-female ratio: 43
to 57

Minimum entering
grades in first round
of admissions
Arts: 72%-77%
Science: 73%-80%
Commerce: 82%-84%
Engineering: 81%-91%

Most popular majors
Economics, English,
History, Management,
Psychology

Co-operative education
Scarborough campus:
Accounting,
Anthropology, Art and
Culture, Art History,
Art Management,
Astrophysics and

Physics, Biochemistry
and Biological
Chemistry, Cell and
Molecular Biology,
Chemistry, City
Studies, Computer
Science, Conservation
Biology, Drama,
Economic Data
Analysis, English
Environmental
Science, French,
Finance, History
Studies, History,
Human Resources
Management,
International Business,
International
Development Studies,
International Studies,
Linguistics, Marketing,
Mathematics,
Mathematics and its
Application, Music and
Culture, Neuroscience,
Philosophy, Physical
and Mathematical

Sciences, Physical
Sciences, Physics and
its Applications,
Psycholinguistics,
Psychology, Public
Management, Public
Policy, Sociology,
Strategic Management,
studio, Women's
Studies

Internships
Centre for Russian and
East European Studies
Summer Internship
Program; Work in
Japan Program (Open
to students registered
in law, Science or
Engineering);
Professional
Experience Year (open
to students registered
in Arts and Science or
Applied Science and
Engineering)

Popular Profs : Lee Bailey (Economics); Dror Bar-Natan (Mathematics); Michael Barrett (Zoology); Ritu Birla (History); Michael Bliss (History); Jack Carr (Economics); Sharon Cowling (Geography); Marcel Danesi (Anthropology); Ronald Delbert (Political Science); Sherwin Desser (Zoology); Michael Dewar (Classics); Sergei Dmitrevsky (Electrical and Computer Engineering); Rick Halpern (American Studies); Amir Harrak (Near and Middle Eastern Civilization); Amir Hassanpour (Near and Middle Eastern Civilization); Ric Hehner (Computer Sciences); Arnold Itwaru (Caribbean Studies); Ivan Kalmar (Anthropology); Charlie Keil (Cinema Studies); Mark King well (Philosophy); Todd Lawson (Near and Middle Eastern Civilization); Alexander Leggate (English); Linzi Manicom (Women's Studies); Nick Mount (English); John Polanyi (Chemistry) William Rodham (Geography); David Rayside (Political Science); Rowan Sage (Botany); Graham White (Political Science).

Famous Grads: Author Margaret Atwood; film director Norman Jewison; actor Donald Sutherland; Ted Rogers, president and CEO of Rogers Communications; astronaut Julie Payette; architect Raymond Moriyama

General Scholarships:

University of Toronto Arbor Scholarships: Criteria: Academic Excellence, original and creative thought, exceptional achievement in a broad context (winners selected through the National Scholarship Competition); Value: \$3,000, renewable at \$1,500 for three years; Number: Up to 18.

University of Toronto National Scholarships, Including Bank of Montreal National Scholarships: Criteria: Academic Excellence, original and creative thought, exceptional achievement in a broad context (application may be initiated through the high school or directly). Value: Tuition and incidental fees for four years, residence support in first year, plus renewable monetary award ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000

annually depending on individual financial circumstances. Number: 12 (approx.)

University of Toronto Other Scholarships; Criteria: Academic Excellence, financial need, extra curricular involvement, community service; Value: \$300 to \$5,000; Number 10 (Minimum)

YORK UNIVERSITY.

York University is the second largest university in English-speaking Canada. The student population is drawn from more than 170 countries, who represent the metropolitan range of cultures and linguistic groups. It is well known for its refugee studies, environment and health studies. Eliminating barriers between departments and forging new interdisciplinary options has been key to York's academic mission from the outset. York offers the only space science program that grants both graduate and undergraduate degrees in Canada. The university offers in total more than 100 undergraduate programs, 70 doctoral and graduate programs and 150 study abroad or exchange opportunities. The partnership with Toronto's Seneca allows students to obtain both a diploma and a degree in such areas as communication and early childhood education. It also offers a joint honor's B.A. in professional writing. York is energized by a student body that is culturally diverse and innovative.

