

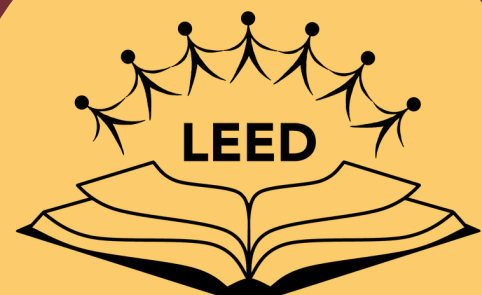
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WELCOME TO LEED'S NEWCOMER'S GUIDE TO UNIVERSITY!

If you have any questions, our team members and volunteers are wearing lanyards!

To-do

1. Sign in
2. Feel free to grab food from the back table
3. Sit wherever you would like!



Linking Education in Edmonton

A BIT ABOUT US...

LINKING EDUCATION IN EDMONTON IS

- Dedicated to familiarizing immigrant and newcomer families with high school programs in Edmonton.
- An inclusive space for parents and children to learn together
- Empowering families to make informed decisions about educational programs



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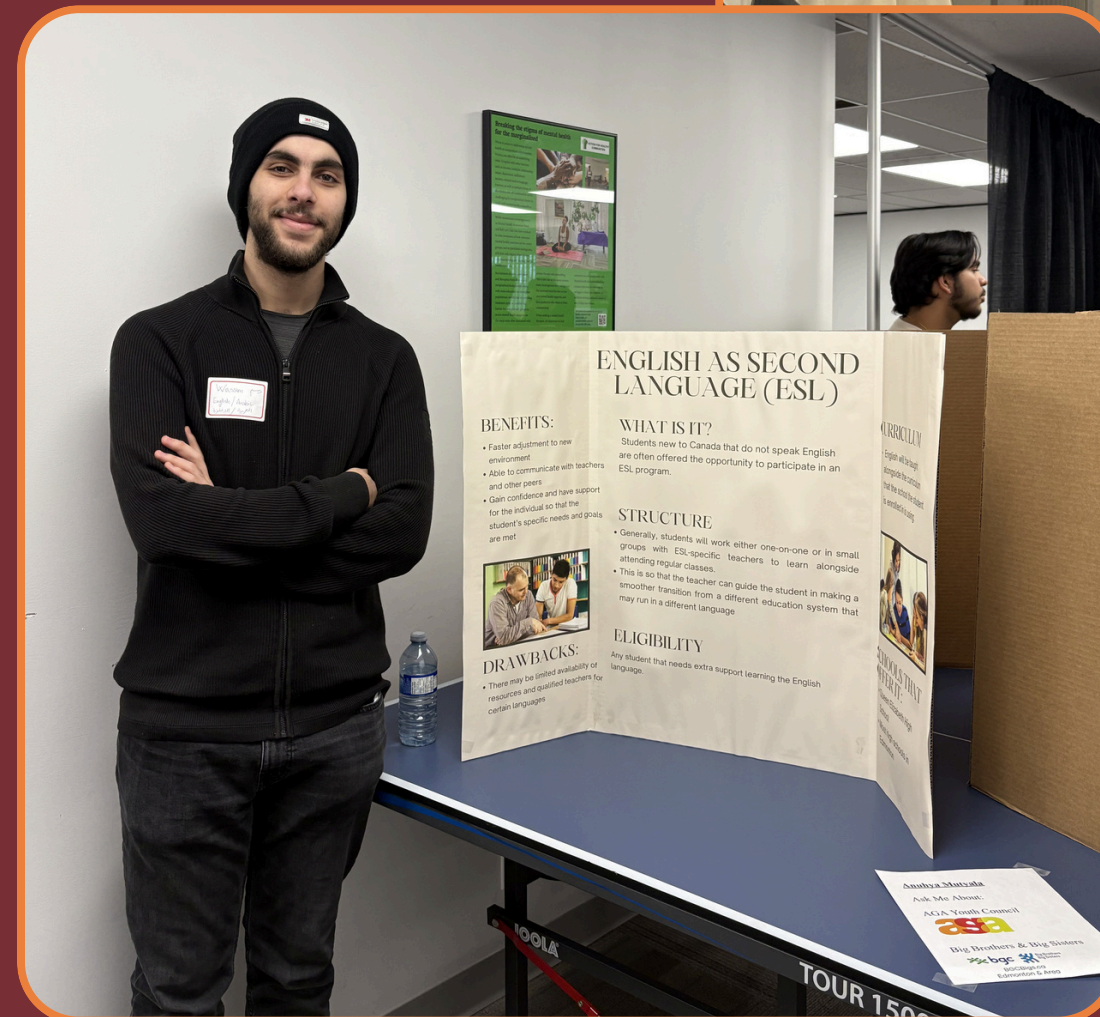
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Isabelle, Aryan, Naivedhya, Aditi, Sam,
Berenika, Jeeya, Zoya, Krisha, Shreya

Not pictured: Marina, Natalie, Vanshika

OTHER EVENTS

HIGH SCHOOL INFO WORKSHOP COMING UP IN THE NEW YEAR...



