

International Admissions

VIEWBOOK

🍁 Ottawa, Canada
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Carleton
University



Canada

Canada has a reputation for being one of the safest and most beautiful places in the world. Ranked as one of the TOP 5 countries for quality of life¹, Canada is a vast, multicultural country with a history of helping others and welcoming people from across the globe.

Ottawa

Canada's capital, Ottawa, is home to over 1.3 million people. It is a research and development hub and the heart of the federal government. Ottawa is a major economic engine, offering jobs and opportunities in various industries and sectors. It boasts world-class research centres and the operations of important global companies.

Besides being a place of achievement and career opportunities, Ottawa is also an architecturally and environmentally stunning city — surrounded by waterways, perfectly blended with urban and rural beauty and providing year-round outdoor activities.



HIGH QUALITY OF LIFE

- Second safest large city in Canada and the USA²
- One of the most affordable major cities in North America³
- Ranked third in Canada for high quality of life⁴



VIBRANT JOB MARKET

- Home to Kanata North, Canada's largest technology park, with over 570 high-tech companies⁵
- Second among North American tech markets with the highest tech job growth rate⁶
- One of the lowest unemployment rates in Canada⁷



BALANCED LIFESTYLE

- Ranked 1st in Canada and 5th in the world for best work-life balance⁸
- Over 980 km of multi-use pathways, bike lanes, off-road paths and paved shoulders throughout the area
- The region is framed by beautiful waterways, including the Ottawa River, the Rideau River and the Rideau Canal—a UNESCO World Heritage Site

¹US News Best Countries, 2024 Rankings, ²Northern America: Quality of Life Index by City 2024, Numbeo, ³Cost of Living City Ranking 2024, Mercer, ⁴Quality of Living City Ranking 2024, Mercer, ⁵Kanata North Business Association, 2025, ⁶Scoring Tech Talent 2024, CBRE, ⁷Statistics Canada, 2025, ⁸Global Work-Life Balance City Index 2025, Blueground



EXPLORE OTTAWA

admissions.carleton.ca/lifeinottawa

Easy to get around

The capital is easily navigated via some of Canada's best bike paths and public transit. With a light rail station right on campus, the entire city, from the international airport to the downtown core, is only 20 minutes away from Carleton's campus.



Great for gaining work experience

Ottawa is known for its booming high-tech sector (with 1,800+ knowledge-based businesses), hundreds of non-governmental agencies, life sciences research facilities, embassies, national galleries and museums, which provide ample opportunities for students to gain work experience in their fields of study.



Unique landmarks and access to nature

Both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Site of Canada, the Rideau Canal is a 202 km historic waterway adjacent to Carleton's campus that connects a series of beautiful lakes and rivers. You can explore this major attraction all year — along its banks and sidewalks, on its water and as a skateway in the winter months. Ottawa is also home to seven of Canada's nine national museums, including the National Gallery of Canada. Explore diverse restaurants, theatres, nightclubs and bustling farmers' markets.



"I absolutely adore Ottawa. Whether it's a peaceful walk along the Rideau Canal, a visit to the National Gallery, or enjoying the vibrant ByWard Market, Ottawa offers a unique blend of experiences. The city's welcoming atmosphere and diverse community have made my stay here incredibly fulfilling. I have also found the public transport system convenient, making it easy to explore different parts of the city."

Prasham, Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

From: Dubai, the UAE



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current students:
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Why Carleton

You won't find this anywhere else!

At Carleton University, students and graduates proudly call themselves Ravens. When you become a Carleton Raven, you join a welcoming global community of sustainability advocates, technology innovators, political experts, healthcare professionals, athletes, and many other outstanding leaders who are all committed to challenging the status quo and making real change in the world.

Your capital advantage

Carleton's beautiful and safe riverside campus is located in the heart of Ottawa, Canada's National Capital.

With a fast-growing high-tech sector and a wealth of opportunities in many industries, the city will offer you numerous advantages for study, work and research.



1800+

**Knowledge-based
businesses in the National
Capital Region**

Excellent education

At Carleton, you'll learn from world-renowned researchers and top-rated professors and you can be involved in research from year one of your degree.

You'll have access to a wide variety of combined honours programs, minors and concentrations, allowing you to build the program that best suits your interests.



TOP 4

**Comprehensive
University in Canada**

*Maclean's University Rankings, 2025

"I chose Carleton University because it offered a blend of academic opportunities and a supportive atmosphere that resonated with my goals. With its programs in biology and biotechnology, it gave me the chance to pursue my passion for science in a way that felt challenging. As an international student, I was drawn to Carleton's commitment to creating a welcoming environment, with resources that made it easier to transition and thrive in a new country. The location is another standout, the campus is modern and also beautiful, with the Rideau River running alongside it and vibrant green spaces that offer a refreshing break from studies."

