

Heading to University in 2026?



**What are your post-secondary
plans?**



WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY TO AN ONTARIO UNIVERSITY

- OSS Diploma
- Six Gr. 12U, U/C courses including program specific requirements
- Some programs require additional information/requirements based upon the program (ie. Portfolio, Admission Information Form, Audition, Written/Video Responses, CASP'r etc.)



UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE

Undergraduate – entry level university student (Bachelor's degree).

Major – area of academic emphasis selected in an Honours or General Program.

Minor – cluster of courses, outside of major courses.

Honours – More demanding in content and number of required courses than General program.



WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO TO PREPARE?

- Decide what you want to pursue (pathway, programs, schools)
- Find out who offers what you want
- Compare Programs (use Ontario Universities' Info website)
- Make sure you have the prerequisite courses and understand the marks required to get into your programs of choice
- Compare Admission Requirements and Processes for EVERY school/program



WHAT CAN STUDENTS DO TO PREPARE?

- Develop a Plan 'A' and a Plan 'B'
- Assess your plan carefully, apply carefully
- Hope for the best-case scenario but be prepared with a back up plan.



RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

- **OUIInfo** - for university and program options.
- University websites - for admission handbooks, viewbooks and calendars, which provide details about courses and programs.
- Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF) - one of the largest educational fairs in North America.
- Regional Fairs - travel to local high schools, universities and community venues across Ontario in the fall.



Research schools and programs offered here:

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PROGRAMS
WHAT INTERESTS YOU?

UNIVERSITIES
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

FINANCE
FEES & SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Welcome to Ontario Universities' Info

A guide to Ontario's universities for high school students.



Find a Program

Search for your ideal program and find out the information you need to apply, like prerequisites, grade requirements and more. Plus, compare your choices.



Choose a University

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



How to Apply

Which application is right for me? Answer a few statements to guide you to the proper undergraduate application.



Upcoming Events

[VIEW ALL EVENTS](#)

Ontario Universities Fair (OUF)

- The Ontario Universities' Fair: September 27-28, 9:30-5 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Bldg (fair & presentations)
- Sign up at www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca

Ontario Universities Regional Fairs/Virtual Sessions

- Waterloo Regional Fair Oct. 16th 10-1 pm & 5-8pm
University of Waterloo, Columbia Icefield
<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/regional/#schedule>



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

- **Ontario Universities' Information Sessions** - opportunity to connect with universities virtually. (Nov. 10th, 5-7 pm). Sign up in advance <https://www.ouevents.ca/virtual/>
- **University Tours and events.**
- **Get Information From Universities** - request information directly from Ontario universities to find out more about them.
- **Undergraduate application** - to browse anonymously for additional program information, even before you are ready to apply.



How applying works

- Once you know which programs/universities you wish to apply to, you are ready to start the process
- University applications open in September.
- You require your OEN (Ontario Education Number) to apply (found on report cards, ASPEN portal)
- First steps are creating a student account on the OUAC site ([Ontario Universities Application Centre](#)).



Visit www.ouac.on.ca to get started



Ready to Apply?

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

How to Apply



Log In

Username  (required)

[Recover your username](#)

Password (required)

[Forgot your password?](#)

Log In

Create Account

Notes:

- You will use your username and password in all OUAC applications.
- Do not create more than 1 account.
- Do not use an account created by someone else.

Create My Account

If you do not have an account, select "Create My Account".

Welcome to the Undergraduate Hub

a new look:



HUB



MESSAGES



MY FEES



PROFILE

My Undergraduate Hub

Application Status
Complete
Sent to universities
2023-08-23



Edit My Application



My Personal Details
e.g., name, contact info, citizenship, language



My Background
e.g., schools you went to, places of employment



My Recent Messages

- Announcements**
 - January Deadline
January application deadline
- Messages**
 - Amendments Submitted Confirmation Email
OUAC Amendment Confirmation ** USER TEST **
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My Choices

Summary of Choices

University	Program Code	Program Title
Trent University	RBI	Trent University - Biology (Honours Science)
University of Ottawa	OZU	University of Ottawa - UO: Biologie
Wilfrid Laurier University	UE	Wilfrid Laurier University - Biology (BSc) Programs, Waterloo Campus (Biology)
McMaster University	MEH	McMaster University - Integrated Biomedical Engineering & Health Sciences I (iBioMed) (Biomedical Engineering Specialization)



Offers



View Offers

FAQs

- How do I submit my fall 2022 and winter 2023 grades?
- At the end of the application, I see a warning and/or an error. What do I do?