FACTS + FIGURES

Toronto, Ont. (1959) / President: Lorna R. Marsden / Full-time students: 40,299

Part-time students: 9,197 / Tuition: \$4,987 / www.yorku.ca

Admissions
Student Services
Centre
York University
4700 Keele St.
Toronto, Ont.
M3J 1P3
(416) 736-5000

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(416) 736-5000

Residence spaces:
4,060

Residence spaces for
first-year students
2,288

Male-female ratio: 38
to 62

Minimum entering
grades in first round
of admissions
Arts: 74%
Science: 75%
Commerce: 91%
Engineering: 80%

Most popular majors
Business
Administration,
Computer Science
Information
Technology, Fine Arts,
Sociology, Psychology

Co-operative
education/
Internship programs
Undergraduate:

Anthropology,
Business
Administration,
Certificate in
Community arts
Practice,
Communication
Studies, Computer
Engineering, Computer
Science, Conservative
and Environmental
Studies, Cross
Disciplinary Certificate
in Community Arts
Practice (Fine Arts and
Environmental
Studies), Cultural
Studies, Design, Early
Childhood Education,

Ecosystem
Management,
Education,
Environmental
Landscape Design,
Environmental Studies,
Geomatic Engineering,
Gerontology, Health
Studies, Information
Technology,
International Business
Administration,
International Project
Management,
Kinesiology and
Health Science, Labour
Studies, Law, Nursing,
Political Science,
Psychology, Public
Policy and
Administration,
Rehabilitation,
Science, Social Work,
Sociology, Space and
Communication
Science, Translation,
Urban Science, Urban
Sustainability
Graduate: Art
History, Clinical
Development,
Psychology, Clinical
Psychology, Computer
Science, Diploma in
Curatorial Studies,
Diploma in Health

Services and Policy
Research, Diploma in
Latin American and
Caribbean Studies,
Diploma in Refugee
and Migration Studies,
Diploma in Voice
Teaching,
Environmental Studies,
International Master of
Business
Administration,
Kinesiology and
Health Science, Master
of Business
Administration (Arts
and Media
Administration,
Consulting, Real
Property
Development), Master
of Environmental
Studies, Master of
Kinesiology in
Coaching, Master of
Nursing, Master of
Public Administration,
Psychology, Social
Work.

Popular Profs : Irving Abella (history); Elisabeth Abergel (International Studies); Marcus Boon (English); Rob Bowman (Music); Mathew Clark (Humanities); Elizabeth Cohen (History); Julia Creet (English); Andrea Davis (Latin American and Caribbean Studies); Paul Delaney (Physics and Astronomy); David Dewitt (International and Security Studies); Yves Frenette (History); Michael Gilbert (Philosophy); John Greyson (Film); Pablo Idahosa (Social Science) Fayuki Kurasawa (Sociology); James Laxer (Political Science); Antonin Lhotsky (Film and Video); Greg Malszecki (Kinesiology); Nancy Mandell (Sociology and Women's Studies); Ian Martin (English); David McNally (Political Science); Doris Olin (Philosophy); Anne Russon (Psychology) David Trotman (History); Jonathon Warren (English); Tim Whiten (Visual

Arts)

Famous Grads: Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty; Joel Cohen, writer and producer "The Simpsons"; Jack Layton, leader of the Federal NDP; authors Neil Bissoondath and Nino Ricci; actors Rachel McAdams and Scott Thompson; Choreographer Debra Brown (Cirque Du Soleil); astronaut Steve MacLean

General Scholarships:

Award of Distinction-merit Scholarship: Criteria: Student must be short listed for an award of distinction; Minimum average: 90%; Value: \$2,000, plus a York University Entrance Scholarship; Number: Seven; Application Deadline: Feb 1.

Bethune College Lexicon Award: Criteria: Restricted to Students who are members of Bethune College, Involvement in community activities; Value: \$1,000; Number: One Application deadline: Aug 1.

President's Scholarship: Criteria: Top three secondary applicants to each of the six undergraduate direct entry faculties; Canadian permanent resident or citizen; Minimum average: 95%; Value: \$21,600, over four years; Number: 18.

BROCK UNIVERSITY.

Brock University offers an expanding co-op initiative and respected programs in such areas as business, social sciences and applied health sciences. It also offers a unique bachelor program in oenology and viticulture. This program shares its building with Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute. The state of the art facility boasts some of the most advance biotechnological research and teaching labs in the country . Brocks reputation lays largely on the strength of its business programs. Programs leading to B.Ed. degree and an Ontario Certificate of Qualification, the faculty of education offers a consecutive program for students already holding a university degree , as well as a 10-month extension program called Enterprise Education for those who want to explore approaches to teaching. Brock encourages students to adopt a broad outlook with several innovative programs. The university provides experiential-learning opportunities in all faculties. Brock's popular Experience Plus Program , a non-credit offering- aims to give students a competitive edge in the job market.