High School,
Scholarships, Research,
& Volunteer Workshop
(Jan 2025)

ITINERARY:

1. Info Session



2. Guest
Speakers



3. Walk around
Q&A



HOW TO APPLY TO UNI!

A guide to university admissions
after high school in Edmonton

WHAT WE'LL BE COVERING TODAY:



1

DEADLINES TO CONSIDER

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TYPES OF PROGRAMS

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DEADLINES – UOFA

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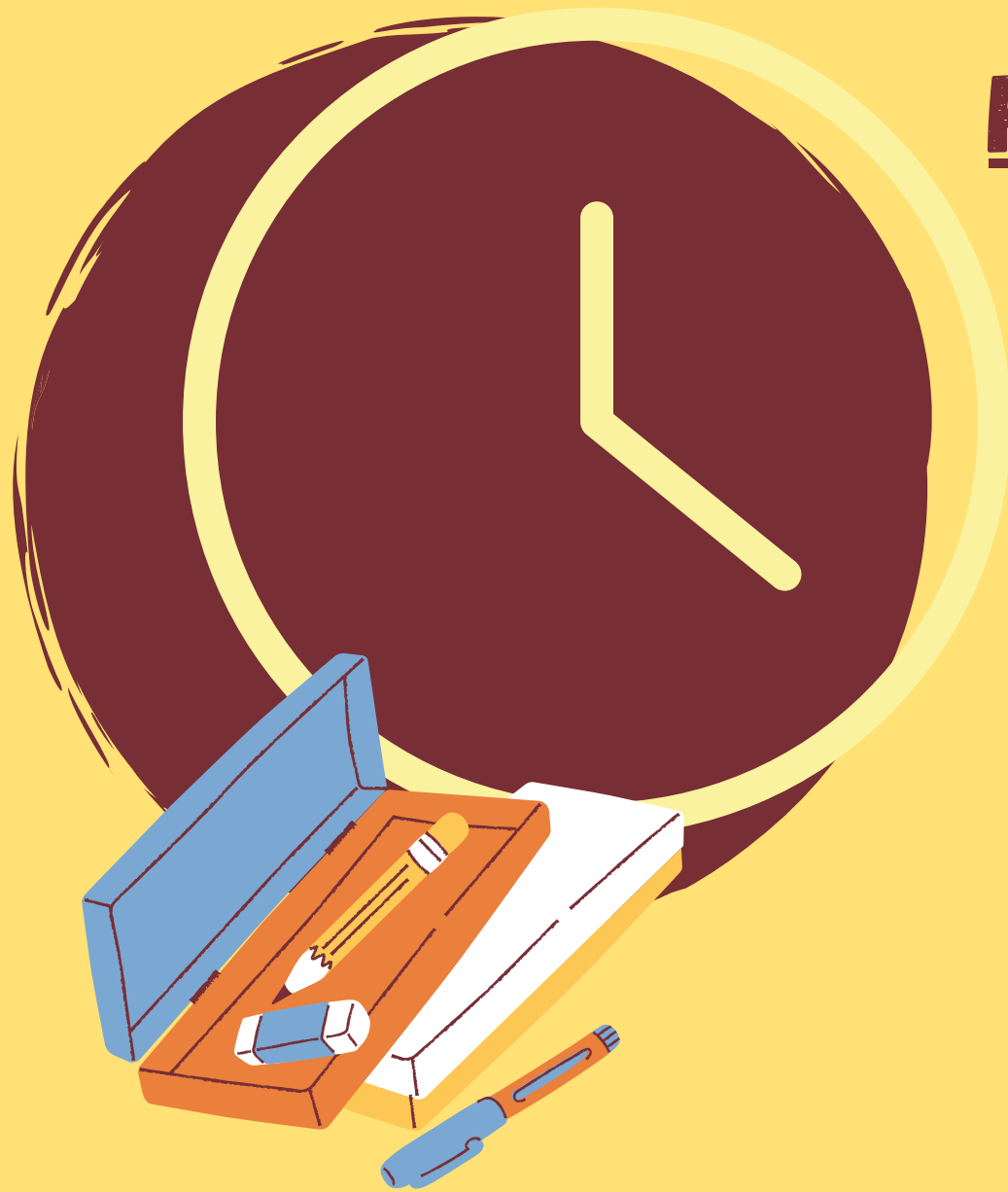
October 1st 2025

- At this time, universities will be considering your completed Grade 11 marks.
- Any available 30 level marks will be used over 20 levels

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:

April 30th 2026

- Deadline to self-report final high school marks in application if not yet accepted.
- Some deadlines are specific to the program you are applying to. You can check the UofA's website to check application deadlines for specific programs.