Find more FAQs

How-to Videos



My Supporting Documents

How applying works

- OUAC site takes care of distributing your information to the schools you apply to and therefore charges a fee – Base fee is \$156 for this year (3 schools or programs).
- Students can pay additional fees for additional program choices (\$50 each)
- OUAC has developed online video tutorials that describe how to create your account, apply and respond to offers of admission online.

<https://www.ouac.on.ca/videos/how-to-videos/>



- Some schools/programs charge supplemental program fees; these fees cover the cost of individual faculty admission processes.
- Fee is non-refundable and is paid at the same time as your OUAC application fee.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FEES



OUAC GRADES COLLECTION PERIODS

- ✓ Data submission - Mid November: OUAC will receive all final grade 11 marks, final grade 12 marks already completed and mid-term grades semester one.
- ✓ Data submission - Mid February: Final grades for Semester 1 will be sent to OUAC.
- ✓ Data submission - April Grades Collection: OUAC will receive mid-term grades for semester 2.
- ✓ Data submission – July Grades Collection: Final grades for Semester 2.



WHAT IS FULL DISCLOSURE?

Full disclosure is defined as:

Students who withdraw from a class 5 school days after the issuance of a mid-term report card will have that mark permanently recorded on their transcript.



SCHEDULE OF DATES

- ✓ January 15, 2026: Deadline for students to submit completed application to OUAC.
- ✓ May 28, 2026: The final date a student can expect response from an Ontario university.
- ✓ June 1, 2026: The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment.



ACCURACY IS KEY!

- It is the student's responsibility to make any changes to their application on the OUAC site (fee may occur).
- If changes are made after the deadline to apply, this may impact your chances at acceptance for that program.
- Student's must make sure they have the required courses for **ALL** programs they apply for.
- Please check that your course information and grades are accurate in OUAC.



APPLICATIONS FOR OUT OF PROVINCE



You need to do your research!

- You apply directly to the universities (online) and you send your transcript(s) (ordered with guidance admin. Assistant).
- Fees and due dates will vary with each university (Note: some are quite early so look into this now!).
- You need an Ontario Secondary School Diploma to apply (OSSD).
- Application requirements will vary with each university and department in some cases so again... DO YOUR RESEARCH!



OUT OF PROVINCE INFO.

→ There are 9 out of province institutions that OUAC assists in collecting academic data for students who have applied through OUAC. If you apply to any of these schools, provide your OUAC number to them to have marks transmitted electronically (you won't need to get transcripts ordered).

→ Acadia University

→ Bishop's University

→ The University of British Columbia

→ Concordia University

→ Dalhousie University

→ McGill University

→ Simon Fraser University

→ St. Mary's University

→ The University of Victoria



AMERICAN COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

→ There are over 3000 American Colleges – it is very important to do your research. www.commonapp.org is linked to over 1000 American schools.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges>

→ SAT's and/or ACT's may be a requirement (grade 11 is ideal or fall Grade 12 at the latest).

→ Information on these tests are available online at www.collegeboard.org for SAT's and www.act.org.

→ www.ncaa.org (student athlete).



HOW ARE YOU PAYING FOR SCHOOL?

- OSAP <https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>

OSAP aid estimator will determine approximate assistance

- Scholarships/Bursaries are a great way to assist with post-secondary costs

- Search for information on Doyle website:

www.scholarshipscanada.com

www.scholartree.ca

Seekingscholarshipreport (see guidance for PW)



NEXT STEPS:

- Schoolcashonline OUAC permission?
- **Personal email address** is required to apply.
- Do your research using ALL resources!
- You will meet individually with your counsellor to discuss future plans (October, November). It would be good to have some understanding of your post-secondary plans for this meeting.
- **Be prepared** to discuss your education plans as well as your extra-curricular, financial realities and volunteer and community involvement.



NEXT STEPS:

- Sign up for up for **post-secondary school visits** using the google form sent out by Guidance.
- Attend the **post-secondary fair** with your class (or if on spare, on your own time) - October 29th, 12-2pm in the gym.
- Throughout the year, **Complete Diploma Requirements** (e-learning requirement or waiver, community service due by May 1st).



Scholarship Resource Seekers?

- Looking for more Scholarship information, sign up for the Scholarship Information Session Sept. 30th, P1, Lecture Hall.
- Complete the Scholarship/Awards/Bursary Self-Nomination form
- Looking for Athletic Scholarship information (Ontario or U.S.) book an appointment with Mr. Schade.



FINAL THOUGHTS...

Do your best UNTIL THE END! Focus on your courses and work on obtaining the best marks possible!

Good luck!