FACTS + FIGURES

St. Catharines, Ont. (1964) / President: Terrance Boak (interim) until June 2006; Jack Lightstone as of July 1 / Full-time students: 13,090 / Part-time students: 3,507 / Tuition: \$4,747 / www.brocku.ca

Admissions
Office of the Registrar
Brock University
St. Catharines, Ont.
L2S 3A1
(905) 688-5550
Ext. 3434 or ext. 3745

Scholarship and
bursary office
(905) 688- 5550,
Ext. 3744

financial aid office
(905) 688-5550
Ext. 3443

Residence spaces:
2,411

Residence spaces for
first-year students
2,050

Male-female ratio: 38
to 62

Minimum entering
grades in first round
of admissions
Arts: 72%
Science: 70%
Commerce: 76%

Most popular majors
Accounting, Business
Administration, Child
and Youth Studies,
Physical Education and
Kinesiology,
Psychology

Co-operative education
Drama and Theatre in
Education, Dramatic
Literature, Film
Studies, Politics,
Popular Culture,
Psychology, Sport
Management, Theatre,
Workplace Health
Communication:
Business,
Communication Policy
Information
Technology, Media
and Culture **Business:**
Accounting, Business
Administration,
Business Economics
Science: Applied
Environmental Science
and Technology,

Biochemistry,
Biotechnology,
Chemistry, Computer
Science, Computing
and Business,
Computing and Solid
State Device
Technology, Earth
Science, Mathematics
and Computer Science,
Neuroscience,
Oenology and
Viticulture, Physics

Internships
Communications
Studies, Community
Health Sciences,
Computer Science,
Oenology and
Viticulture,
Geography, Sport
management

Popular Profs : Allan Adkin (Kinesiology); Mohammed Ayadi (Finance); Nicolas Baxter-Moore (Communications); Kathy Belicki (Psychology); Leah Bradshaw (Political Science); Jean bridge (Visual Arts); Richard Brown (Philosophy); Carmen Cullen (Marketing); Derek Knight (Dramatic Arts); John Mitterer (Psychology); Roberto Nickel (Classics); Sandra Peters, Physical Education and Kinesiology); John Radue (Computer Sciences); Steven Scott (English Language and Literature)

Famous Grads: Karl Kaiser, co-founder of Inniskillin Wines; actress Kate Trotter; Terry Vyse, Canada's first Aboriginal woman judge; modrobes designer Steve Debus; wrestler Tonya Verbeek, 2004 Olympic silver medallist

General Scholarships:

Barkley's of Avonmore Bursary: Criteria: Preference to third world students; financial need; Minimum average: 75%; Value: \$400; Number: One; Application deadline: March 31

Brock University Leaders Award: Criteria: Leadership potential and community involvement, academic excellence; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$2,000, renewable; Number: 15; Application deadline: March 17

Donohue Quno Scholarship: Criteria: Awarded to an outstanding full-time student: graduate of Niagara region high school; Value: \$900; Number: One

TRENT UNIVERSITY.

Despite the compact size of Trent University it creates an atmosphere of unusual intimacy.It

offers small class sizes thus encouraging lively discussion and interaction. The majority of first and second year classes have 25 students or less. The university is divided into five residential colleges; four on campus. It offers native studies which is the oldest program of its kind in Canada. It is highly recognized by its selection of interdisciplinary programs. It launched the country's first interdisciplinary Ph. D. program in Canadian Studies, in partnership with Carleton University. Through the Trent Centre for Community-based Education, students can earn credits by conducting research projects for local non-profit agencies and small businesses. A collaboration with Fleming College has led to new joint programs. The Water Quality Centre is one of the cornerstone of the university's Chemical Science Building.

FACTS + FIGURES

Peterborough, Ont. (1963) / President: Bonnie Patterson / Full-time students: 6,275

Part-time students: 1,513 / Tuition: \$4,890 / www.trentu.ca

Admissions
Admissions Services
Trent University
1600 West Bank Dr.
Blackburn Hall
Peterborough, Ont.
K9J 7B8
(705) 748-1332

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(705) 748-1524

Residence spaces for first-year
students
1,150

Male-female ratio: 33 to 67

Minimum entering grades in first
round
of admissions
Arts: 70%

Science: 70%
Commerce: 70%

Most popular majors
Business Administration,
Education, English, Nursing,
Psychology

Internships
Trent Centre for Community
Education

Popular Profs : Michael Berrill (Biology); Stephen Brown (English Literature); Alan Brunger (Geography); Ray Dart (Business Administration); David Glassco (English Literature); Roy Hagman (Modern Languages and Literature); Margaret Hobbs (Women's studies); Veronica Hollinger (Cultural Studies); Richard Hurley (Computer Science); Gordon Johnston (English Literature); Sean Kane (Cultural Studies); Stephen Katz (Sociology); Carolyn Kay (History); Anne Keenleyside (Anthropology); Peter Lafleur (Geography); Edna Manitoba (Native Studies); Christine McKinnon (Philosophy); David Page (Ancient History and Classics); James Parker (Psychology); Deborah Parnis (Sociology); David Pool (Mathematics); Joan Sangster (History and Women's Studies); Miriam Smith (Politics); Jim Struthers (Canadian Studies); Chris Tindale (Philosophy); Fred Tromly (English Literature); John Wadland (Canadian Studies); Paul Wilson (Biology/ Forensics); Susan Wurtele (Geography)

Famous Grads: Autors Yann Martel, Don Tapscott and Richard Wright; James Orbinski, founding member of Doctors Without Borders (Canada); rowers Phil Graham and Bob Marland

General Scholarships:

Bata Scholarship: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 86%; Value: \$1,000; Number: One.