Ana, Bachelor of Science (Honours), Biology and Biotechnology
From: Mexico City, Mexico



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hear-from-our-students](https://admissions.carleton.ca/hear-from-our-students)



Co-op and experiential learning

Every program at Carleton includes experiential hands-on learning, inside and outside of the classroom.

Join co-operative education, placements, internships or class projects to develop hands-on skills, explore future careers and network with employers.

Guaranteed year-round residence

As an international student, you can choose to live on Carleton's campus for up to 12 months each year for your full degree, up to a maximum of 5 consecutive years.

If you are also joining Carleton directly after high school, you will receive a guaranteed spot in our residence with various meal plan options.

Automatic scholarships

When you apply to Carleton University, you will also have a chance to benefit from one of the most generous scholarship programs in the country.

International high school applicants will be automatically considered for our renewable, merit-based Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships.



3rd

largest co-op program
in Ontario



12

spacious residence
buildings on campus



\$27.1 M⁺

in SCHOLARSHIPS AND
BURSARIES awarded in 2024-25



EXPLORE CARLETON

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why-carleton](https://admissions.carleton.ca/why-carleton)

Programs

See more program options and other details here:
admissions.carleton.ca/programs

Bachelor's degree program	Areas of study	Required prerequisite subjects	Notes
Accounting^{♦†} (BAcc)		English Math	Application deadline: April 1
Architectural Studies[★] (BAS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation and Sustainability[♦] Design[♦] Urbanism[♦] 	English Physics Math	Application deadline: March 1 [★] Portfolio deadline: March 5 [★] See admissions.carleton.ca/additional-requirements for portfolio details.
Arts (BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> African Studies Anthropology[♦] Applied Linguistics and Discourse Studies Art History Biology Childhood and Youth Studies Criminology and Criminal Justice English[♦] Environmental and Climate Change Studies[♦] European and Russian Studies[♦] Film Studies French[♦] Geography[♦] Geomatics[♦] Greek and Roman Studies History[♦] History and Theory of Architecture Human Rights and Social Justice[♦] Indigenous Studies Law[♦] Linguistics Music Philosophy Political Science[♦] Psychology[♦] Religion Sociology[♦] Women's and Gender Studies General Studies (Online) 	All BA programs: English BA Biology: English Chemistry Math is recommended	Application deadline: April 1 Additional concentrations or specializations may be available - see website for details.
Cognitive Science[♦] (BCogSc)		English	Application deadline: April 1
Commerce (BCom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting[♦] Business Analytics[♦] Entrepreneurship[♦] Finance[♦] Information Systems[♦] International Business[♦] Management[♦] Marketing[♦] Supply Chain Management[♦] 	English Math	Application deadline: April 1
Communication and Media Studies[♦] (BCoMS)		English	Application deadline: April 1
Computer Science (BCS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algorithms[♦] Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning[♦] Computer Game Development[♦] Cybersecurity[♦] Management and Business Systems[♦] Software Engineering[♦] User Experience and User Interfaces 	Math	Application deadline: April 1
Cybersecurity[♦] (BCyber)		Math	Application deadline: April 1
Data Science[♦] (BDS)		Math	Application deadline: April 1
Economics[♦] (BEcon)		English Math	Application deadline: April 1
Engineering (BEng)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerospace[♦] Architectural Conservation and Sustainability[♦] Biomedical and Electrical[♦] Biomedical and Mechanical[♦] Civil[♦] Communications[♦] Computer Systems[♦] Electrical[♦] Engineering Physics[♦] Environmental[♦] Mechanical[♦] Mechatronics[♦] Software[♦] Sustainable and Renewable Energy[♦] 	Math Chemistry Physics	Application deadline: April 1
Global and International Studies[♦] (BGInS)		English	Application deadline: April 1
Health Sciences (BHSc)		Math Two of: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	Application deadline: April 1
Humanities (BHum)	Option A: Bachelor of Humanities [♦]	No specific prerequisites	Application deadline: April 1
	Option B: Bachelor of Humanities and Biology [♦] *Students with an admissions average below 80% who wish to be considered for the Bachelor of Humanities should contact Admissions Services for details on how to submit additional documentation in support of their application.	Biology or Chemistry	

