

Guide to Researching Universities 2024-2025



APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2024/ 2025 APPLICATION

What an exciting time of year! Your 2025 university applications will be completed online. Students will apply on their own through the Online University Application Centre (ouac.ca). Lunchtime tutorials for online applications will be offered in early November, in-person, for all students who are applying to university for September 2025 and need any assistance. Some degree programs are offered by colleges and may require an application through Ontariocolleges.ca.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO APPLY

Ancaster Due Date- **Friday December 13th, 2024**

OUAC Deadline- **January 15th, 2025**

PROGRAMS & ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

SEEK ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS LIKE THESE WHEN DOING YOUR RESEARCH:

- What undergraduate **programs** are offered by the university?
- What **prerequisite** courses are required for the program you are interested in?
- What is the **anticipated** admission average for the program? Are there any **minimum course marks** required to qualify for admission to this program?
- What is the admission policy for **repeated courses** (if you have any repeats/upgrades)?
- Is there a **minimum number of 4U** courses that this university requires for admission? (ex. Queen's has some limits for 4M courses in some programs)
- What **other criteria** may be used in determining who is accepted into the program (i.e. Supplementary Application, Essay, Portfolio, Audition, Testing)? What are the dates for these?
- Is there a paid **Co-Op** option in this program?
- If you are interested in a **professional or second-degree** program, what undergraduate courses must you take?
- Are there opportunities to add or change programs on the application? What are the dates?

INFORMATION SHOULD BE GATHERED FROM:



OUINFO WEBSITE:
www.ouinfo.ca

UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

ATTEND UNIVERSITY FAIRS AT AHS

ATTEND UNIVERSITY FAIR IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL: www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca

IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS

AHS STUDENT SERVICES WEBSITE:
<https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/ancasterhigh/student-services/>

OFFERS OF ADMISSION

- When will the university be sending out conditional offers of admission? What percentage of applicants are given conditional **“EARLY” offers of admission** (when do these go out)? What are these offers based on (grade 11/12 marks)?
- What percentage of applicants are given conditional offers in the **“first round”**, after semester 2 midterm marks are available in May?
- What conditions must be met in July for these “Conditional Offers” to be **confirmed**?
- If you are not accepted into your program of choice, will the university automatically consider you for an **alternate program**, or must you apply for the alternate program you want to be considered for?
- If you **apply to more than one program at university**, will you be considered for ALL your choices? Some universities will only give you ONE offer of admission.
- Does the **order/rank of your choices** affect offers of admission to this program?

RESIDENCE INFORMATION

- How are residence spaces **allocated** to first year students? Will a certain average be required to guarantee a spot in residence?
- What **styles of residences** are available, and can you make a request? Will you be given a roommate randomly, or can you choose a roommate?
- What is the **cost** of residence and/or the meal plan? Is this flexible or fixed?
- When is the **deadline for the application** to residence? Is a deposit required?
- If you choose to live “off-campus”, is there a **housing office** to help you find a place to live?

ATMOSPHERE

- What types of **extracurricular** activities does the university have? Is the university campus large or small? Is it in a big city or a smaller city? What is campus culture and life like?
- Does the university have opportunities to spend a year abroad or on an **exchange**?
- What percentage of students come from other parts of Canada or are International?
- How **large are the classes** for first year students?
- What **supports** are there on campus for students (social, emotional, academic)?

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

- Are there **Entrance Scholarships** (awarded automatically based on admission average)? Will the university adjust/withdraw scholarship money if your final admission average changes? Are the scholarships for one year, or are they renewable?
- Are there large scholarships that students can **apply for**? What criteria is used for these?
- Can students apply for **Bursaries** in their first year?
- Do you need to apply for **OSAP** (Ontario Student Assistance Program) to become eligible for bursaries/Scholarships?
- Are there **part-time jobs** etc. through the university that can help me fund my education?

- ❑ How much should you expect to pay for **tuition** each year? Will that amount change in years two, three or four? (Some business and engineering programs are unregulated and cost more?)
- ❑ What are the **expected costs** of residence, meal plans, books, technology, labs, Co-Op?
- ❑ What is included in the **student fees** for the university? (bus passes, recreation facilities, medical plans?) Can students opt out of certain fees?

APPLYING TO US SCHOOLS AND NCAA

For more information about how to apply to schools in the United States, please speak to your Guidance Counsellor. Students applying will typically need to take a readiness test. For NCAA, please see the link below for more information.

→ SATs: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat>

→ ACT: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

→ For information on NCAA eligibility: <https://www.ncaa.com/>

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Contact your Guidance Counsellor for any support with the application process. Make an appointment with your Counsellor by using the QR Code below or clicking [here](#).

A-F – Mrs. O’Sullivan

G-M – Mr. Nicholson

N-Z – Ms. Turner