Binny and Smith Scholarship: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 80%; Value: \$1,000; Number: One.

Winifred Elizabeth Burton Scholarship: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 86%; Value: \$1,000; Number: Two.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY.

Queen's University gives a feeling of sense of tradition. Queen offers the most competitive undergraduate commerce program in the country, limited to 300 spots. Arts and Science are the university's largest faculty with 26 departments. It offers co-op programs, 48 sports teams and more than 2,000 paid and volunteer positions available through the student government, as well as about 200 clubs. All first year students are guaranteed a space in residence. Some new amenities at Queen's University such as: "Joseph S. Stauffer Library"; "BioSciences Complex", for research in biotechnology and molecular science; "Chernoff Hall", chemistry facility and "Beamish-Manro Hall", unique multidisciplinary learning environment for engineering undergrads.

FACTS + FIGURES

Kingston, Ont. (1841) / President: Karen Hitchcock / Full-time students: 16,743
Part-time students: 3,648 / Tuition: \$4,917 / www.queensu.ca

Admissions
Application Services
Queen's University
74 University Ave.
Richardson Hall
Room 102
Kingston, Ont.
K7L 3N6
(613) 533-2218

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(613) 533-2216

Residence spaces: 3,710

Residence spaces for first-year
students
3,000

Male-female ratio: 43 to 57

Minimum entering grades in first
round
of admissions

Arts: 83%

Science: 85%

Commerce: 87%

Engineering: 82%

Most popular majors
Biology, Commerce, Life
Sciences, Politics, Psychology

Co-operative education
Biochemistry, Law and
Industrial Relations (Master's),
Law and Public Administration
(Master's)

Internships
Applied Science, Art
Conversation (Master's), Art
History, Commerce,
Computing, Education, Film,
Psychology (Clinical Doctoral),
Public Administration, Urban
and Regional Planning

Popular Profs : Michael Abbott (Economics); Selim Aki (Computing); Blaine Allan (Studies); James Carson (History); Abigail Baken (Political Studies); Catherine Conaghan (Political Studies); Ian Cromb (Economics); Andrew Daugulis (Chemical Engineering); Robin Dawes (Computing); Una Delia (Art); Hans Dringenberg (Psychology); Chris Eckert (Biology); Victoria Freisen (Biology); John Hanes (Geological Sciences); Cathleen Hoeniger (Art); Rosemary Jolly (English); Leo Jonker Mathematics and Statistics; Shelley King (English); Edward Lobb (English); Stephen Lougheed (Biology); Les Mackenzie (Anatomy and Cell Biology); John McHale (Business); James McLellen (Chemical Engineering); Robert Morrison (English); Kevin Munhall (Psychology); Vicky Remenda (Geological Engineering); Johnathan Rose (Political Studies); Michael Roth (Mathematics and Statistics); Vincent Saco (Sociology); Donato Santeramo (Spanish and Italian); Geoffrey Smith (History); Timothy Smith (History); Steve Smith (Biochemistry); John Smol (Biology); Malcom Stott (Physics); Peter Thompson (Spanish and Italian); Dean Tripp (Psychology); Donna Vittorio (English); Katherine Wynne-Edwards (Biology); Hitay Yukseker (Linguistics)

Famous Grads: Authors Robertson Davies and Michael Ondaatje; playwright Judith Thompson Gord

Downie of the Tragically Hip; CBC Radio Host Shelagh Rogers; Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo; poet D. G. Jones; actors Wendy Crewson and Tom Cavanagh.

General Scholarships:

W. J. Abrams Memorial: Criteria: Graduate of Char-Lan high school, financial need; Value: \$3,245; Number: One; Application deadline: March 3.

Alumni Association Bursary: Criteria: Financial need, academic merit; Value: \$1,500 renewable for three years; Number: Eight; Application deadline: March 3.

AMS Native Student Award: Criteria: Open to native students, academic excellence, financial need; Value: Varies; Number: Varies; Application deadline: March 3.

