

Why Study in Canada?

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Presentation Outline



1. First a little about my personal experiences and why I am here today
2. Why Canada?
3. Some final tips and conclusions
4. Q&A

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CANADA... THINGS THAT MAY COME TO MIND



CANADA'S TRUE PERSONALITY

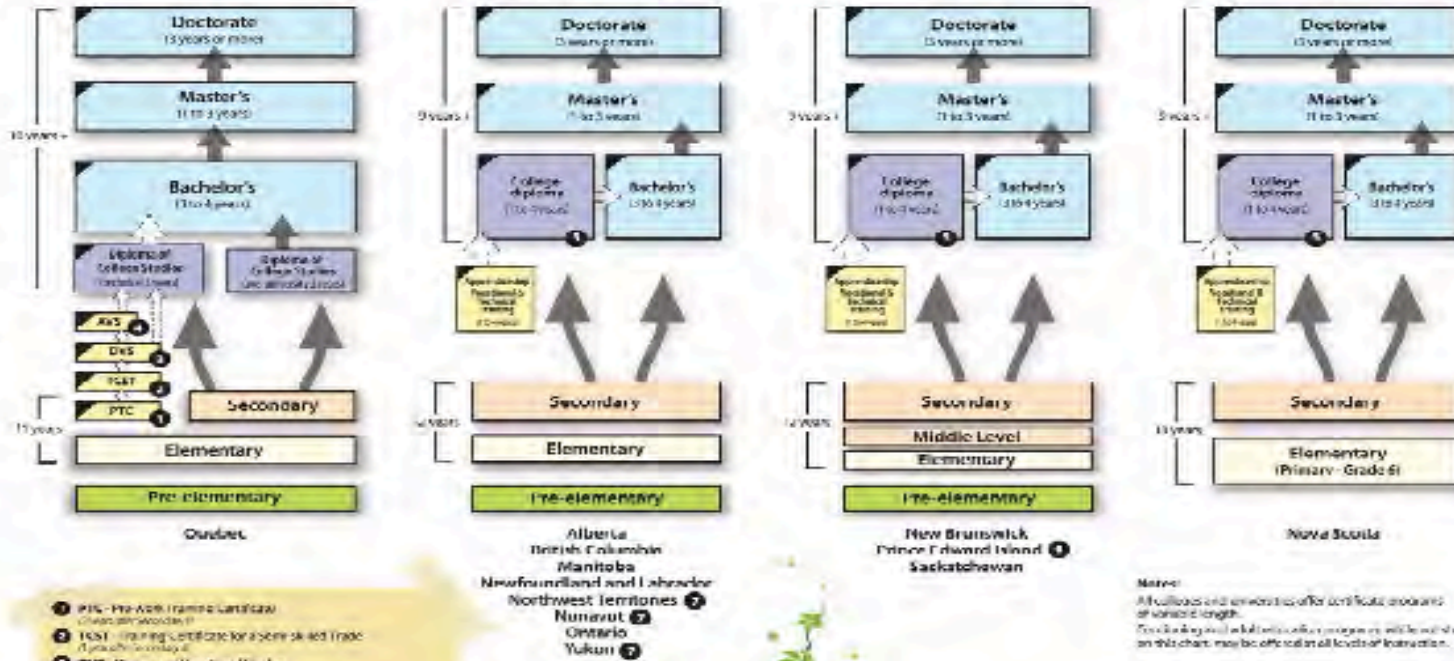


THIS IS *Canada*

- ❁ 33 million people in 10 provinces and three territories
- ❁ Officially bilingual but with more than 200 languages active
- ❁ One in six Canadians is an immigrant
- ❁ Diverse climate and landscape from coast to coast
- ❁ Among the top 3 in the United Nations quality of life Index for seven years in a row
- ❁ Stable parliamentary democracy



CANADA'S EDUCATION SYSTEMS



- 1 PTE - Pre-Elementary (university level)
- 2 PTC - Training certificate for a semi-skilled trade (3 years of study)
- 3 PVT - Diploma of Vocational Training (university level)
- 4 AVS - Association of Vocational Specialists (university level)
- 5 Provincial institutions in Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario and Prince Edward Island offer applied degrees.
- 6 In Prince Edward Island, secondary education is divided into junior high (3 years) and senior high (3 years).
- 7 The Bachelor's level in some engineering disciplines. Some degrees are available through part-time study. Studies may also occur on a part-time basis for students unable to attend full-time.



Notes:

All colleges and universities offer certificate programs of various lengths.

