

BROCK HIGH SCHOOL



UNIVERSITY

Application Information



2024-2025

RESEARCHING UNIVERSITIES

University Visits

Please consider "visiting" several universities as you will be spending 1 to 4 years of your life there. Most universities have virtual open houses and tour days this year. Those dates are posted on the university websites as well as in a resource in our Google Classroom.

Tip: November Break occurs November 1- November 8 and March Break is from March 7-14. Why not use those days to go on a virtual tour of the colleges you're interested in? What a great time to check out some campuses!

Viewbooks

Viewbooks are information books published by the universities. Viewbooks usually contain:

- Academic requirements and regulations
- Course or subject descriptions
- Admission information
- Awards and financial assistance
- Schedule of fees
- List of faculties and degree granted
- Campus map
- Special campus services
- Recreation centre and athletics
- Residence & libraries

Viewbooks can be found in the Guidance office (to be used in office), and the OUAC website, this is the website where you can apply to university.

Viewbooks are information publications (snapshots) that provide important information about programs, prerequisites, residence and activities. Viewbooks can be found in the guidance office, university registrar's office, and online.

University Websites

All universities have their own websites. We recommend bookmarking the universities that interest you. Also, make sure you use the websites listed in this package.

Transmission of Data

Data transmissions are supplied to OUAC by the Durham District School Board.

Date	Details
Nov. 14, 2024	1st data transmission (demographics, mark history, current and projected registration for all potential applicants) sent to OUAC by the school boards. OUAC requires mark history for all courses (grade 9, 10, 11). Midterms marks for Semester 1 will be sent to OUAC on this date.
Feb. 12, 2025	2nd data transmission. Final marks plus current enrolled courses are sent into OCAS by the school board. About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.
April 23, 2025	3rd data transmission. Any available Semester 2 mid-term and final marks are submitted to OUAC by the school board. About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.
July 3, 2025	4th data transmission. Any available final marks are submitted to OUAC. About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.
August 7, 2025	5th data transmission. Final data transmission of summer school marks and proof of graduation. Final data transmission of e-learning summer school About a week after this you should be able to check your marks online.

Note: Due to full disclosure, marks will be sent to OUAC for **all** courses you have taken and are currently taking, including:

- courses you are currently enrolled in (including those you are failing)
- courses you withdraw from **after** 5 days following the mid-semester report

STEPS TO FOLLOW TO APPLY

1. Research "university choices" by using ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
2. Start a file to keep all correspondence related to university applications.
3. Attend the in-person Ontario Universities Fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This event runs from October 5-6, 2024, from 9:30am-5pm. Find more information and register at www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca
4. Many universities will be visiting Brock High School at lunch throughout first Semester. Pay attention to the morning announcements to learn when the universities you are interested in will be visiting us.
5. Complete university application online at www.ouac.ca.

NOTE: You are to complete the **Undergraduate Application**.

You will need your Ontario Education Number (OEN) to apply. This number is found at the top of each of your past report cards. You can also book a Guidance appointment to get this number if needed.

6. **Application deadline is January 15, 2025.** However, OUAC is strongly encouraging applicants to complete the application well in advance of the deadline.
7. Visit <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca> or your Brock Guidance Google Classroom to watch a video on how to apply as well as all the information you will need for the application process.
8. The **latest** date you may hear back from a University with an offer of admission is May 29th, 2025.
9. The **earliest** date you may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment is June 2, 2025.