UNIVERSITY OF ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Ontario College of Arts and Design mission is to give its students a determination to stand out with a competitive edge. It is required to be responsive to the needs of the students and to the market driven needs of the employers by the government act that created the university. UOIT emphasizes on practical work. Students pay an annual fee for a laptop, internet access, technical support and program specific software. UOIT has forged strong links with the outside world. It offers a new research lab :hacker research lab” for business and information technology students where they can learn the skills of computer security systems. UOIT has opened new twin-pad hockey arena. It offers degree programs as well as one-year programs for students who have already completed a degree program.

FACTS + FIGURES

Oshawa, Ont. (2003) / President: Gary Polonsky / Full-time students: 1,780

Part-time students: 50 / Tuition: \$5,131 / www.uoit.ca

Admissions
Registrar's Office
University of Ontario Institute
of Technology
2000 Simcoe St. N.
Oshawa, Ont.
L1H 7K4
(905) 721-3190

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(905) 721-3036

Residence spaces: 1,364

Residence spaces for first-year
students
1,000 (approx.)

Male-female ratio: 58 to 42

Minimum entering grades in
first round
of admissions
Arts: 70%
Science: 70%
Commerce: 70%
Engineering: 70%

Most popular majors
Economics, Engineering,
Integrated Justice Studies,
Nursing, Science

Co-operative education
Engineering: Automotive,
Electrical, Manufacturing,
Mechanical, Software

Internships
Business Administration,
Commerce, Criminology and
Justice, Education, Information
Technology, Social Policy
Engineering: Automotive,
Electrical, Manufacturing,
Mechanical, Software
Energy Systems and Nuclear
Science: Energy Systems
Engineering, Nuclear
Engineering, Radiation Science
Health Sciences: Medical
Laboratory Science, Nursing,
Science: Biological,
Chemistry, Computing,
Forensics, Physical, Physics.

General Scholarships:

Awards of Recognition: Criteria: Ontario secondary students, academic achievement; Minimum average: 75%; Value: Up to \$2,000; Number: Unlimited

Chancellor's Scholarship: Criteria: Academic excellence, demonstrated leadership qualities, Minimum average: 85%; Value: \$28,000; Number: One; Application deadline: March 1

President's Scholarship: Criteria: Academic excellence, demonstrated leadership qualities; Minimum average: 85%; Value: \$24,000; Number: Two; Application deadline: March 1

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA:

The RCM's graduating classes makes up more than a quarter of new officer crop in the Canadian Forces. All full-time enrollment is strictly through recruitment. The Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) education is fully subsidized given that the graduates work for at least five years with the armed forces. Where as less than five percent pay their own fees in The Reserve Entry Training Plan (RETP). Bilingualism is mandatory, with cadets taking classes in their second language. Athletics is compulsory, cadets are required to join one of seven varsity teams. The college's biggest club is the band, with 165 members. It also offers a 5500-sq. m field house, an eight lane , 25 m indoor pool, a gym and squash courts.

FACTS + FIGURES

Kingston, Ont. (1876) / President: John Scott Cowan / Full-time students: 1,233
Part-time students: 1,953 / Tuition: \$2,071 / www.rmc-cmr.ca

Admissions
Office of Registrar
Royal Military College of
Canada
P.O. Box 17000
Station Forces
Kingston, Ont.
K7K 7B4
(613) 541-6000

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(613) 541-6000, Ext. 6013

Residence spaces: 964
(Residence space provided for
all RETP and ROTP students)

Male-female ratio: 78 to 22

Minimum entering grades in first
round
of admissions

Arts: 76%

Science: 77%

(50% of acceptance criteria is
based on a student's suitability to
becoming a Canadian Forces
officer)

Most popular majors
Business Administration, Civil
Engineering, Chemical
Engineering, Mechanical
Engineering, History

Co-operative education
All students are employed
during the summer by the
Canadian Forces.

General Scholarships:

Regular Officer Training Program: Criteria: Leadership, physical, fitness, willingness to serve in the Canadian Forces after graduation, academic achievement; Value: \$14,000 (varies), renewable; Number: Varies

Royal Military College Club of Canada Foundation Scholarship: Criteria: Awarded to Reserve Entry Training Plan cadet in any programs; Values: Varies; Number: Varies

CARLETON UNIVERSITY.

On a 62 hectare campus Carleton University offers current studies in fields as diverse as behavioral neuroscience, network computing and child development policy, its reputation for research is soaring. It offers the ArtsOne option for art students which allows groups to work together on thematically linked, clustered courses throughout the year. Its blue-ribbon undergraduate aerospace engineering program was the first of its kind in Canada. The government offers jobs in every co-op option. Carleton and Ottawa University's share a long history of pooling resources. Students can gain international experience through Carleton's 84 academic exchange partners in 29 countries, including Japan, Finland, Russia and Australia. It offers an L-shaped 50-m pool, 230-m jogging track and other amenities. Carleton's pursuit for excellence depends first and foremost on helping students succeed.