Bachelor's degree program	Areas of study	Required prerequisite subjects	Notes
Industrial Design ^{★ ♦} (BID)		Math Physics	Application deadline: March 1 [★] Portfolio deadline: March 5 [★] Information session recommended. See admissions.carleton.ca/additional-requirements for portfolio details.
Information Technology (BIT)	• Information Resource Management (IRM) [♦]	English Math	Application deadline for IMD: March 1 [★] Portfolio deadline for IMD: March 5 [★]
	• Interactive Multimedia and Design (IMD) ^{♦ ★}	Math	Application deadline for IRM and NET: April 1
	• Network Technology (NET) [♦]	Math	See admissions.carleton.ca/additional-requirements for portfolio details.
International Business (BIB)		English Math	Application deadline: April 1
Journalism (BJ)	• Journalism • Journalism with a concentration in Health Sciences	English Concentration in Health Sciences: English Math Biology or Chemistry	Application deadline: April 1
Journalism and Humanities (BJHum)		English	Application deadline: April 1
Mathematics (BMath)	• Mathematics [♦] • Statistics [♦] • Mathematics and Statistics combined with other disciplines [♦]	Math	Application deadline: April 1
Media Production and Design [♦] (BMPD)		English Math	Application deadline: April 1
Music [★] (BMus)		No specific prerequisites (English is recommended)	Application deadline: March 1 [★] Creative Practice Portfolio submission: March 5 [★] See admissions.carleton.ca/additional-requirements for details
Nursing [★] (BScN)		English Biology Chemistry Math Direct entry from high school and CEGEP only.	Application deadline: March 1 [★] Supplementary application deadline: March 5 [★] See admissions.carleton.ca/additional-requirements for details
Public Affairs and Policy Management [♦] (BPAPM)		No specific prerequisites	Application deadline: April 1
Science (BSc)	• Applied Physics [♦] • Biochemistry [♦] • Bioinformatics [♦] • Biology [♦] • Biotechnology [♦] • Chemistry [♦] • Earth Sciences [♦] • Earth Sciences: Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleocology [♦] • Environmental Science [♦] • Geomatics [♦] • Linguistics • Mathematics and Physics [♦] • Nanoscience • Neuroscience and Mental Health [♦] • Physical Geography [♦] • Physics [♦] • Psycholinguistics and Communication Differences • Psychology [♦]	Math Two of: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	Application deadline for all Science programs: April 1
Social Work [★] (BSW)		No specific prerequisites (English is strongly recommended)	Application deadline: March 1 [★] Supplementary application deadline: March 5 [★] See admissions.carleton.ca/additional-admission-requirements/ for Supplementary application details. Practicum required.

Admission requirements

Academic performance in your previous studies is the main determining factor for admission to Carleton's undergraduate degree programs.

Secondary school (high school) graduation is the typical minimum level of study to be considered for admission to the first year of an undergraduate program at Carleton University. This is your "basis of admission." We recognize and accept national qualifications from most countries. Secondary education should normally consist of a minimum of 12 years of study. For some countries, where the secondary system is fewer than 12 years, applicants may be required to have completed one year of university study. If you apply while studies are in progress, you may submit your most recent grades to be reviewed for a conditional offer.

Prerequisite subjects

Admission requirements vary by program, so depending on your choice, you may also be required to present specific subjects (prerequisites) with minimum grades. These subjects should be taken at the highest level offered at your school. See the chart on pages 6 and 7 for the prerequisite subjects needed for each degree program.

To see the specific admission requirements and prerequisite subjects for your chosen degree program from the education system you have completed, use the tool on carleton.ca/international.

American/US High School

- At least four academic units must be presented in grade 12, and a minimum of 16 academic units completed in grades 9 to 12. A minimum average of B- is required for admission. For some limited enrolment programs, a higher average may be required. You are encouraged to submit SAT or ACT scores and a school profile to support your application.
- Prerequisite subjects must be at the grade 12 level. See website for exceptions. If a prerequisite subject is not available at your school, contact Admissions Services for guidance.
- Advanced standing (transfer) credit may be awarded for Advanced Placement (AP) exams with a minimum grade of 4, to a maximum of 3.0 credits.*

Caribbean - CAPE

- Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) with at least 5 subjects. Two 2-unit or four 1-unit CAPE subjects are also required.
- Carleton will always consider the highest level taken in any subject.
- Advanced standing (transfer) credit may be awarded for 2-unit CAPE courses completed with a grade of I-III (in each unit) to a maximum of 3.0 credits*.
- Prerequisite subjects must be at the CAPE level. See website for exceptions.

Chinese High School

- Admission average will be calculated using all 9 academic subjects at the highest level taken. Prerequisites must be presented at grade 11 or 12.
- Final grades and official graduation certificates are required once they are issued. The graduation certificate should be verified by Center for Student Services and Development (CSSD).

French Baccalaureate

- Completion of the French Baccalaureate is required, with minimum "Assès bien" or "Bien" results overall, including prerequisite subjects. Some limited enrolment programs may have higher requirements.
- Applicants should provide their transcripts for Première and first

trimester(s) of Terminale, or if completed, their final results.