QUICK FACTS

1. Ontario universities require a minimum of 6 courses coded 4U or 4M, including ENG 4U1.
2. Many programs have additional course requirements (portfolio, audition, post-secondary education).
3. Ontario Universities Info. has information on program requirements and previously used cut-off averages. Ontario Universities Info. is available online at www.ouac.on.ca or <https://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca>
4. Applicants are charged \$156.00 to apply to **three** choices of program and/or schools. Each additional choice costs \$50.00.
5. Application deadline for Ontario universities: **January 15, 2025**.
6. **June 2, 2025**, is the earliest date you may be required to respond to an offer of admission and give financial commitment of any kind (e.g. registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.)
7. Students should start looking into scholarship opportunities in September, and continue throughout the year. Scholarship information can be found on our website, as well as in the Guidance office, and the Grade 12 Graduating Google Classroom.
8. **TIP FOR ALL GRADUATES: Start a Portfolio** – a safe, organized binder/folder to keep your education documents. Documents might include report cards (especially from Grade 12), IEPs, diplomas, etc. High schools do not keep these records in your OSR for all eternity. Also, diplomas are not re-issued – you get only one copy. Keep it safe! Community hours are also very important to keep copies of. The office only records the first 40 hours. Please keep your own record of community hours.
9. Understanding degree programs:
 - **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS** are working towards their first university degree. An undergraduate degree is the first degree earned by a university student. The undergraduate degree is called a *Bachelor's Degree*.
 - **GRADUATE STUDENTS** have already earned a university degree and are working on a Masters or Doctorate Degree (PHD).
10. Application to Out of Province Universities – be aware that there are significant differences in the procedures. First, there is no liaison between out of province universities and Ontario Secondary Schools. Therefore, students have to contact the university to find out information, including how to obtain applications and when the applications are due. Also, students are responsible for all follow-up information, including ensuring interim and final marks are sent in on time. Please note that since there is no common application processing center, each out of province university has different procedures & dates.

SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

Scholarships and bursaries are available from a number of different sources.

- Bursaries are based on financial need.
- Scholarships are based on academic excellence and, in many cases, the student's extracurricular involvements at school and/or in the community.
- Financial awards can come from individual universities, Durham District School Board, Brock High School, community partners, family employers.
- See the useful websites below for more information.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

University Scholarships and Bursaries

The colleges offer their own scholarships and bursaries. Be sure you look into this as there are a lot of entrance scholarships. Also, completing an OASP application can result in money for you.

Here are some of the sources of financial assistance available in Ontario.

O.S.A.P. (Ontario Student Assistance Program) osap.gov.on.ca

Assists qualifying full-time and part-time students from Ontario. Student may use the on-line calculator to determine if they qualify for OSAP. Apply as early as possible after the presentation. You should submit your OSAP online application at least 10 weeks before classes begin. There is no charge for applications filed through the OSAP website.

Brock's Scholarships and Bursaries

Brock High School distributes thousands of dollars at Commencement each year. Be sure to check the Scholarships and Bursaries binder in the Guidance Office and the bulletin board outside Guidance and in the main foyer throughout the year for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

www.yconic.com

This site provides information on over \$82 million in opportunities that will fit into the profile it creates for you. It is devoted to helping high school, college, and university students to find information on scholarships, bursaries, grants, and other forms of financial assistance.

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Students will have access to an extensive database of scholarships, student awards, bursaries, and grants. Also included is information about student loans, applications, and budget planning.

www.studentscholarships.org

This site allows students to create a profile and receive regular updates matching their criteria. The general site allows students to view hundreds of scholarships with a variety of criteria. Students may also link and obtain information on numerous colleges and universities by province.

www.scholarshipguidance.com

Here's a site that links you to scholarship opportunities throughout North America. Be sure to carefully check the criteria: many scholarships are specific to American students, but the site also includes links to scholarships for Canadians, including some at Canadian Universities and Colleges.

<http://scholarships.rbc.com>

There are several scholarships in several categories worth over \$300,000 per year:

1. RBC Students Leading Change Scholarships for undergraduates
2. RBC Royal Bank Scholarship for Aboriginal Students
3. RBC Scholarships for children of RBC Employees.

www.schoolfinder.com

Here is an extensive database assisting students in finding scholarships, student awards, bursaries, and grants. There is also valuable information about student loans, application processes, and budget planning. Featured scholarships are regularly updated.

www.finaid.org/scholarships/

FinAid lists financial aid resources for Canadian students and maintains databases and publications to help students locate scholarships and fellowships.

SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

www.scholarshipscanadian.com

This site provides links for students planning to enter post-secondary studies. The site also includes a link for international students.

<https://www.univcan.ca/programs-and-scholarships/>

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada administers more than 130 scholarships, fellowships, and internship programs on behalf of governments, foundations and private sector companies. Students should check with their parents to see if the AUCC administers scholarships for their parent's place of employment. The site also has a link for international students.

www.studycanada.ca

Canadian Scholarship for International Students provides links to institutions with scholarship for international students.

www.recruitincanada.com

www.letsgoglobal.ca

www.studyandgoabroad.com

Find out all about post-secondary programs, scholarships, travel and volunteer opportunities in over 100 countries worldwide.

www.canadian-universities.net

Search universities anywhere in Canada.