

Thinking About
Applying to
University?



University or College?

- If considering post-secondary education, students need to make an **informed decision** about whether to **attend university or college**.
- Both provide **different types of education** with different benefits, costs, and time commitments.
- This is likely the **most important research project** of your life thus far!

University

- Undergraduate Degree –
(BA, BSc, BComm)
4 years
- Graduate Degree
(Masters)
- Doctorate (PHD)



College?

- Certificate - (1 year)
- Diploma - (2-3 years)
- Applied Degree - (4 years)
- Collaborative Degree
- Apprenticeship



University

OR

College

University is:

- **Subject specific**
(ie. English, Biology)
- **Independent learning**
(less time in lectures and labs, more homework)
- 4+ years

College is:

- **Job specific**
(ie. Paramedic)
- **Dependent learning**
(hands-on learning with expert in field)
- 1, 2, or 3 years



University

Living away:

\$20,000 - \$25,000/year

Living at home:

\$9,000 - \$11,000



College

Living away:

\$15,000 +

Living at home:

\$8,000 +



Decisions to be Made

1. School: Which is the best "fit" for you?
2. Program: Arts, Science, Commerce, Engineering, Nursing etc.
3. Major/Minor: History and Political Science, Chemistry and Biology

Things to Consider: Program Differences

- What is the course of study? **Not all programs will offer the same opportunities or the same depth of focus.**
- It's important to look at course calendars. You need to find the course offerings relevant and interesting!



Things to Consider: Entrance Requirements

Prerequisite courses

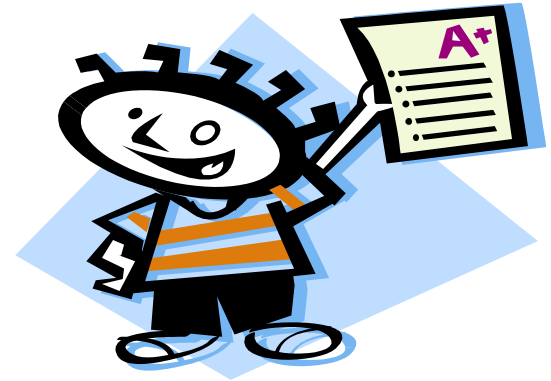
University - **ENG4U1** and 5 other “4U” or “4M” courses (6 in total!)

College - **ENG4C1** and a majority of senior level credits coded as “C”, “M” or “U”.

Marks - Oversubscribed program?

Additional requirements

- personal statement of experience
- audition
- portfolio



Things to Consider: Location

- Transportation to and from school?
- Cost of living (Oshawa vs. Toronto)
- Family Connections?
- Study outside of Ontario?
- Possibility of study abroad?
- Big City vs. Small Community



Things to Consider: Where Will You Live?

- Most students will live in **residence for first year only.**
- Types of rooms (single, double, apartment.)
- Washroom Facilities (shared, co-ed)
- Meal Plan and Options
- Be aware of off-campus housing opportunities and costs.
Much more expensive to live in Toronto than North Bay.



Things to Consider: Cooperative Education



Paid work experience that helps students build their resume for future employment.



Can take place in small blocks during alternate semesters or in larger



3-12 month blocks of time.



Entrance averages are often higher for programs with co-op.

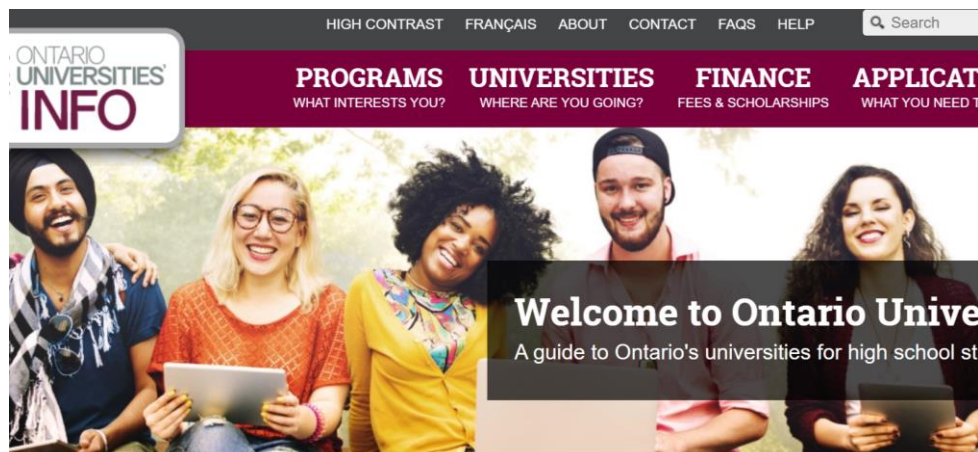
Researching University

- www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca

Use this site to research programs, find admission criteria/prerequisites, links to program pages and direct access to university info.