- French Baccalaureate students may be awarded advanced standing (transfer) credit for subjects with a grade of 12 or better to a maximum of 3.0 credits.*

Indian High School

- One of the following Class XII Higher/Senior Secondary School Certificates is required: Senior School Certificate (CBSE), Indian School Certificate (CISCE) or one of the state board Higher Secondary Certificates (HSCs). Students must submit their mark sheets/exam scores from examinations taken at the X and XII level, or if studies are in progress at the time of application, mid-year, pre-board or mock exam results from XII may be submitted for consideration.
- Admission averages will be calculated on 5 academic subjects completed in the XII level.
- Prerequisite subjects must be taken at the XII level.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

- The full IB diploma is required (three standard [SL] and three higher level [HL] subjects), with a minimum of 28 points (please note that some programs are more competitive and will require higher scores).
- One subject with a grade of 3 is acceptable, provided it is offset by a grade of 5 or better. Prerequisite subjects must have a grade of 4 or better.
- IB students may be awarded advanced standing (transfer) credit for HL subjects with a grade of 5 or better to a maximum of 3.0 credits.*

UK/British System A Levels

- The General Certificate of Education or equivalent is required, with satisfactory standing in five subjects at the GCSE, IGCSE, or Ordinary "O" Level. Two suitable subjects at the Advanced "A" Level, or 4 "AS" Levels are also required.
- Prerequisite subjects must be at the A or AS level. See website for exceptions.
- Carleton will always consider the highest level taken in any subject.
- Advanced standing (transfer) credit may be awarded for A Levels completed with a grade of C or better, to a maximum of 3.0 credits.*

West Africa - WAEC

- Students must submit West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) results for 8-9 subjects. The admission average will be calculated using the best 6 academic subjects, including any required prerequisites.
- WASSCE results must be received directly from the West African Examinations Council (WAEC) or verified using scratchcard information.

*See which courses may be granted credit on the Undergraduate Admissions website: admissions.carleton.ca/apply/transfer-credit

All other curricula

If your curriculum is not listed, the general requirements will apply. Please visit carleton.ca/international for more information. If you still have questions, please contact international@carleton.ca.

English language requirements

For admission, you must demonstrate that your knowledge and use of English are strong enough to study in an English language university.

To demonstrate your knowledge and use of English, please note the following options:

- Submit an English as a Second Language (ESL) test result. Depending on the score achieved, you may receive:

A) Admission with no ESL requirement: Begin your full-time undergraduate degree studies.

OR

B) Admission with an ESL requirement (ESLR)*: Carleton will admit you to your degree program with the requirement that you complete up to three ESL (English language courses) during your first terms of study.

- Show that you have studied for the last three years (full-time) in a country in which the primary language is English and where the language of instruction in the relevant institution was exclusively English. For more information, please refer to our website: admissions.carleton.ca/esl
- Visit admissions.carleton.ca/esl to find out more about other possible qualifications to demonstrate your knowledge and use of English.

English language test	A) Admission with no ESL requirement	B) Admission with ESL courses requirement (ESLR)*
Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL)	70 (minimum 60 in each band)	40 (minimum 30 in each band, and minimum average of 40 over writing, reading and listening)
Internet Based (iBT) TOEFL	86 (minimum 22 in writing and speaking, 20 in reading and listening)	61-85 (minimum 15 in each section)
IELTS (Academic)	6.5 (minimum 6.0 in each band)	5.0 – 6.0 (minimum 4.5 in each band and the average of writing+reading+listening divided by 3 must be a minimum of 5)
Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic	60 (minimum 60 in each Communicative Skill)	N/A
Duolingo English Test (DET)	120 (minimum 110 in writing, 110 in reading, 110 in speaking, 105 in listening)	80 (minimum 65 in writing, 75 in reading, 70 in speaking, 75 in listening)
Cambridge English Language Test	176 or above on C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency – minimum 169 in each component	N/A
For more information on accepted English language tests, please visit admissions.carleton.ca/esl . If you have taken a test not listed above and want to know whether it could be accepted, please contact us at international@carleton.ca .		

You must submit a score in the above ranges in order to be considered for admission. You may retake a language test and submit a higher score to be considered for admission.

*Please note that the following programs are not available for entry with an ESL requirement:

- Architectural Studies
- Health Sciences
- Humanities
- Industrial Design
- Information Technology

- International Business
- Journalism
- Journalism and Humanities
- Media Production and Design
- Nursing
- Public Affairs and Policy Management
- Post Baccalaureate Diploma (all)

For more information, please visit our website at admissions.carleton.ca/esl.

