

# Heading to University in 2027?



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



# AGENDA:

- Application Requirements
- Terms you need to know
- What can you do to prepare
- Where can you find university and program information
- How to apply (OUAC site)
- Important dates
- Accuracy is your responsibility too
- Applying out of the province?
- Paying for school
- Next steps



# 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, interviews, CASP'r test etc.)



# UNIVERSITY TERMINOLOGY

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

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

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

*Minor* – cluster of courses, outside of major courses.



## AIF – WHAT IS THIS?

- Admission information forms can have different names, ie. WLU – ABS (Applicant Background Summary).
- These are supplemental information forms that compliment your application.
- If you are asked to complete them, this is a requirement for your application.



# 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 pre-requisite courses and understand the marks required to get into your programs of choice
  - Compare Admission Requirements and Processes for EVERY school/program



# RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS:

**OUIInfo** - website 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 (Toronto).

**Regional Fairs** - travel to local high schools, universities and community venues across Ontario in the fall. University of Guelph Sept 22, 10 am – 8 pm



# RESOURCES TO HELP YOU RESEARCH YOUR OPTIONS

**University Tours, Open Houses and events** – hosted by universities in the fall/spring or by appointment.

**Get Information From Universities** - request information directly from Ontario universities to find out more about them.

**Talk to your family, teachers, trusted adults and guidance counsellors** - for information and insights that may help you make an informed decision.



# OUIInfo: Research schools & programs in Ontario

## FIND THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITY PROGRAM THAT FITS YOUR FUTURE

Start your program search here



[Browse by Subject](#)

[Browse by University](#)

[Looking For Additional Search Options?](#)



# 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.



# Whose Ready to Apply?

- Once you know which programs/universities you wish to apply to, you are ready to start the process
- University applications open end of September
- You require your OEN (Ontario Education Number) to apply (found on report cards, ASPEN portal)



# How applying works



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## How to Apply

Here is how to prepare and submit your application by the applicable deadline.

Step 1: Select an application 

Step 2: Create your account (if applicable) 

Step 3: Complete your application (+ prepare transcripts and referees, if applicable) 

Step 4: Review and pay for your application 

### Recent News

Aug  
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[The New OUInfo is Live!](#)

Jul  
10

[Completing Your Payment Process](#)

Mar  
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[Attestation Letter for International Applicants](#)



# You are Group A!

Your program selection, admission requirements and deadlines may vary, depending on whether you are a Group A or Group B applicant.



You are a Group A applicant if **all** of the following are true:

- You are currently taking 1 or more Ontario high school courses
- and**
- You are under 21 on or before December 31, 2026,
- and**
- You have an OSSD **or** are working toward an OSSD with six 4U/M courses



You are a Group B applicant if you do not meet the Group A criteria.

For example, you are:

- Not currently taking a course at an Ontario high school
- A Canadian outside of Ontario
- An international applicant
- A postsecondary transfer student
- A mature applicant
- 21 or over, on or before December 31, 2026, and taking a course at an Ontario high school

# Visit [www.ouac.on.ca](http://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”.

# How applying works

- Students apply to OUAC
- OUAC distributes your information to the schools you apply to for a fee – Base application fee is \$159 (3 schools or programs).
- Students can pay additional fees for additional program choices (\$51 each)
- OUAC has developed online video tutorials that describe how to create your account, apply and respond to offers of admission online.
- Visit <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



# 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 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

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You have 2  
offer(s)!

View Offers

## My Recent Messages

### Announcements

- January Deadline  
January application deadline

### Messages

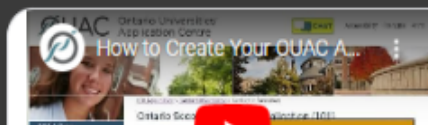
- Amendments Submitted Confirmation Email  
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## FAQs

- 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

## 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, 2027: Deadline for students to submit completed application to OUAC.
- ✓ May 28, 2027: The final date a student can expect a response from an Ontario university.
- ✓ June 1, 2027: 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.
- ✓ If course/program 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.



# Ontario Universities Fair (OUF)

- The Ontario Universities' Fair: September 26-27, 9:30-5 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Bldg (fair & presentations)
- Register at [www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca)

## Regional Fairs (closest location)

- University of Guelph, Guelph Gryphons Athletic Centre  
Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 10-1 pm & 5-8pm, 50 East Ring Road, Guelph.
- Register at  
<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/regional/#schedule>
- Post-secondary fair at Doyle – October 28th



# APPLICATIONS FOR OUT OF PROVINCE

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**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 10 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
- The University of Calgary



# AMERICAN COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

- There are over 3000 American Colleges – it is very important to do your research.

[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) is linked to over 1000 American schools.

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

- Sometimes, you will be required to write SAT's and/or ACT's (grade 11 is ideal or fall Grade 12 at the latest).
- Information on these tests are available online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for SAT's and
- [www.ncaa.org](http://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](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com)
- [www.scholartree.ca](http://www.scholartree.ca)
- Seekingscholarshipreport (see guidance for PW)



# NEXT STEPS:



## ➤ Complete Diploma Requirements.

➤ Do your research!

➤ 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.

Check school email and Guidance D2L for important info

**Personal email address** is required to apply!



## NEXT STEPS:

- *Sign up for post-secondary school visits using the google form sent out by Guidance.*
- Looking for Scholarship information, sign up for the Scholarship Information Session (Individual sessions book with Mrs. Myers)
- Complete the Scholarship/Awards/Bursary Self-Nomination online form (university/in house scholarships)
- Looking for Athletic Scholarship information (Ontario or U.S.) book an appointment with Mr. Schade.
- Community Involvement hours – do I have my 40 hours completed? Due May 1<sup>st</sup> to Guidance.



# FINAL THOUGHTS...

- Check your email and Guidance D2L regularly for important information/dates/reminders.
- Do your best UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR! Focus on your courses and work on obtaining the best marks possible!



You've got this Mustangs!