DEADLINES – MACEWAN

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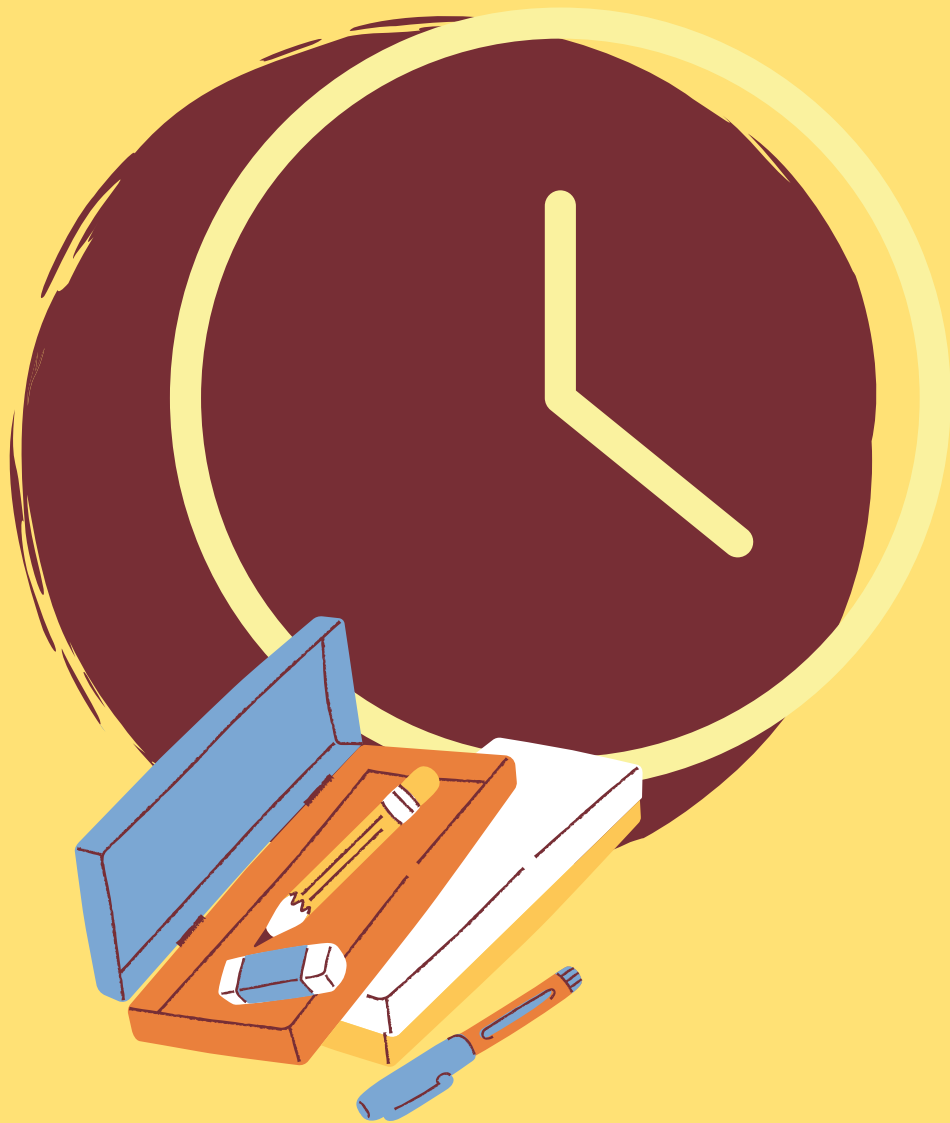
October 1st 2025

- At this time, universities will be considering your completed Grade 11 marks.
- Any available 30 level marks will be used over 20 levels
- MacEwan also accepts winter and spring intakes.
- Winter Applications Open: February 1st 2026
- Spring Applications Open: May 1st 2026

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:

Program Specific

- Application Deadlines at MacEwan are program-specific, you can check the deadline for each program on MacEwan's website!
 - Most application deadlines are around April – June.



TYPES OF PROGRAMS

MAJOR/MINOR

Major – your main focus of study

- Around 60 credits from specific courses are required for your major (this can change depending on your program)

Minor – your secondary focus of study

- Less credits (about 12-24 creds min)

You are not required to take a minor!

DOUBLE MAJOR

Choosing two areas of study, must be under the same faculty (UAlberta)

MacEwan – Primary major and secondary majors can be mix and match from Arts and Sciences

One degree with both majors listed

TYPES OF PROGRAMS

HONOURS

Undergraduate degree that includes a research component.

Course load is specialized for your area of study, like a major, often more focused.