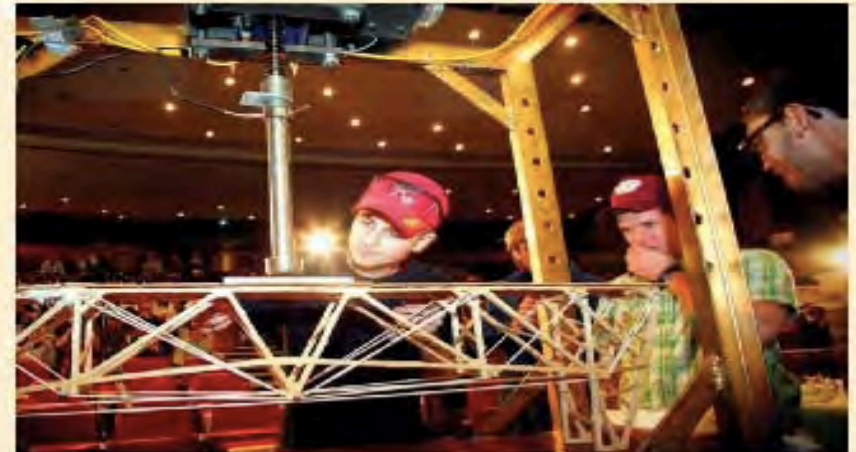
The following educational programs, which are not shown on this chart, may be offered at all levels of education:

- 1. College diploma
- 2. University education
- 3. Apprenticeship / Vocational & Technical Training
- 4. In the job market
- 5. Typical pathway
- 6. Alternative pathway

Source: Canadian Education Centre for International Universities, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada.

RANKINGS

- Canada places four universities in the top 100 of the Shanghai World University Ranking 2009
- Five MBA schools place in the top 100 Financial Times 2009 ranking
- University research accounts for more than 1/3 of Canada's research efforts, the highest proportion in the G8 countries



*A caution regarding rankings: The Maclean university ranking is not officially endorsed in Canada. For example some universities do not participate given concerns about data collection and evaluation. It is critical to explain that the quality of education is consistently high across the country and students **must** make the choice that best suits their interests at the undergraduate level.*

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION: COLLEGES, INSTITUTES AND CEGEPS

• Colleges may also be known as:

- Institutes of technology
- Community colleges
- Polytechnics
- University colleges
- Colleges of applied arts and technology
- In Quebec, *Collèges d'enseignement général et professionnel (CÉGEPs)*

• Credentials include:

- Certificates
- University transfers
- Diplomas
- Combined programs (joint degrees) with a university partner
- Apprenticeship programs

- Campuses in 1000 communities across Canada offering over 8000 programs
- Programs vary in lengths of study from a few months to four years
- Practical programs designed with industry and employers
- Work placements through apprenticeship or coop education
- Flexible delivery using cutting edge technology



POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION: UNIVERSITIES



Three types of degrees are offered:

- ✿ **Bachelor's degree** - generally three or four years of undergraduate study
- ✿ **Master's degree** - one to two years of study after the bachelor's degree, including a thesis, practicum, or research paper
- ✿ **Doctoral or PhD** - minimum of three years including a thesis, usually after completion of a master's program

*Certificate or diploma courses at the undergraduate, graduate or diploma level, as well as short career-focused programs, are also available.

- ✿ More than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate programs at 92 universities ranging from large, research-intensive to smaller undergraduate teaching campuses
- ✿ Degrees follow the Bachelor/Master/Doctorate system and are equivalent to those in the U.S. and Commonwealth countries
- ✿ Available and supportive professors
- ✿ Cutting edge technology and research labs
- ✿ Opportunities for co-operative education and internships,



A THRIVING RESEARCH CULTURE

- **University research accounts for more than 1/3 of Canada's research efforts, the highest proportion in the G8 countries**
- **Highest share among the G8 countries of private sector R&D investment by universities**
- **Highly innovative research in the fields of health, nanotechnology, biotechnology, high-performance computing, environmental technologies, nutraceuticals, renewable fuels, among other sectors**
- **Highest rate of international co-publication with the U.S. – the world's largest producer of research**
- **Home to world-famous and life-changing discoveries like insulin, the electron microscope, and the pacemaker**
- **Has 1,755 Canada Research Chairs and many Research Centres of Excellence at universities across the country**



POST SECONDARY APPLICATION GUIDELINES



- 1. September, January and May start dates**
- 2. Application deadlines are generally eight (8) or more months in advance**
- 3. Include your complete academic transcripts including mid-term grades and, where required, language test scores**
- 4. Applications may be sent directly to the institutions or completed online, or via a central application site, depending on the province of study**
- 5. Admission is usually based on academic merit**

QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN REACH

- Tuition more affordable than US/Europe
- Low cost of living in Canada (approx. \$9600 CAD per year)
- Merit-based scholarships available

