

Quick Facts

The more than one million undergraduate students heading to Canadian universities this fall will benefit from innovative approaches to teaching and learning, including more opportunities for experiential learning. After graduation, they'll enjoy higher earnings and better employment outcomes than those without degrees.

Jobs and income

1 million+

new jobs

Between June 2008 and June 2015, about twice as many net new jobs were created for university graduates (1,065,000) than for college and trades graduates combined (620,000).

(Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey, 2008-2015)

50%

higher income

Over their careers, university graduates earn on average 50 percent more than other full-time workers without a university degree.

(Source: Universities Canada estimates adapted from Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011)

\$65,000+

Arts grads share in premium

Social science and humanities grads share in the income premium for university graduates. For example, full-time workers with degrees in history earn, on average, above \$65,000 annually – similar to grads with degrees in biological and biomedical sciences.

(Source: Statistics Canada, National Household Survey, 2011)

Financial assistance

\$1.8 billion

in university support to students

Universities have substantially increased their financial assistance to students through scholarships, bursaries and awards in the past few decades. Universities' support has increased 45-fold from \$40 million in 1977 to \$1.8 billion in 2013, and benefits about four of every 10 students.

(Source: Statistics Canada, Financial Information of Universities and Colleges Survey, 1977-2013)

Experiential learning

55%

of undergraduates get hands-on learning

More than half of today's undergraduates benefit from experiential learning – such as co-ops, internships and service learning – as part of their university education.

(Source: Canadian University Survey Consortium, Graduating University Student Survey, 2015)

The number of university students participating in co-op programs has grown by 25 percent in recent years.

(Source: based on data from the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education, 2006-2013)

80%

of employers say co-ops and internships add value

Four out of five employers who took part in a Universities Canada study say co-op and internship students add value to their company as a source of new talent and future employees with workplace skills. Two-thirds say these hires contribute new ideas to the company and are effective in their work.

(Source: Leger Marketing employer survey for Universities Canada, 2014)



International experience

82%

of employers say international experience increases competitiveness

Eighty-two percent of employers that hire recruits with international and intercultural experiences say employees with cross-cultural knowledge and an understanding of the global marketplace enhance their company's competitiveness.

(Source: Leger Marketing employer survey for Universities Canada, 2014)

97%

of universities offer international experiences

Ninety-seven percent of Canadian universities offer international experiences to students, including research, academic coursework, and service or volunteer opportunities.

(Source: Universities Canada Internationalization Survey, 2014)

Indigenous education

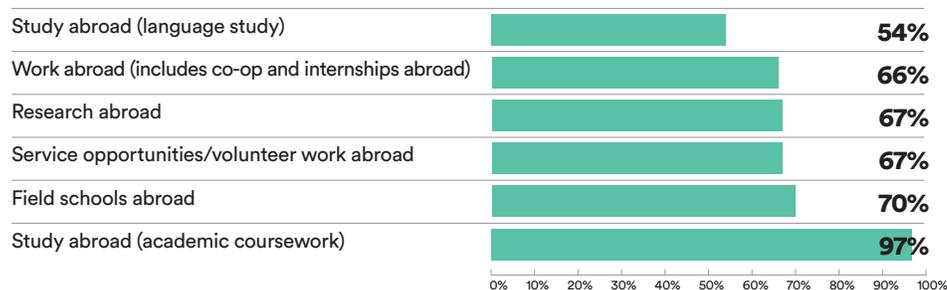
300+

academic programs for Indigenous students

Canada's universities are committed to improving First Nations, Métis and Inuit students' access and success in higher education. Across the country, universities offer more than 300 transition, undergraduate and graduate programs designed to support Indigenous student achievement, with more than one-third offered off campus.

(Source: Universities Canada Aboriginal programs directory, 2013
www.universitystudy.ca/aboriginal-students)

International experience opportunities offered in 2012-13*



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* Results from the 97% of universities offering international experiences.