May have to take specific Honors classes

CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

Shorter, more specialized programs

Training and hands-on experiences

A lot of them can be supplemental to a degree program

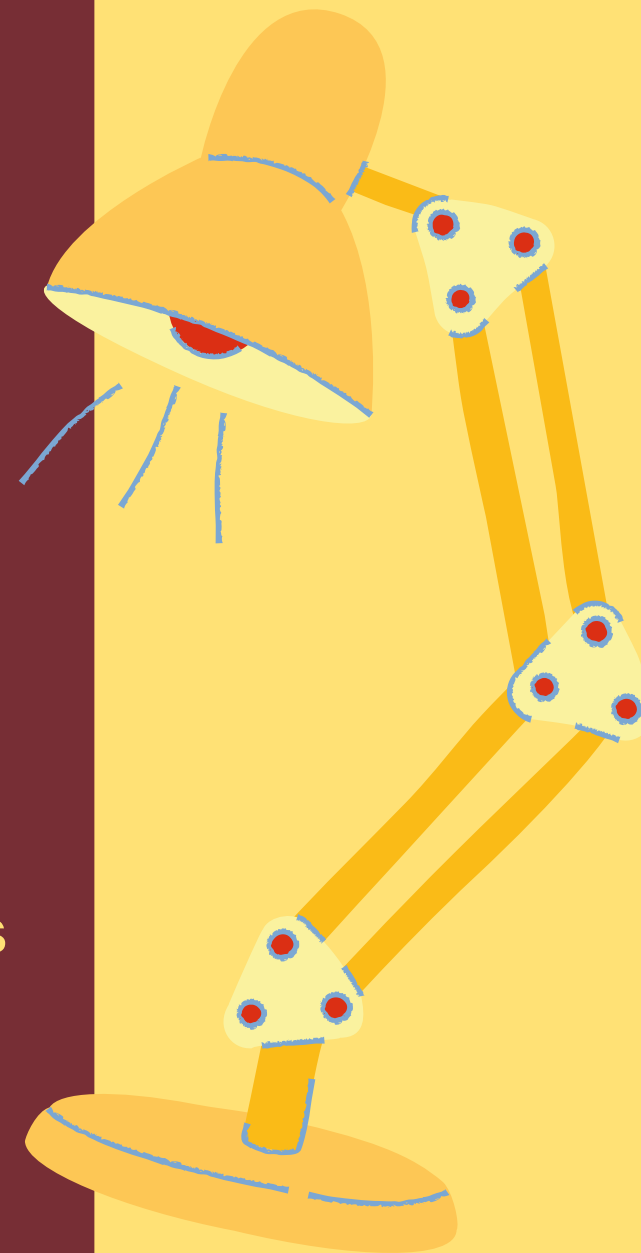
THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

Program requirements change year to year, but most times will not affect you once you are enrolled

- If you apply to the Honours Physiology program for 2024-2025 and requirements change in the following year, those changes will **not** apply to you.
- Unless you switch programs, those that enrolled initially during 2024-25 school year will not be affected by changes to the program for the 2025-2026 school year, unless notified by the University (UAlberta)

People change their majors **ALL THE TIME!**

- Don't be afraid of changing programs if you aren't enjoying your classes
 - Access to Student Services Center (UAlberta) for your faculty for consultations
 - Academic Advising Center (MacEwan)
- Changing your program does not always mean extending your undergrad past 4 years



ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

TYPES

1. Admission-Based

- Automatically eligible after admitted into program

2. Application-Based

- Submit application to the provider

HOW TO APPLY

UAlberta: After admission → will need to create a CCID to apply for scholarships and then apply through Awards Hub

MacEwan: After admission → create account with MyStudentSystem and apply under Financial Aid



**THE DEADLINE TO
APPLY FOR UALBERTA
SCHOLARSHIPS IS IN
EARLY JANUARY!**

ADMISSION-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS



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- No application required!
 - Scholarships you are **automatically** considered for after being admitted into your program
 - No portal submissions, university will automatically match and inform you if you meet eligibility criteria
 - **Academic Average:** Based on high school admission average at time of offer
 - Academic performance is judged comparative to other faculty/program applicants

UALBERTA

Gold Standard Scholarship: top 5% of faculty, up to \$6000

UAlberta International Admission Scholarship: superior academic achievement, attending high school on a study permit, up to \$5,000.

University of Alberta Regional Excellence Scholarship: attending high school on a study permit with an admission average of 80%+, up to \$5,000.

MACEWAN

Chancellor Scholarships: Canadian/domestic students, scholarship amount based on tier of admission average (up to \$5000 for 95%+ average)

APPLICATION-BASED

SCHOLARSHIPS

A. Application through university portal

- UAlberta: complete a single application form to assess eligibility for all awards (automatically match you)
 - Application based on: academics, leadership, inclusion and financial need

B. Application through external organization

Alexander Rutherford: receive up to \$2500, citizens/residents can apply

- Based off academic averages from all three grades: apply through Alberta Student Aid when official high school marks are available (mid-august), and enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies/apprenticeship program

Schulich Scholarship: (UALBERTA) receive 100/120K to students enrolled in STEM program, must be citizen

- Based on academic excellence, entrepreneurship goals, financial need*, intending to pursue STEM field in future
- High school selects one student to be their Schulich Leader Nominee → completes external app available through school

Loran Scholarship: (UALBERTA) receive 100k + mentorship from previous Loran scholars, citizen/resident

- Based on character, service and leadership - require 85+% and a referee to complete your recommendation
- Apply through website

TIPS FOR APPLYING

- **Start Application Early!** Allow yourself time to get letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc
- Ensure to include all financial information – universities cannot disperse some scholarships without access to Canadian SIN number
- Expand your search – **scholarships are everywhere** you look!
- **Don't overlook small awards**
- Write about your **leadership** experience



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE PRE-REQUISITES

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- All undergraduate programs require the completion of five specific Grade 12 subjects
- Vary by program but Will ALWAYS include English 30-1
 - Used to calculate admission average

HOW TO LOCATE REQUIREMENTS?

