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Guide to Researching Universities

When doing your research, look for answers to questions like these...



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Houses

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION
PROGRAMS SUCH AS
ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES
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PROGRAM AND



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 admissions policy for repeated courses (if you have any repeats/upgrades)?
5. Is there a minimum number of 4U courses that this university required 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?

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 "final 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 choice, will the university automatically consider you for an alternate program, or must you apply for alternate programs you want to be considered for?
14. If you apply to more than one program at the university, will you be considered for ALL your choices? Some universities will only give 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 smaller city? What is campus life like?
22. Does the university have opportunities to spend a year abroad, or on exchange?
23. What percentage of students from other parts of Canada or the world attend that university?
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 admissions average)? Will the university adjust/withdraw scholarship money if your final admission average changes? Are the scholarships for one year only, 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 to 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 2, 3 or 4? (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?