FACTS + FIGURES

Ottawa, Ont. (1942) / President: David Atkinson / Full-time students: 18,720 / Part-time students: 4,865 / Tuition: \$4,691 / www.carleton.ca

Admissions
Undergraduate
Recruitment Office,
315 Robertson Hall
Carleton University
1125 Colonel By Dr.
Ottawa, Ont.
K1S 5B6
(613) 520-3663

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(613) 520-3600

Residence spaces:
2,616

Residence spaces for
first-year students
1,935

Male-female ratio: 49
to 51

Minimum entering
grades in first round
of admissions
Arts: 73%
Science: 72%-77%
Commerce: 78%-82%
Engineering: 72%-87%

Most popular majors
Business, Psychology,
Criminology and
Criminal Justice,
Political Science,
Systems/Electronics
Engineering

Co-operative education
Arts: Cognitive
Science, Mass
Communications,

Political Science,
Psychology, (Human
oriented Technology),
Public Administration,
Public affairs and
Policy Management
Business: Commerce
Engineering:
Aerospace,
Architectural Studies
Civil,
Communications,
Computer Systems,
Electrical, Engineering
Physics, Industrial
Design,
Environmental,
Information
Technology,
Mechanical, Software
Science: Applied
Physics, Biochemistry,
Biology, Chemistry,
Computational
Biology,
Computational
Chemistry,
Computational

Geophysics, Computer
Science, Earth
Sciences,
Environmental,
Mathematics and
Statistics.

Internships
Art History, Biology,
Canadian Studies,
Classics, Criminology
and Criminal Justice,
Directed
Interdisciplinary
Studies, Environmental
Sciences,
Environmental Studies,
European and Russian
Studies, Film Studies,
Geography, History,
Journalism, Law,
Linguistics and
Applied Language
Studies, Music,
Political Science,
Psychology, Religion
and Humanities, Social
Work, Sociology and
Anthropology,
Women's Studies

Popular Profs : John Armitage (Physics); David Bennett (Geography); Y. A. Bennett (History); Robert Burk (Chemistry); Calum Carmichael (Public Affairs); Adrian Chan (Engineering); John Chin neck (Systems and Computer Engineering); Jane Dickson-Gilmore(Law); Christopher Dornan (Journalism); William Echard (Music); Adelle Forth (Psychology); Lois Frankel (Industrial Design); Angelo Mingarelli (Mathematics and Statistics); M. H. Ogilvie (Law); Jon Pammett (Political Science); Deirdre Piper (Music); Edward Oesi-Kwado Prempeh (Political Science); Trevor Purvis (Law); Pauline Rankin (Canadian Studies); Langis Roy (Electronics); Blair Rutherford (Anthropology); Claudia Schroder-Adams (Earth Sciences); Angela Sumegi (Humanities); Rosemary Worskett (Law)

Famous Grads: Olympians Waneek Horn-Miller (water polo) and Alison Korn (rowing); pollster Angus Reid

General Scholarships:

Carleton University Academic Awards: Grade specific automatic scholarships

Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 80% to 83.9%; Value:\$ 4000, over four years; Number: Unlimited.

Carleton University Entrance Scholarship: Grade specific automatic scholarships

Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 88% to 91.9%; Value:\$ 10,000, over four years; Number: Unlimited.

Carleton University Entrance Scholarship: Grade specific automatic scholarships

Criteria: Academic excellence; Minimum average: 84% to 87.9%; Value:\$ 8,000, over four years; Number: Unlimited

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

Ottawa University ranks as North America's largest and oldest bilingual university. The University's campus is very cosmopolitan. It offers The Institute of Canadian Studies, a teaching and research facility, which is committed in delivering a better understanding of the country. The University of Ottawa Heart Institute is a leader in transplant surgery. There are many more institutes and facilities offered by the Ottawa University such as "The School of Information and Technology", "Centre for Advanced Research in Environmental Genomics" "Centre for Research in Biopharmaceuticals and Biotechnology" and the famous "Student Academic Success Service". The city, being the nations capital, has provided students with a strong base from which to draw information, assistance and inspiration. Political science, public policy and management are among the cornerstones of Ottawa's curriculum. It offers a sports clinic, fitness centre, football and soccer fields and a recreation complex with two ice rinks.