UALBERTA: Look at program-specific requirements

MACEWAN: Look at Bachelor requirements

COURSE PREREQUISITES (UALBERTA):

- Highschool classes required to complete the courses in the major/honours programs
- Not necessarily Grade 12 level courses
- Not always used in admission requirement/average if can be fulfilled by another more competitive course average
- Not all programs have separate course pre-reqs
- Bachelor of Science Courses

- ***Important to regularly check admission requirements and course prerequisites for specific program***
- ***Can be rejected from program if not considered in application***

NAVIGATING APPLY ALBERTA AND ENTERING GRADES INTO YOUR APPLICATION

- If you are applying earlier in October, you will not have your finalized grade 12 marks yet.
- The university will consider the marks from your grade 11 classes, and ask you to estimate your final grades for grade 12.
- Use your grade 11 marks when asked to estimate marks for grade 12 courses

- Conditional acceptance – you will receive shortly after your application, may take longer depending on the program (competitive programs tend to take longer to send these out)
- To retain your conditional acceptance you must maintain a minimum average (typically around 70% – 75%) and cannot have a significant drop (about 10%) from your applying average.
- Once you graduate and your university receives your final transcript (typically this will be requested on your behalf) you will receive a final confirmation of admission

In your UAlberta and MacEwan applications, you will have to re-enter your grades into the required slots.

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- English Level Proficiency (ELP)
 - Spoken English Language Proficiency
 - French Language Proficiency
 - Bridging Program
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- **Different requirements for different programs!**
 - Deadlines to submit documents is usually in early August (Aug 1st in 2025) for high school applicants and around June for post-secondary transfers after admission

Common eligible exams

- IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo (Official exam), Certificate in Advanced English (CAE), Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE), Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE)

Courses that fulfill this proficiency automatically (grade requirements)

- GCSE, IB/AP, English 30-1, ISSC / ISC, Education in Canada for +3 years / other institutions where English is primary language



Language Requirements for Undergraduate Applicants

Not an undergraduate student? See English Language Proficiency for graduate students.

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English Language Proficiency

The English Language Proficiency requirement is designed to ensure that you have the best opportunity for success in your university studies. ...

 MacEwan University

AP TRANSFER CREDITS

1. WHICH CREDITS CAN I USE?

- Grades get released in early July
- The University of Alberta and Macewan both accept an AP score of 4 or 5, while for NAIT it depends on the program.

UOFA AND MACEWAN OFFICIAL PAGES

- UofA: [AP transfer credit webpage](#)
- Macewan: [AP, IB, and GCE transfer credit webpage](#)

2. USING TRANSFER CREDITS

- The CollegeBoard website can send your AP score report to a university of your choosing
- The first report is free to send, the rest are \$15 per report
- Transfer credits may be applied to specific courses or as general 100-level credit, and **do not affect your GPA**

UOFA

- Transfer credits are automatically processed by the UofA
- To **decline credits**, a form must be filled out. This decision is **final**

MACEWAN

- Accepting or declining transfer credits is done through the official Macewan website
- If you have questions, you can email the transfer credit office

IB TRANSFER CREDITS

1. WHICH CREDITS CAN I USE?

- Grades get released in July
- The University of Alberta accepts an IB score of 6+, MacEwan accepts 5+

UOFA & MACEWAN OFFICIAL PAGES

- UofA: [IB Transfer Creds](#)
- Macewan: [AP, IB, and GCE transfer credit webpage](#)
- **Deadlines for declining credits:**
 - Sept 1st (Fall term admission)
 - Jan 1st (Winter term admission)
 - May 1st (Spring/Summer term admission)