Your timeline to Carleton

✓ APPLICATION OPENS

✓ ATTEND VIRTUAL
OPEN HOUSE

🔔 MARCH 1: EARLY
APPLICATION DEADLINES
FOR SOME PROGRAMS

🔔 MARCH 5: PORTFOLIO
SUBMISSION DEADLINE
FOR SOME PROGRAMS

🔔 APRIL 1:
DEADLINE TO
APPLY FOR MOST
PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

MARCH

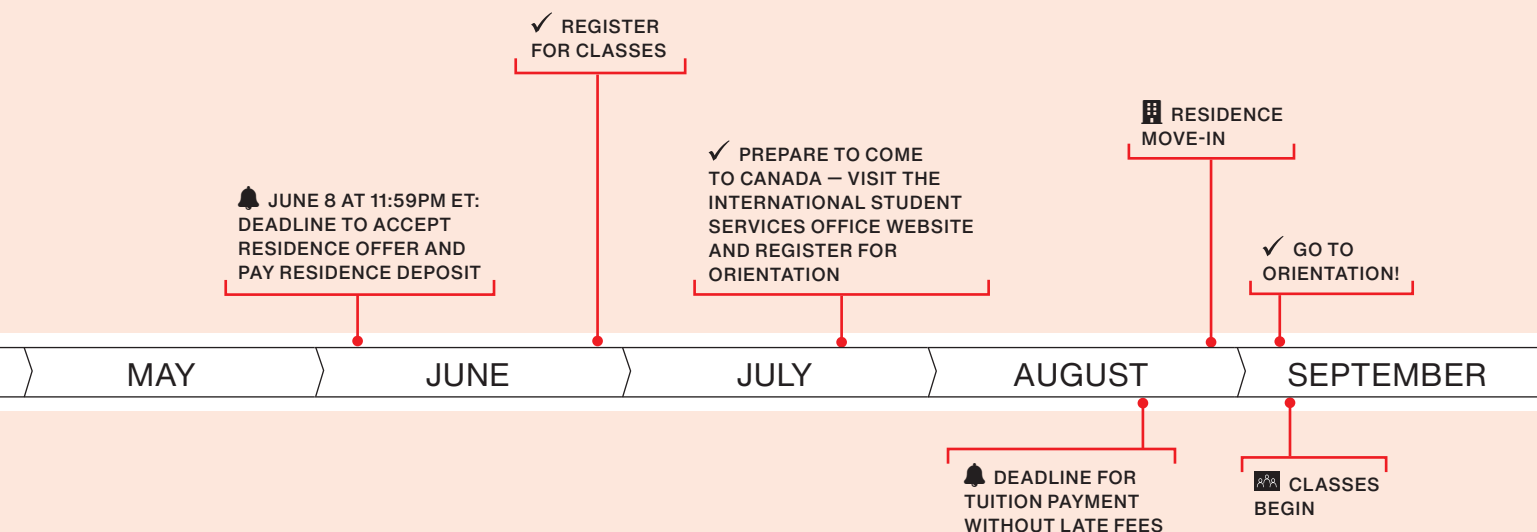
APRIL

🕒 ROLLING
ADMISSIONS BEGIN

🔔 MARCH 1: DEADLINE TO APPLY
FOR A PRESTIGE SCHOLARSHIP

✓ ACCEPT YOUR OFFER, PAY DEPOSIT, RECEIVE PROVINCIAL ATTESTATION
LETTER (PAL), AND START YOUR STUDY PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS.





PLEASE NOTE: YOU CAN ACCEPT YOUR OFFER AND START THIS PROCESS EVEN IF YOUR OFFER IS CONDITIONAL.

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE VISIT [CARLETON.CA/INTERNATIONAL](https://carleton.ca/international) QUESTIONS? EMAIL US: INTERNATIONAL@CARLETON.CA

Your next steps



We operate on a rolling admission timeline which means that the sooner your application and documents are received, the sooner we can process your application.

1. Sign up today at 360.carleton.ca

Based on the degree programs you're interested in, where you live and when you want to study, you'll get tailored information, including invitations to events, deadline reminders and more!

360.carleton.ca

2. Apply online

Complete an online application through Carleton360 OR Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) and pay the application fee.

carleton.ca/international

3. Upload documents

Provide transcripts from your final years of high school or highest level of education, along with any graduation diploma, certificate and graduation exam results. If you apply before your final grades are available, we will review mid-year or interim grades for an early/conditional offer. Please be sure to also upload information on any courses you will be taking in your current year of studies.

Upload an English as a Second Language (ESL) test score and any other documents requested.

admissions.carleton.ca/applicant-information

4. Monitor your application

Keep an eye on your application to see if we request further documents and to view decisions. We will communicate with you by email and through your Carleton360 account.

360.carleton.ca

5. Accept your offer and pay the deposit

After you receive your offer of admission, be sure to accept and pay the tuition deposit, a mandatory prepayment of a portion of the first-year fee, by the date indicated on your offer letter to reserve your spot in the program. You can view and accept your offer in Carleton360 or in OUAC, depending on where you made your application.

admissions.carleton.ca/deposit



APPLY NOW

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Learn more about the tuition deposit and study permit process, including provincial attestation letters (PALs): admissions.carleton.ca/study-permit-faqs



Tuition, costs and scholarships

We offer one of the most generous scholarship programs in the country. Last year, 13,300 scholarships and bursaries totalling over \$27.1 million were awarded to undergraduate students.

Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships

Entrance Scholarships are automatically offered to all high school students who meet our academic and language requirements. The scholarship amount is based on the applicant's previous academic performance. These merit-based scholarships are renewable each year with an A- standing (annual GPA of 10.0). If the A- standing is not achieved, the original scholarship can still be regained in future years if the required GPA is obtained.

Prestige Scholarships

Students with an admission average over 90 percent are eligible to apply for one of our Prestige Scholarships, our highest awards. These competitive scholarships are awarded based on both a student's admission average and participation in community and secondary school activities (leadership, community service, and extracurriculars). The values of the Prestige Scholarships range

from \$5,000 to \$14,178 CAD per year and they are renewable based on maintaining a minimum A- (10.0 GPA) in full-time studies. An application is required. Deadline: March 1.

President's Welcome Award for International Students

International applicants to an undergraduate degree program starting in September 2026 will be automatically considered for the award, valued at \$2,000 to \$5,000 CAD, depending on their grades at the time of admission. It is offered in addition to other entrance scholarships.

Specialized scholarships

Check the Awards website for any additional specialized scholarships and awards: carleton.ca/awards

Questions about scholarships? Email: awards@carleton.ca

Renewable Entrance Scholarships				
Canadian high school	American high school*	IB	A Levels*	Scholarship (CAD)
95 to 100%	A to A+	38 to 42	AAA	\$16,000 (\$4,000 x four years)
90 to 94.9%	A- to A	34 to 37	AAB	\$12,000 (\$3,000 x four years)
85 to 89.9%	B to B+	31 to 33	ABB	\$8,000 (\$2,000 x four years)
80 to 84.9%	B- to B	28 to 30	BBB	\$4,000 (\$1,000 x four years)
No application required. Renewable at A- standing (annual GPA of 10.0). *Please note for American and British systems, these are approximate ranges intended as a rough guide. Exams such as SAT or ACT scores may also be taken into consideration when determining the scholarship average. Please email us at international@carleton.ca to get a range equivalent in other school systems.				
Prestige Scholarships				
Minimum 90 per cent admission average and extracurricular activities. Application required. Deadline: March 1 Renewable at A- standing (annual GPA of 10.0)				
Scholarship value..... \$20,000 to \$56,712 CAD (from \$5,000 to \$14,178 x four years)				

Your tuition, your investment	
Living on campus (CAD)	
Tuition and compulsory ancillary fees	\$36,982- \$69,302
Traditional residence room and board*	\$13,442
Books and supplies (varies according to program)	\$1,400
Personal expenses	\$3,000
Total	\$54,824 - \$87,144
Estimated Total in USD***	\$40,200 - \$64,000
Living off campus (CAD)	
Tuition and compulsory ancillary fees	\$36,982- \$69,302
Off-campus housing**	\$15,000 - \$20,000
Books and supplies (varies according to program)	\$1,400
Personal expenses	\$3,000
Total	\$56,382 - \$93,702
Estimated Total in USD***	\$41,400 - \$68,800
* Based on double room, includes an All Access Meal Plan and Internet. ** Estimate based on eight months of rent (shared accommodations), utilities, internet and groceries. Costs will vary depending on type of accommodation. ***Currency exchange rates vary.	
For fees by program, see carleton.ca/fees Please note that the fees listed are for the 2025-2026 academic year.	

Co-op and career opportunities

Carleton has co-op, practicum and field placement options in over 200 programs, streams and concentrations.

International Student Employment Program

Carleton offers a dedicated program to support international students with paid work opportunities, and specialized resources to support your career journey in Canada.

“Co-op” = paid work experience

Co-op allows students to gain 12 to 16 months of work experience during their degrees! Typically, an additional year of study is required to complete the co-op option. Study terms alternate with paid, full-time work terms directly related to your program of study.

Some benefits of participating in the co-op program:

- Put theory into practice and solve real-world problems in your field of study
- Develop professional skills that employers are looking for
- Explore different career environments to find your best fit

Carleton's co-op office supports you with your job search, facilitates the hiring process and develops connections with potential employers who post jobs for our students.

You can apply to the co-op program when you apply for your degree program at Carleton, or you can apply later in your studies (typically at the end of the first or second year).

Salaries range from \$17.60/hour (minimum wage in Ontario from October 1, 2025) to \$30/hour, depending on the program. Students usually work 35 to 40 hours per week during a co-op term.