FACTS + FIGURES

Ottawa, Ont. (1848) / Rector: Gilles Patry / Full-time students: 24,975 / Part-time students: 6,464 / Tuition: \$4,603 / www.uottawa.ca

Admissions
Admissions Office
University of Ottawa
550 Cumberland St.
P.O. Box 450, Station
A
Ottawa, Ont.
K1N 6N5
(613) 562-5700 or
1-877-868-8292

Scholarship and
financial aid office
(613) 562-5734

Residence spaces:
2,885

Residence spaces for
first-year students
2,200

Male-female ratio: 40
to 60

Minimum entering
grades in first round
of admissions
Arts: 72%-80%
Science: 78%-82%
Commerce: 72%-78%
Engineering: 72%-80%

Most popular majors
Business, Psychology,
Criminology, Human
Kinetics, Nursing

Co-operative education
Arts: Anthropology,
Civil Law (French
program only),
Communication,
English,
Environmental Studies,
French, Geography,
History, Geography
and Environmental
Studies,

International
Development and
Globalization, Lettres
Francaises,
Mathematics-Arts,
Political Science,
Public Administration,
Sociology, Translation
Business: Accounting,
Commerce,
Economics,
Management

Information Systems,
Mathematics and
Economics
Engineering:
Chemical, Civil,
Computer, Electrical,
Mechanical, Software
Science: Biochemistry,
Biology,
Biopharmaceuticals,
Chemistry, Computer
Science, Earth Science,
Earth Science/Physics,
Environmental,
Environmental
Mathematics/Science,
Physics,
Physics/Mathematics

Internships
Criminology,
Education, Leisure
Studies, Nursing,
Occupational Therapy,
Physiotherapy

Popular Profs : Pierre Belanger (Communication); Michel Desilet (Anatomy); Chad Garfield (History); Michel Girodo (Psychology); Naomi Goldenberg (Classics and Religious Studies); Dave Holmes

(Nursing); Jeffery Keschen (Canadian History); Peter Koppel (Management); Sylvie Lambert (Translation); Claude Lamontagne (Psychology); John Leddy (Pharmacology); Ajax Persaud (Management); Michael Piva (History); Shelly Rabinovitch (Classics and religious Studies); Julian Roberts (Criminology); Juan (Tito) Scaiano (Chemistry); Mariette The berg (Education)

Famous Grads: Author Carol Shields; comedian Tom Green; Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty; Hugh Segal, political strategist and commentator; Alex Trebek, host of *Jeopardy*; Paul Desmarais, chairman, Power Corp, of Canada; Mary Lou Finlay, former host of CBC Radio's *As It Happens* .

General Scholarships:

Canada's University Scholarship-Francophone High School: Criteria: Graduate of a francophone high school; Canadian citizen or permanent; Minimum average: 84%; Value: \$20,000, over four years; Number: 42; Application deadline: March 31

Canadian Merit Scholarship Foundation National Awards: Academic excellence, community involvement; Value: \$8,000, plus full tuition, renewable; Number: 35; Application deadline: Oct, 26

Canada's University Scholarship-Immersion Program: Criteria: Graduate of an immersion program, Canadian citizen or permanent resident; Minimum average: 84%; Value: \$20,00, over four years; Number: 42; Application deadline: March 31.

Housing in Ontario

Looking for Rental Accommodation

When you rent any type of housing, you are a **tenant**. The owner of the rental unit is the **landlord**. A landlord may be an individual or a company. In large buildings, the landlord often hires a **superintendent** ("super") to rent out the units and take care of the building.

Whether you decide to rent or buy, there are many different types of housing available:

Apartment (suite, flat) - usually includes one bedroom or more, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living room. A "bachelor" apartment or "studio" is one room with a kitchen area and a bathroom. A "junior" one bedroom apartment has one small bedroom that opens onto another room.

Apartments may be in an apartment building or a house. Apartment buildings are either **highrise** (six to 30 storeys high with an elevator) or **lowrise** (fewer than six storeys high with no elevator). Lowrises are also called "walk-ups." Apartments are owned by one landlord and are rented to tenants.

Condominium (condo) - a type of home ownership where you buy a unit in an apartment building or townhouse complex, but do not own the land. Condominium owners join together in a **corporation** and elect a board of directors to manage the building and the land. Each owner pays his or her own mortgage, taxes, utilities and a **monthly fee** towards property maintenance. Owners sometimes rent condos to tenants.

Duplex - a house that is divided into two separate apartments, one on top of another. The owner of a duplex may live in one apartment and rent the other OR rent both apartments to tenants. A "triplex" is a house that is divided into three separate apartments.

Detached house - a single house that is owned by one or more persons. Owners may rent one or more rooms or the whole house.

Semi-detached house - a single house that is joined to another house with a common wall.

Townhouse (rowhouse) - a small house that is joined to a row of other small houses. Townhouses can be bought or rented.

Room - a room in an apartment, house or other type of accommodation that is rented to one person. The tenant usually shares the kitchen, bathroom and living room with other tenants. This type of housing is also called "**shared accomodation**." "Room and board" means that meals are included. Rooms are often rented with furniture.