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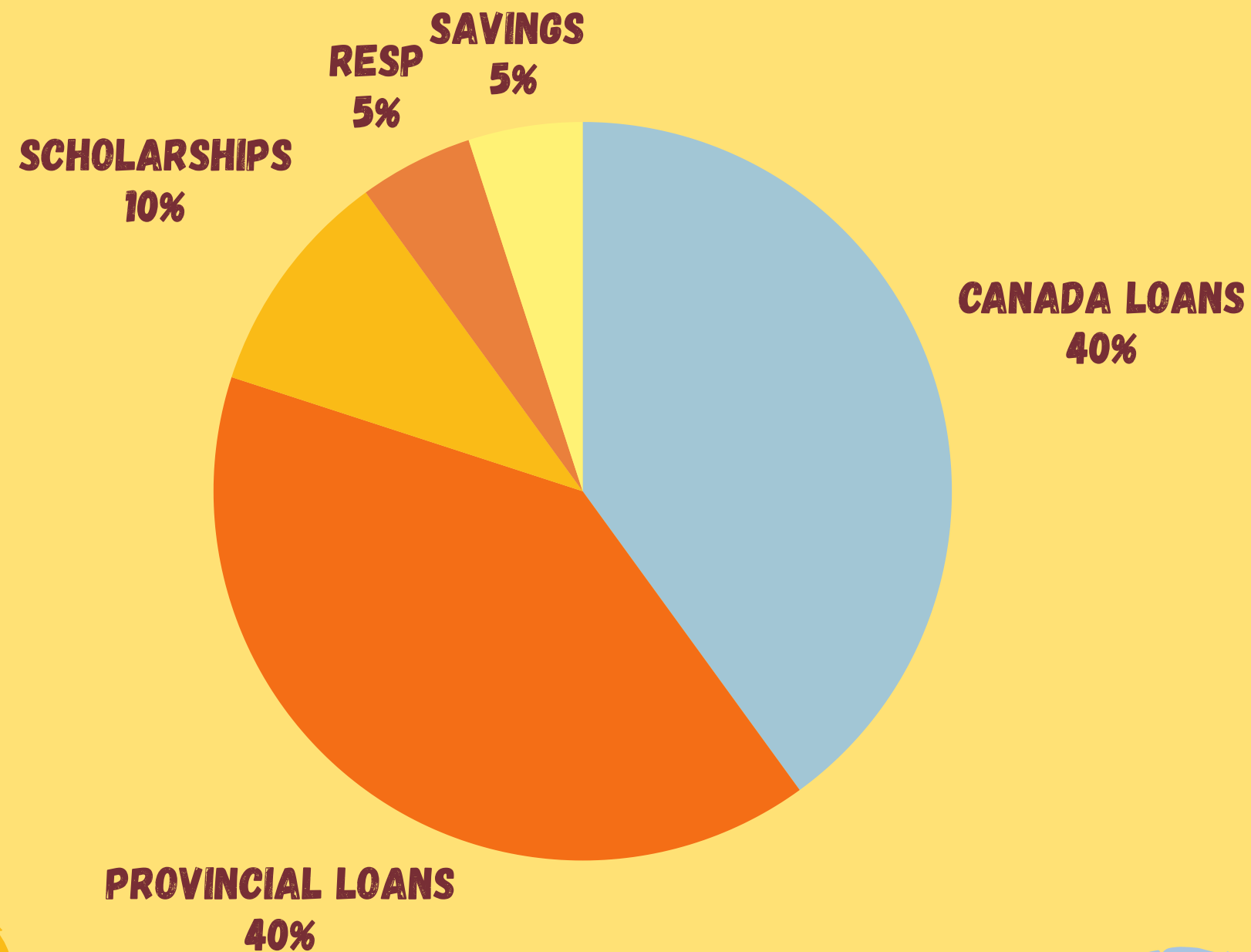
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LOANS & BURSARIES

SOURCES OF TUITION MONEY (AN EXAMPLE)



WHY?

- Loans from AB and Canada are interest free for a year/6 months after your last year of study!
- You can opt-in to automatically be considered for eligible bursaries

HOW?

- Apply through Alberta Student Aid
- You will also need to make an National Student Loans Student Services (NSLSC) account - keep these updated!!!
- NSLSC Now accessible through **MCSA** (My Canada Service Account)

WHEN?

- Applications for the fall/winter terms open in late June/early July
- **Apply early as possible, at the latest 3 weeks before your school semester starts**
- Workshops hosted by universities - offered to you after admission (UAlberta)

DUAL-CREDIT COURSES

Dual-credit courses help you earn high school and university credits simultaneously. Institutions offering these courses may do so in an online, hybrid, or in-person format. They may be more academic-oriented, or career-oriented (eg. CTS – Career and Technology Studies).

These classes have costs associated with them, but they are often cheaper than the university-equivalent of the course.

CTS is unique in that it allows students to get into an apprenticeship program after university. In order to do this, you must complete a pathway and entrance requirements for your trade in high school. After high school, you may complete the exam and other steps necessary to obtain a Journeyman Certificate.

COURSES OFFERED BY NORQUEST COLLEGE

- Introduction to Psychology I
- Introduction to the Study of Society (SOC1000)
- Introduction to Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC1002)
- Literacy (ELCC1007)
- Indigenous Studies I (INST1000)
- Anatomy and Physiology I (ANPH1001)
- Building Science Foundations (ENRG1003)
- Introduction to Computing (CMPT1001)
- Introduction to Machine Learning and Data Science (CMPT1500)

*All these courses are in a 45 hour format and require textbook fees

COURSES OFFERED IN CTS

- Apprenticeship studies include: Automotive Service Technician, Baker, Carpenter, Communication Technician, Cook, Electrician, Hairstylist, Instrumentation & Control Technician, Insulator (Heat and Frost), Welder, and more!

TIPS AND TRICKS

University is more than just completing a degree!

GO TO EVENTS!

You can meet new people by going to events, and might find some new interests!



CONSIDER RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Explore if you would like to do a lot of research in your career, or start building your academic profile alongside your degree