Learn more about co-op: carleton.ca/co-op

Practicum and placements

Many of our programs also offer practicum or field placement opportunities for academic credit. Gain work experience, learn new skills and make important contacts for your future.

International internships

Travel abroad through our International Internship Program, which connects students with international internship opportunities for academic credit.

Working in Canada

Most international students studying full-time can:

- Apply for a job on campus at Carleton University
- Apply for a part-time job off campus during the school year (24 hours per week maximum)
- Apply for full-time work during scheduled breaks (such as reading week and summer break)
- Apply for a work permit after you graduate (for up to three years) to gain Canadian work experience

Please note that policies are subject to change. Visit the Government of Canada's website for the most up-to-date information.

Your career

Carleton's career coaches and counsellors can help you explore your skills and interests and align your degree with a career. They assist with resumes, cover letters, job search strategies, interviews and organize opportunities such as career fairs, networking opportunities and job shadowing. To see what careers will be available to you after graduation, go to students.carleton.ca/degree-to-future.

Do you want to pursue a professional designation such as accountant, dentist, doctor, lawyer, pharmacist, teacher or veterinarian? Co-op hours can be used toward certain professional designations. The Co-op designation will help you stand out from the crowd.

“Last month, I received an email confirming my internship as a junior research analyst at Nanos Research. My job search began over the summer by exploring Carleton University's MySuccess job board to find positions that aligned with my Sociology major. To strengthen my applications, I visited Carleton's Career Services to have my resume and cover letter reviewed. In the near future, I aspire to conduct research that drives meaningful social impact across society. Currently, analyzing and designing research at my internship provides a strong foundation toward achieving that goal, as it equips me with essential skills and firsthand experience in research practices.”

Nishtha, Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Sociology
From: Triolet, Mauritius



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Carleton campus

Our campus is a green oasis in the heart of Canada's capital city.

"One moment you are strolling in nature, the next you are admiring the state-of-the-art Nicol Building and then you catch another student playing the public piano in the Minto Centre. It genuinely contains many experiences to behold. The underground tunnel system is another unique feature. They protect you from the melting sun in the summer and keep you warm during the winter. These tunnels are adorned with student voices and artworks, adding a vibrant and personal touch to the everyday commute."

Parth, Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours)

From: Maharashtra, India



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A large, self-contained campus just minutes from downtown Ottawa, Carleton is surrounded by parks, the Rideau River, Rideau Canal and Dow's Lake. Carleton is closely connected to downtown by transit and bike paths, which means students can make the most of what Ottawa has to offer. On campus, students can study by the river, experience nature, and access facilities such as our award-winning library, multiple restaurants and coffee shops, athletic facilities, medical clinic and art gallery.

5 km of underground tunnels

Each building on campus is conveniently connected by 5 km of heated underground tunnels. Carleton's tunnels are a unique and accessible way to get around and avoid rainy weather or cold temperatures in the winter!

Convenient location

Carleton is situated in Ottawa, the vibrant capital city of Canada. Ottawa is conveniently located just 200 km from Montreal, 450 km from Toronto, and 700 km from New York. Canada's historic city offers an international airport and two VIA Rail train stations.





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**Carleton University
acknowledges the
location of its campus
on the traditional,
unceded territories of
the Algonquin nation.**



Living in residence

Last year over 3,600 students chose to live on campus in one of our 12 residence buildings. Living in residence is a great choice for international students who are adjusting to a new life in Canada.

At Carleton, we offer a guaranteed place in residence for students coming directly from high school.* Moreover, as an international student, you can choose to live on Carleton's campus for up to 12 months each year for your full degree, up to a maximum of 5 consecutive years.**

What does residence offer?

Convenience

- Get to class, meals or workouts within minutes
- Don't ever worry about the weather: take the underground route if it rains or snows
- Easily arrange meetings with friends, study partners or professors

Friendship

- Experience university life as part of a vibrant, close-knit community
- Meet people who come from around the world and make friendships that last a lifetime

Support

- Access support from a network of Residence Life staff who are there to help you reach your academic and personal goals
- Benefit from counselling, mental health mentors, activities and stress-busters to help you maintain balance

Community

- Participate in events, programs and committees in and around residence
- Visit Raven's Roost, your free-time hub with video games, pool tables, TV and more
- Volunteer as a Mental Health Champion

Two living styles

Traditional or suite-style rooms

The majority of our rooms for first-year students are traditional double rooms, with shared washroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available for first-year students. The suite style provides four-person suites (either two doubles or four singles) with a shared common area, washroom facility and small food preparation area with a fridge and microwave. Suite-style rooms are available only to upper-year students.

