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Students' Costs

Total living and tuition costs for an eight-month academic year at a postsecondary institution may vary from approximately \$3,000 for a student living at home and attending a college of applied arts and technology, to approximately \$10,000 or more for a university student living on campus or boarding away from home.

Tuition Fees

College fees are generally payable in one instalment. University tuition or academic fees may be paid in two instalments, depending on the institution. Some universities also require a deposit on tuition fees for limited-enrolment programs. The following figures show the approximate average annual fees for two terms for students enrolled full time in college diploma or certificate programs and for university full-time undergraduate students for 1997-98.

Programs at colleges of applied arts and technology

Two semesters: approximately \$1,684

Fees may vary according to length of program.

Includes all tuition-related incidental fees, but not co-op or ancillary fees.

Programs leading to university degrees

Arts and Science: approximately \$3,900

Amount reflects annual fees, not including ancillary, co-op, and other fees.

Fees for specialized programs such as engineering, medicine, dentistry, and law are generally higher.

Programs at other institutions

Ontario College of Art & Design: approximately \$3,800

Royal Military College: approximately \$1,320

Consult the [college](#) website for detailed tuition information.

Amounts reflect annual fees, and do not include incidental fees.

International Student Fees

Colleges and universities establish their own policies for international students, and it is therefore imperative that international students check directly with the institutions for details.

Certain international students may be exempt from the higher tuition fees (e.g., diplomatic and consular officials and their dependents; individuals (and their children and spouses) admitted to Canada for the purpose of engaging in employment; Convention refugees and refugee claimants who applied for Convention status prior to January 1, 1989, and their spouses and dependents). Students who are unsure of their status

in this matter, or who want more information, are advised to contact the institution to which they are applying.

Transportation

At least \$75 a month should be added to your living expenses if you are not within walking distance of your campus. This figure will vary according to public transportation rates, car pool arrangements, and parking fees.

Books and Student Supplies

College and university students should allow approximately \$800 to \$1,000 per year for books and supplies. Students in specialized or professional university courses such as architecture, dentistry, and medicine, or in college programs such as photography, cinematography, advertising, and graphic arts, may require additional funds for the purchase of books, instruments, and supplies.

Ancillary Fees

Ancillary fees charged by postsecondary institutions cover such costs as required learning material, athletics and recreational facilities, student government, and work-term placement. Some of these fees are collected as separate compulsory fees. Tuition-related fees such as laboratory and shop costs are included in the standard tuition fee. For specific information, consult the calendars of the various universities and colleges.

Application Fees

Students wishing to enter an Ontario university in any year must apply to:

Ontario Universities' Application Centre
170 Research Lane
Guelph, Ontario N1G 5E2
Telephone: (519) 823-1940
Fax: (519) 823-5232
Website: <http://www.ouac.on.ca>

The Centre receives and records applications and student responses to university offers of admission. An \$80 fee must accompany the application form.

Students wishing to enter a college of applied arts and technology or a college of agricultural technology must apply to:

Ontario College Application Services
370 Speedvale Avenue West
P.O. Box 810
Guelph, Ontario N1H 6M4
Telephone: (519) 763-4725 / 1-888-892-2228
Fax: (519) 763-4866
Website: <http://www.ocas.on.ca>

The service receives and records applications and student responses to college offers of admission. A \$65 fee must accompany the application form.

Ontario Health Insurance

Every Ontario resident is covered under the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP) for a wide variety of health services offered by hospitals, physicians, and certain other health care practitioners. There are no premiums for this coverage. For more information you should contact the nearest office of the [Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care](#).

Board and Lodging

All Ontario universities and some colleges have residence facilities. Depending on meal plans and occupancy, residence costs range from approximately \$4,500 to \$6,000 or more for an academic year. Students who choose board and lodging should allow about \$135 a week to cover these costs. All institutions maintain a housing registry, which lists available accommodation in the area. For specific information, consult the institution's calendar.

Miscellaneous Expenses

In addition to the basic board, lodging, and tuition costs, incidental expenses must be considered in any estimate of the cost of a year at a university or college. Costs for items such as laundry, personal needs, and entertainment will vary according to the individual student's preferences.

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