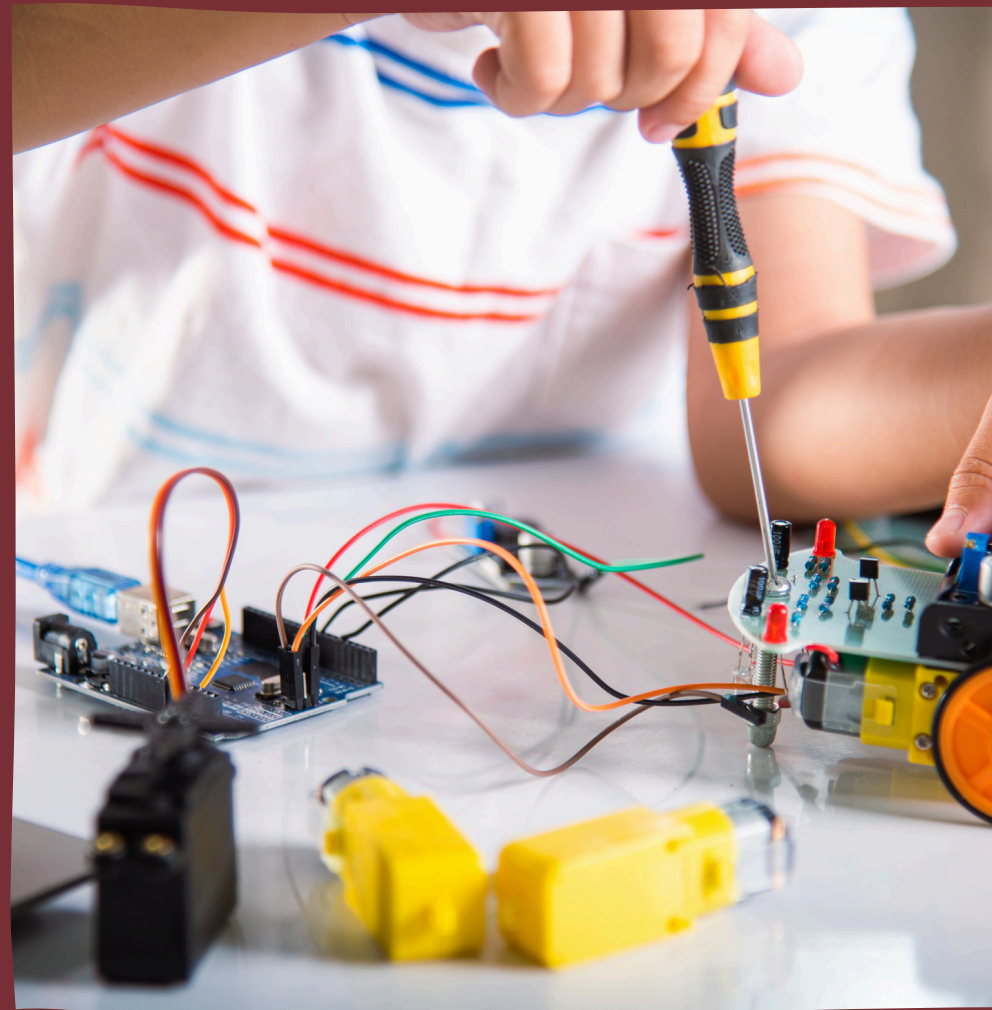
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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF STUDENT DISCOUNTS

Make sure you are carrying your student card everywhere!

You are also eligible for a lot of online services like discounted Spotify and Amazon



JOIN CLUBS

There's a club for certainly almost everything!

Join clubs to

- Make new friends
- Find volunteer opportunities
- Try new things that you've been hesitant about doing!

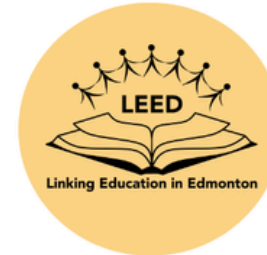
RESOURCE LIST

We have compiled a list of links and other resources you may find useful while applying for university - it includes links from sites we have discussed in our presentation today!



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A NEWSLETTER?

If you would like to sign up for
our newsletter, scan this QR
Code!



LEED MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

08/10/2025

Welcome to LEED's First Newsletter

We're so excited to introduce you to LEED—Linking Education in Edmonton! Our mission is simple: to make navigating the school system easier for newcomer parents and guardians. We know that understanding a new education system can be overwhelming, and that's why we're here to break down information in a clear, accessible, and friendly way.

Whether you're trying to figure out how schools are organized, what supports are available, or how to get involved in your child's learning, LEED is here to help bridge that gap!

Let's learn, lead, and grow together!

Who Are We?



We're a team of university and high school students supporting newcomer families in Edmonton. Having faced the challenges of adapting to a new school system ourselves, we're now here to help others better understand and navigate education in Canada.

COMING VERY SOON!

LEED's University Admissions Workshop!

Time: 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Date: Sunday, 14th September, 2025

Location: Stanley A. Milner Edmonton Public Library

Downtown, Community Rooms 1 & 2

Are you curious about how to apply to university in Alberta?
Feeling overwhelmed by prerequisites, program options, or
what university life is really like?
You're not alone – and we're here to help.

LEED is hosting an interactive University Admissions
Workshop designed to simplify the often-confusing process of
applying to university.

We'll walk you through the essentials in our "University 101"
presentation, covering high school requirements, application
tips, and what to expect once you get in.

You'll also hear directly from current university students who
will share their personal experiences, offer guidance, and
answer your questions – whether it's about campus life,
choosing a program, or how to stay on top of deadlines.

Whether you're a high school student or a parent, this session
will give you the clarity and confidence you need to take the
next step.

What is your club about, and what opportunities do you offer to students?

MacEwan Seva is a student-led club dedicated to the spirit of seva—selfless service. Our mission is to create meaningful opportunities for students to give back to the community through volunteering, fundraising, and awareness initiatives. We organize food drives, toy drives, car washes, charity melas, and other service-based projects both on campus and in the wider Edmonton community. Alongside community service, we also create space for cultural and social engagement through workshops, speaker series, and group events. Students can find opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, and project management skills while making a tangible difference.

