

Guide to Researching Universities

SEEK ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS LIKE THESE WHEN DOING YOUR RESEARCH:



PROGRAMS & ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. What undergraduate programs are offered by the university?
2. What **prerequisite** courses are required for the program you are interested in?
3. What is the **anticipated** admission average for the program? Are there any **minimum course marks** required to qualify for admission to this program?
4. What is the admission policy for **repeated courses** (if you have any repeats/upgrades)?
5. Is there a **minimum number of 4U** courses that this university requires for admission? (Queen's has some limits for 4M courses in some programs)
6. 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?
7. Is there a paid **Co-Op** option in this program?
8. If you are interested in a **professional or second-degree** program, what undergraduate courses must you take?
9. Are there opportunities to add or change programs on the application? What are the dates?

INFORMATION SHOULD BE GATHERED FROM:



OUINFO WEBSITE

UNIVERSITY WEBSITES

VIRTUALLY ATTEND
UNIVERSITY FAIR

VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOURS

ANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL –
STUDENT SERVICES WEB
SITE

OFFERS OF ADMISSION

10. 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)?
11. What percentage of applicants are given conditional offers in the **"first round"**, after semester 2 midterm marks are available in May?
12. What conditions must be met in July for these "Conditional Offers" to be **confirmed**?
13. 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?
14. 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.
15. Does the **order/rank of your choices** affect offers of admission to this program?

RESIDENCE INFORMATION

16. How are residence spaces **allocated** to first year students? Will a certain average be required to guarantee a spot in residence?
17. 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?
18. What is the **cost** of residence and/or the meal plan? Is this flexible or fixed?
19. When is the **deadline for the application** to residence? Is a deposit required?
20. If you choose to live “off-campus”, is there a **housing office** to help you find a place to live?



ATMOSPHERE

21. 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?
22. Does the university have opportunities to spend a year abroad or on and **exchange**?
23. What percentage of students come from other parts of Canada or are International?
24. How **large are the classes** for first year students?
25. What **supports** are there on campus for students (social, emotional, academic)?

FUNDING YOUR EDUCATION

26. 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?
27. Are there large scholarships that students can **apply for**? What criteria is used for these?
28. Can students apply for **Bursaries** in their first year?
29. Do you need to apply for **OSAP** (Ontario Student Assistance Program) to become eligible for bursaries/Scholarships?
30. Are there **part-time jobs** etc. through the university that can help me fund my education?
31. 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?)
32. What are the **expected costs** of residence, meal plans, books, technology, labs, Co-Op?
33. What is included in the **student fees** for the university? (bus passes, recreation facilities, medical plans?) Can students opt out of certain fees?