To confirm your space:

- Accept your offer of admission
- Accept the residence offer
- Pay the deposit by June 08, 2026, at 11:59 ET

If you do not qualify for a guaranteed space in residence, you can still apply on a first-come, first-served basis: housing.carleton.ca



Take a virtual tour
of the residence:
virtualltour.carleton.ca

**First-year residence guarantee at Carleton, a double traditional room, is guaranteed to all new, first-year students entering directly from high school – provided they receive an offer of admission on or before May 15, 2026.*

*** Students must apply for the Summer Term each year.*



Above: a suite-style room
Below: a traditional double room



Dining Services has a dietitian to help with your dietary needs, including vegetarian, vegan, halal, gluten-free and allergies. They also take recipe requests if you're missing a particular dish from home. dining.carleton.ca



Vegan



Sustainable
Seafood



Vegetarian



Gluten
Free



Locally
Grown



Halal

All Access Meal Plan

First-year students living in residence will be enrolled in the All Access Meal Plan, which provides unlimited entry into our award-winning Teraanga Commons Dining Hall and \$100 Dining Dollars. For students living in suite-style residences, there is a Reduced Meal Plan option, which offers ten meals per week and \$300 Dining Dollars. The dining hall sources food locally, accommodates dietary needs and offers an "all you care to eat" experience featuring a variety of meals cooked right in front of you. Learn more: dining.carleton.ca

Cost (2025-2026)

Traditional residence, 8 months: \$13,442 Double Room to \$15,192 Single Room, including internet and All Access Meal Plan.

Suite-style residence, 8 months: \$15,092 Double Room to \$17,092 Single Room including internet and All Access Meal Plan.

Check fees at housing.carleton.ca.

Off-campus accommodation

Carleton has resources, tips and advice for first-time renters on our website: housing.carleton.ca/off-campus-housing

"Living in a residence made it so easy and approachable to make friends; there were always events going on where you got the opportunity to meet many people. It was such a spontaneous and fun experience; every day I could easily walk up to a friend's dorm, hang out in the cafeteria, and talk with them for hours as I randomly ran into them. Living in residence definitely helped me out with building strong friendships and building a network in a place outside of my home country."

Camila, Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Political Science

From: Mexico City, Mexico



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Realize your academic, personal and professional potential at Carleton University.

GO-ISSO

The Global Opportunities and International Student Services Office (GO-ISSO) offers services and programs just for you! From international student orientation to immigration help and peer support, GO-ISSO is the office you will have free access to during your time at Carleton University. Thinking about a semester abroad? GO-ISSO will help you arrange it as well.

Raving Ravens

Cheer for the Ravens as they play basketball, hockey, football and other varsity sports! Or maybe join one of the teams yourself?

Career services

What can you do with your degree? What should a resume look like? How can you prepare for your first job interview? The career services team will help you resolve these and many other questions through a series of events, as well as individual and group sessions.

Academic support

From faculty-run centres, such as the Science Student Success Centre, to university-wide hubs like the Centre for Student Academic Support, there is a wealth of academic support services offering group and individual sessions online and on campus.

Fitness

Carleton takes pride in its athletic facilities, which range from an Olympic-size swimming pool to the Ice House with two NHL-sized ice rinks.

Health and wellness

With our extensive 24/7, free mental health support program and a friendly on-campus health clinic, Carleton students have access to the right support every step of the way throughout their entire degree.

Safety

Carleton's dedicated Campus Safety Services team ensures everyone's safety on campus around the clock, every single day of the year.

Campus life

Carleton is known for our community atmosphere, you'll work together with your classmates to find your passions, give back to the community, and build connections for life. A wide range of engagement opportunities is available to explore, including over 170 clubs and societies.

"One of my favourite things about Carleton is the vast number of resources they have for students! I have been able to utilize various services, one of my favourites being the Health and Counselling Center! As a newcomer to Canada, I had no idea how the healthcare system worked. Carleton's Health and Counselling Center is a team of medical professionals right here on campus that provide medical and mental health services for students and staff. Throughout the year I was able to get a wide array of medical assistance from vaccinations to regular checkups!"

Carolynne, Bachelor of Journalism (Honours)
From: Manchester, Jamaica



"The highlight of my experience at Carleton University has undoubtedly been attending the football and basketball games, especially the Panda Game and Capital Hoops Classic. These events are more than just sports competitions; they are major social gatherings that bring together students, alumni, and the local community. The atmosphere is filled with spirited cheering and a strong sense of solidarity among attendees. These events have not only provided entertainment but also fostered a sense of pride and belonging within the Carleton community."

Tracy, Bachelor of International Business (Honours)
From: Accra, Ghana



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carleton.ca/international

Continue exploring what Carleton is offering and how to apply on our website.

international@carleton.ca

Email us with any questions.

calendly.com/carleton-university-international-admissions

Book an online admissions advising appointment with our recruitment and admissions team. Family members and other supporters are always welcome to join as well.

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Register for our upcoming events, including the Virtual Open House, our biggest online event for international applicants.



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