Discrimination is Illegal

Tenants and landlords both have legal rights and responsibilities.

Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the *Human Rights Code* for Ontario, a landlord cannot refuse to rent you a place because of your race, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, colour, nationality, religion or place of origin. It is also illegal for a landlord to discriminate against you because you have children or you receive welfare (social assistance), as long as you get enough to pay the

rent.

Provincial laws deal with most housing and rental matters. In Ontario, the *Tenant Protection Act* covers things like rent increases, repairs, evictions, and privacy. The Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal is responsible for making sure this Act is followed. The tribunal also works to resolve disputes between landlords and tenants.

Some highlights of the Tenant Protection Act related to rent rules.

- A rent increase may only be taken if at least 12 months have passed since the tenant first rented the unit or since the tenant was last charged an increase.
- Landlords are required to give tenants 90 days' written notice of rent increase using the current version of the proper (Ministry-approved) form.
- Increases are limited to the guideline amount unless an application has been made for an increase above the guideline or the landlord and tenant have entered into an agreement for new or additional services or capital improvements.
- Tenants have the right to apply to the Tribunal to have their rent reduced due to a reduction in services or taxes, or for the return of money collected illegally.
- Newly created units are exempt from the statutory guideline. However, the requirements of waiting 12 months between increases and serving a written 90-day notice of increase still apply.

Rent Increase

Landlords can charge new tenants as much as they like for rent. However, most rents are based on the local rental market.

Once you have moved in, your landlord must follow a rent control guideline set every year by the Ontario Government. You must receive written notice at least 90 days before any increase.

You may agree to pay more rent in return for your landlord making big improvements. Your landlord cannot force you to pay for this. You have to agree.

Without your agreement, your landlord must get approval from the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal to make other rent increases. Your landlord must tell you in writing about the application to the Tribunal, so you can have your say.

Some bad landlords harass tenants in order to get them to leave, because they can get more rent from new tenants. This harassment is illegal. If the Tribunal decides your landlord has harassed you, your landlord may have to pay a fine of up to \$10,000.

Subsidized Housing.

Subsidized or rent-geared-to-income housing refers to all types of housing where the amount of rent paid is determined by the tenant's income and not by the size or type of accommodation.

Subsidized or non-profit housing costs you less than privately owned rental housing. Subsidized housing receives government funding to make the homes affordable to people with low and moderate incomes.

Subsidized housing is usually meant for people who don't have a lot of money. Tenants pay rent based on what they can afford.

Non-profit housing is the main type of subsidized or social housing in Ontario. All provide affordable rental housing. The majority of non-profit housing tenants (80% or more) pay rents based on their incomes. This is known as "rent-geared-to-income" or "RGI" rent. These tenants pay about 30% of their monthly household income on rent. A subsidy paid directly to the non-profit covers the difference between the RGI rent and the full rent. A minority of tenants pay market rents.

Most cities in Ontario have waiting lists for subsidized housing. If subsidized housing interests you, find out if it is available where you want to live and how long it will be before you can move in.

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Residence spaces
4,167

Residence spaces for
first-year students
3,126

Male-female ratio
41 to 59

Minimum entering
grades in first round of
admissions
Art: 80.5%,
Science: 80.5%,
Commerce: 80.5%,
Engineering: 80.5%.

Most popular majors
Administrative and
Commercial Studies,
Engineering, Health
Science, Kinesiology,
Medical Science.

Co-operative education
Engineering, Master of
Library and
Information Sciences.

Internships
Administrative and
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Engineering, Master of
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Programs, Visual Arts.

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General scholarships: All scholarships are automatically awarded unless stated otherwise.

Alumni Association Continuing Scholarship: Criteria: Academic excellence, preference to a student who is the child of an alumnus of Western. Minimum average: 85%; Value \$1,500, renewable for four years; Number: One

Aventis Biotech Challenge Scholarship: Criteria: Awarded to students who win gold, silver or bronze awards in the Aventis Biotech Challenge; Minimum average: 87%, Value: \$1,500 (gold), \$1,000 (silver, bronze); Number: Unlimited

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LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY.

Laurentian University has a mandate to serve a huge geographic area that relies mainly on natural resources. Most of its 121 academic programs are available in both official languages and its distance-education offerings include 15 bachelor programs. It is located on 300 hector of land. And only minutes away from downtown Sudbury. Its researchers aim at environmental restoration and recovery. Its fresh water ecology draws attention from all around the world. It offers a bachelor of education in both official languages. Laurentian reconfirmed its status as one of the post-secondary pillars of the region. Most of its research focuses on the resource based-economy. Also significant is the university's partnership with the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory, the world's deepest underground laboratory. Laurentian offers many undergrads opportunity to engage directly in research. A physical building expansion will provide multi-purpose playing