How does your club contribute to student life and help members grow during their university journey?

Seva connects students to a larger purpose beyond academics. By engaging in service projects, members gain hands-on experience in leadership, collaboration, and community engagement. The club also fosters a supportive and inclusive environment where students can connect with peers who share similar values, build friendships, and find a sense of belonging. Through our initiatives, members grow more confident in public speaking, event planning, and organizational skills—all while learning how service ties into cultural identity, empathy, and social responsibility.



In what ways can being part of your club benefit students in the long run (skills, experiences, networking, etc.)?

Being part of Seva offers students transferable skills that are valuable in both personal and professional life. Members gain:

- Leadership & Initiative: Through leading events, taking on roles, or volunteering in executive positions.
- Networking: By collaborating with community organizations, charities, and local leaders.
- Professional Development: Gaining experiences that stand out on résumés and graduate school applications.
- Cultural Awareness & Service Mindset: Building empathy and developing a lifelong commitment to giving back.

In the long run, students walk away with not only skills but also a stronger sense of community and meaningful experiences that shape their character.

How can students get involved with your club (membership, events, volunteer opportunities)?

Getting involved with Seva is easy and open to all students. Members can:

- Join as a general member to stay updated on events and volunteer opportunities.
- Participate in events such as fundraisers, cultural gatherings, or service projects.
- Volunteer for community drives, charity events, or campus initiatives.
- Run for executive positions or contribute behind the scenes in planning and social media.

We welcome students of all backgrounds—whether you want to give a few hours a semester or take on a leadership role, there’s always a way to contribute





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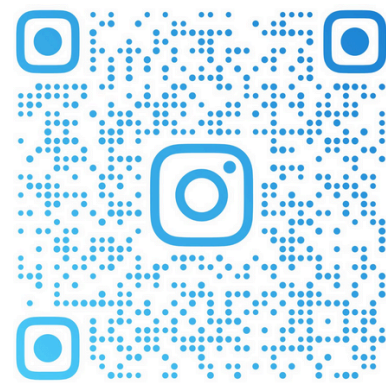
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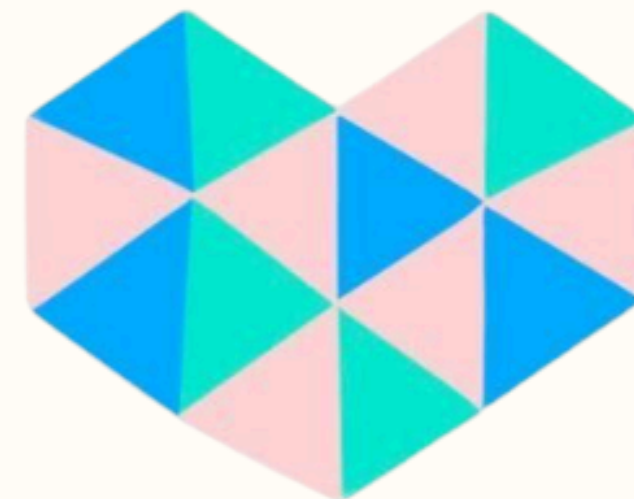




WE DEVELOP **LEADERSHIP**
THROUGH EXCHANGE

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EduCamp

WALK-AROUND Q&A

until 2:30pm

**CHAT WITH OUR STUDENT
SPEAKERS & ASK THEM ANY
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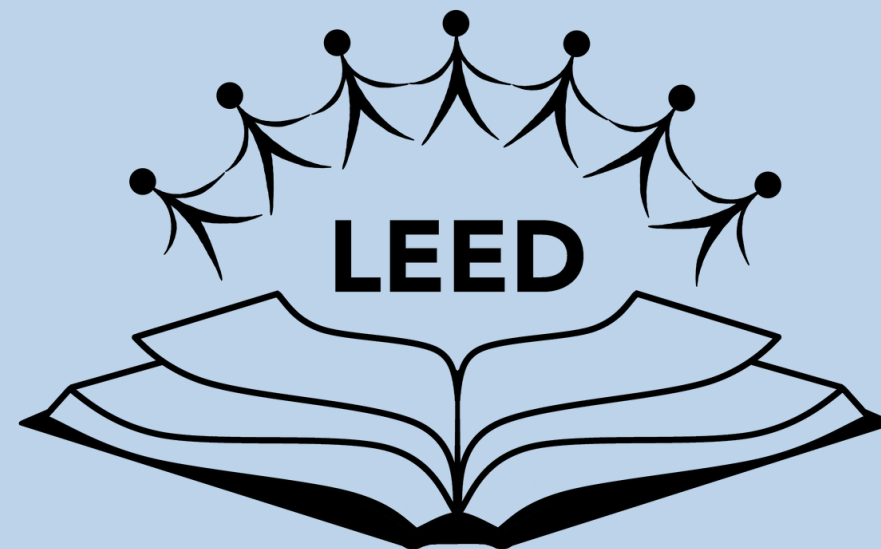
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