<i>Average Annual Undergraduate International Student Tuition Fees at Public Institutions 2008/2009 (Canadian Dollars)</i>	
Country	Tuition
Canada ¹	\$12,333 (\$7,626 - \$17,040)
Australia ²	\$12,329 (\$9,305 - \$15,353)
USA ³	\$18,716
UK ⁴	\$19,237 (\$6,995 to \$31,478)

¹Source: Statistics Canada TLAC Survey.
²Source: <http://studyinaustralia.gov.au/Sia/en/StudyCosts/TuitionFees>
³Source: <http://www.collegeboard.com/html/costs/pricing/>
⁴Source: http://www.ukcosa.org.uk/student/fees_student_support.php#how_much_overseas

SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES and GRANTS

- ✿ Research the school offerings and your own government offerings
- ✿ Entrance scholarships are generally based on academic merit
- ✿ Continuing scholarships are highly competitive and consider academic merit, extra-curricular involvement and financial situation (often on separate application)
- ✿ Research scholarships made available by the institution, the province, a non-government organization
- ✿ Bursaries or grants may also be made available for specific amounts of money and usually once studies are underway
- ✿ Canadian Government Scholarships
www.scholarships.gc.ca



Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships

\$50,000 per year for up to three years
Eligible for world-class doctoral students who demonstrate a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and engineering, and health, as well as leadership skills.

WORK OPPORTUNITIES WHILE YOU STUDY

	On-Campus	Off-Campus	Co-op / Internships	After Graduation	Spouses
University	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Public Community College / CEGEPs	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Institutions authorized to confer degrees	Yes	Yes*	Yes	Yes	Yes
Private Career Colleges	No	No	Yes	No	No
Language Schools	No	No	Yes	No	No

WORK OPPORTUNITIES WHILE YOU STUDY IN *Canada*



- 🍁 **Work on campus**
- 🍁 **Work off-campus**
Based on eligibility and issuance of an Off Campus Work Permit
- 🍁 **Work as a Co-op student and get academic credit**
- 🍁 **Options to work for up to three years in Canada after graduation**
- 🍁 **Work permits for spouses of students**
Available for students who hold a valid Study Permit for post secondary studies
- 🍁 **www.cic.gc.ca**

PERMANENTLY STAYING IN *Canada*

Canadian Experience Class

- An easier path for international students to apply for permanent resident status in Canada
- Graduates from an eligible post-secondary program in Canada with a minimum of one year work experience in managerial, professional, technical or trade occupation after graduation may be eligible

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/cec/index.asp>

Federal Skilled Worker Program

- Skilled workers selected based on their education, work experience, language ability, and other criteria shown to help them become economically established in Canada

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/skilled/index.asp>

- Quebec selects its own skilled workers and features specific information at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/quebec/index.asp>

Provincial Nominee Program

- Each province or territory identifies key requirements and application details to meet their unique needs
- A number of provinces and territories have dedicated programs for international students interested in immigrating
- A standard requirement is the intention to settle in the province that provides the nomination

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/provincial/index.asp>

STUDY PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible to receive a study permit, students must:

- Provide a letter of acceptance from the educational institution in Canada
- Provide proof of sufficient funds to pay for tuition fees, living expenses, and transportation for student and any accompanying family members
- Satisfy an immigration officer that he/she will leave Canada when studies are completed unless authorized to remain longer.
- Students may also be required to provide a police certificate, pass a background clearance and undergo a medical examination.



For information on country-specific requirements and documentation required, please visit website of appropriate Canadian Embassy or Consulate

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/apply-where.asp>

STUYING IN *Canada* , GIVES STUDENTS...

- Globally recognized credentials
- An international experience to build skills for life
- A challenging and rewarding academic path to fulfill your goals
- Affordable tuition and living expenses
- A welcoming, safe and student-focused environment

Great Campus life and support such as:

- Academic and international student advisors
- Social support services including counseling, student health and disability assistance
- Varsity and intramural athletics;
- Diverse student clubs
- Career development services and alumni networks

Conclusions- Some final tips from an ‘insider’

- Think about what you want to study in details and be prepared to answer questions on this! i.e. what is your career plan?
- Think about where you want to study (country and region/city) if you have a preference.
- What kind of institution will suit you personally and academically? (large urban campus/college ‘up province’)
- How are you going to fund your studies? Be prepared to show you can!
- Do your research
- Ask those who have been before you!
- Apply early and know what you need to do in advance (TOEFL/GRE/GMAT/SATS etc)
- Check out the institutions websites and social media groups (they will all have a YouTube channel/iTunesU/Facebook group or something like it..)
- Get the help of a professional advisor its often free/little cost. We are here to help you. Your aims and ambitions our ours!

**Thank you! -
Questions?**



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