Use the "Compare" feature to keep track of potential programs.

Attend University Virtual Open Houses (check university websites)



Find a Program

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

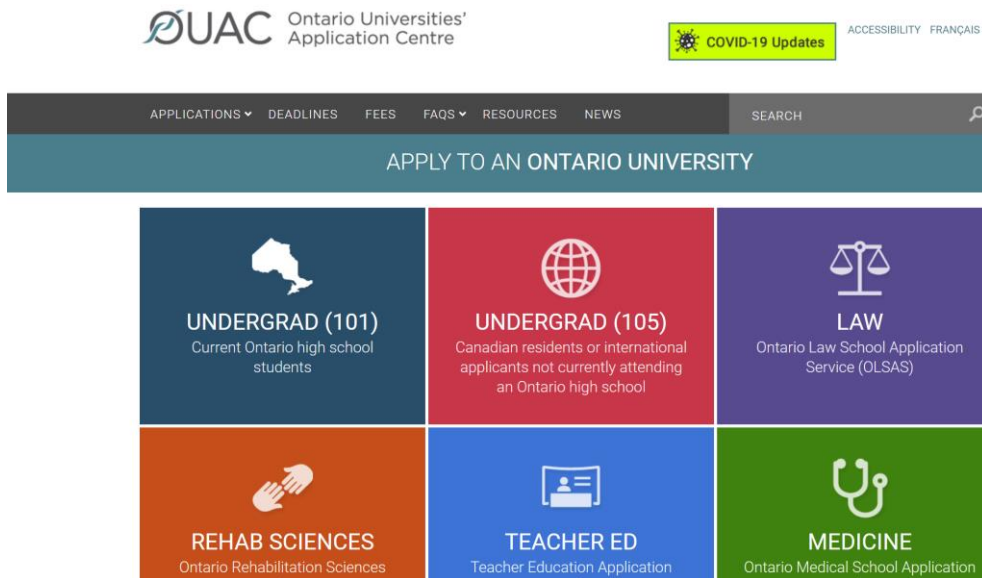
Choose a University

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 you? Answer a few statements to find out you to the proper undergraduate application.

www.ouac.on.ca



- Ontario University Application Centre website
- Online applications (apply and accept on this site!)
- Links to Ontario University websites (info about programs, tuition, living accommodation, etc.)
- Links to Ontario University Calendars





University Application Process

- All applications are submitted online via www.ouac.on.ca. Offers are made on this site and offers are accepted here too!
- Online access codes and PINs are being mailed directly to your home. You require the PIN before you can create an OUAC account and apply.
- The base fee is \$150.00 for 3 spots or choices (can be same school, or all different). Each additional choice is \$50.00. No limit!
- Fee can be paid through **on-line or telephone banking, credit card, or cheque**. Non-refundable. Online banking is also available.
- **University deadline:** January 15th, 2021 (11:59 pm ET) - Apply early!



Forwarding of Marks

The DDSB sends marks to OUAC and OCAS at six different times in the year:

- October Student data file sent
- November Student data file for University: all **previously completed grade 11 and 12 courses.**
- February: marks sent
- April: marks sent
- July : marks for Quadmester 4. Graduation status as well!
- August - final summer school marks



University Offers of Admission

- Each school follows a different timeline for making offers of admission. Do not worry and compare with friends!
- Each school outlines their timeline on Ontario Universities Info.
- Some are sent in early February. Others wait until May.
- Last date for offers: **May 27th, 2021.**
- Earliest required response from you: **June 1st, 2021.**



Conditional Offers of Admission

- **All offers of admission are conditional** unless a student has already completed enough required courses with the required entrance average.
- Offers are **firmed up in July** after final marks have been received.
- Other conditions will be **outlined with the offer of admission** (ie. 70% in English).
- Keep working hard even after you have received and accepted an offer. Your offer and/or scholarships can be impacted!



Admission to US College or University

- Research the school and admission requirements
- SAT exam
- SAT Prep courses
- ACT exam
- NCAA athlete?? Strict guidelines... **Check with Guidance**
- Visit the school(s) and request a tour then visit the admissions department
- Go to www.collegeboard.org





Eligibility Center

Student Email

Password

Login

Help

High School Administrators

Forgot your password?

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER



Financial Information



Now is the time to discuss finances with family. **Are there any funds available?**



Begin **saving and budgeting.**



Costs will vary from program to program, school to school and location to location.



Some programs at some schools have higher tuitions, especially after first year (ie. Business & Engineering).

