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# RISK EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAM

Want to stand out on university and scholarship applications? Ready to make smarter choices about money, school, and life? Join the REaL Program to build real-life skills in Virtual Reality — and have a blast doing it!



Learn about the top global problems

& how to confidently face the future

## Join the REaL Program

### Build Unique Skills for the Future

## Program Overview

- Get hands-on with cool activities with other like-minded students.
- Use **Virtual Reality (VR)** to take on real-world scenarios.
- Team up with experts and friends who share your passions.
- Gain decision-making skills for school, life, and beyond.
- Compete for glory in the **Risk Olympics & Awards**—a high-energy game where you apply everything you've learned—and celebrate your growth at our fun final-day awards ceremony.

REaL camps run for 5 action-packed days, 9 AM – 3:30 PM, each with a new theme. Not your regular classes—just tons of hands-on activities and fun!



Do not miss your chance to be a part of something **new, exciting, and game-changing**. Let us build a smarter, stronger, more prepared generation—starting with **you!**



Risk and Insurance Studies Centre

4 SUMMER CAMPS  
AT 4 DIFFERENT  
UNIVERSITIES!

## Why REaL?

Make new friends & connections



MORE INFO

The Risk Education and Literacy (REaL) Program is a series of exciting **summer camps** made for Canadian high school students who want to get ahead. Learn how to tackle today's biggest risks — from Cyber Risks and Climate Change to Health Challenges and Disinformation — and build the skills you'll need for the future. These are real issues that affect your life, and we'll show you how to handle them with confidence.

1. Experience life on a real university campus.
2. Boost your resume and university applications by gaining real-world skills and earning a **digital badge** you can proudly show off on LinkedIn and beyond.
3. Finish the program with a bang by competing & perhaps winning the **Risk Olympics & Awards** on the final day.
4. Enjoy free pizzas & drinks every day.
5. Build your leadership and problem-solving skills.

	Dates	Time	Theme	Location	Fees
<b>Camp 1</b>	July 07 - July 11, 2025	9AM - 3.30PM EDT	<b>When Numbers Deceive You</b>	University of Waterloo	\$395+HST (Equity-deserving students may be eligible to attend free of charge)
<b>Camp 2</b>	July 14 - July 18, 2025	9AM - 3.30PM EDT	<b>Cyber Risk</b>	York University	\$395+HST (Equity-deserving students may be eligible to attend free of charge)
<b>Camp 3</b>	July 21 - July 25, 2025	9AM - 3.30PM EDT	<b>Climate Risk</b>	McMaster University	\$395+HST (Equity-deserving students may be eligible to attend free of charge)
<b>Camp 4</b>	August 04 - August 08, 2025	9AM - 3.30PM ADT	<b>Decision-Making in Risk</b>	Dalhousie University	\$395+HST (Equity-deserving students may be eligible to attend free of charge)

## Who can apply?

You can apply for the REaL camps if:

- You are a current high school student (Grade 9 to 12). If you have passed Grade 8 and are entering Grade 9 in September 2025, you are eligible.
- Language requirement: Students must be proficient in the English language.
- You have permission from your parents or legal guardians to participate in this program.
- You are able to commute to the camp location (university mentioned above) on all camp days.
- You are either a domestic student or an international student with a valid visa.



Submit application

**Important:** Each camp has only 30 spots, so apply early. If you are accepted, we will let you know which camp(s) you have been selected for and send you a link to complete payment and secure your spot.

## Application Process

☐ **Step 1:** Create a Loom Account

Go to [loom.com](https://loom.com) and sign up for a free account.

☐ **Step 2:** Record a Short Video (2 minutes max.)

- Answer these questions in your video:

(a) *What motivates you to be part of the REaL program?*; and (b) *What makes you a good fit?*

☐ **Step 3:** Share Your Video Link. Once your video is recorded, *copy* the shareable link.

☐ **Step 4:** Complete the Application Form

*Paste* your video link into the form, fill in the rest of the information, and follow the instructions in the form.

Each 5-day camp will take place entirely **in-person** at the mentioned university campus. Starting in the morning, each day will be packed with fun learning and interaction opportunities, Virtual Reality experiences, regular breaks, an hour-long lunch break and an early end to the day. You can apply to as many camps as you want to participate in (indicate your preference for the camps in the application). You will be responsible for commuting to and from the camp location (university mentioned above) on all camp days.