Types of Scholarships

Money can be received in three different ways to help pay for an education:

1. Entrance Scholarship

Granted automatically once the school's offer is accepted. The value increases with a higher average.

2. Scholarships requiring an application

Includes faculty scholarships (i.e. Engineering), Special categories (i.e. ethnicity, language) and external scholarships (i.e. from parent/guardian's workplace)

3. Bursaries

Grants awarded on the basis of financial need - often in conjunction with OSAP

What You Can Do Now:

- Check out our **Financial Aid Section in our Grade 12 Google Classroom.**
- Create a profile on www.yconic.com and other scholarship websites
- Check out the **Financial Aid Office's website at each of the schools** to which you are applying.
- Investigate whether **your employer or a parent/guardian's employer** has scholarship opportunities available.
- **Start applying to scholarships!** So much \$\$\$\$ goes unclaimed each year!



Making A Guidance ...

2020/2021 Timetab...

Guidance Staff Cont...

Community Resourc...

Post-Secondary Info...

Prom Information

Summer School Inf...



Websites for Scholarship Searching

Posted Oct 15



Scholarships Made Simp...
<https://scholartree.ca/>



Yconic
<https://yconic.com/>



ScholarshipsCanada - Fi...
<https://www.scholarshipsca...>



Scholarships & Financial...
<https://www.osca.ca/stude...>



Scholarships Bursaries a...
<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/pr...>



Scholarships - OUInfo
<https://www.ontariouniversi...>

[View assignment](#)



Scholarship Newsletter Sept-Dec

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Sept-Oct 2020

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Paying for School: Scholarships, Bursaries, & Awards

Welcome back, students! So much has changed in the last few months. However, one thing that hasn't changed is the cost of postsecondary education.

According to [Statistics Canada](#), students in undergraduate programs paid, on average, \$6,463 for a full year of study in 2019/2020. The average cost of [college tuition](#) for one academic year in

Not every student will have access to all of the listed options. However, you may want to consider your eligibility for scholarships, bursaries, and awards.



Other Options:

OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

- Student loans based on **financial need**.
- Parents will have to provide information from their **Income Tax return**.
- Ontario Student Access Guarantee.
- No repayment is required until six months after you have graduated and are no longer a student.
- www.osap.gov.on.ca Look for the OSAP calculator!



Student Line of Credit

- Many major banks have a “**student line of credit**.”
- Usually requires a **co-signer** (parent/guardian).
- Interest usually accumulates from the moment the loan begins, but there may be a grace period.



Changes to OSAP Program (2019)

- Elimination of the 6 month interest free grace period. Interest will be charged to the Ontario portion of your loan. However, you still do not have to begin repaying OSAP for 6 months after graduation.
- There is an OSAP Information Module that students must complete prior to applying for OSAP. The module can be found on the OSAP website.
- No more free tuition.
- OSAP max for students attending a College or University in Ontario is \$545/week (you might get more if you receive a Federal Grant)
- Increase in expected student/parent annual contributions – changing from \$3000 to \$3600 for students.
- OSAP cut-off has been reduced - \$140,000 of the family income (as opposed to \$175,000)



More Websites to Visit

Tools for Searching Scholarships:

<https://scholartree.ca/>

<https://yconic.com/>

<https://www.scholarshipscanada.com/>

<https://www.osca.ca/students/2013-11-07-18-12-28/scholarships-financial-aid.html>

<https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-learning/scholarships-bursaries-and-awards.aspx#>

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships>

https://ontarioscholarships.ca/all_scholarships.php

<https://www.univcan.ca/programs-and-scholarships/>

Financial Planning Tools:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/education.html>

www.macleans.ca/tag/student-finance/

OSAP Information:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/student-loans-grants-scholarships-and-bursaries>



Paying Fees

Some Universities may require **payments as early as May.**

Payments may be **requested in the summer.**

Payment deferrals have to be set up through the school's Financial Aid Office.

OSAP is usually not released **until September.**



Our Advice to Students....



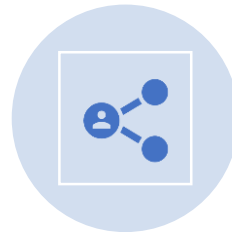
It is **normal to feel overwhelmed at first** when considering all of your options.



You have **plenty of time** to research! (as of right now... however the clock is ticking!)



Concentrate on your classes and **try to achieve the best marks possible.**



Guidance staff is available to help you.

Guidance Contacts

Mr. Couch : Colleges, American Schools, SATs

Mrs. Flintoff: Universities & International Study

Mrs. Soln: Scholarships

Mrs. Halliday: Guidance Secretary

