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PREFACE

IPCD has been committed to helping each and every student who hopes to study abroad. We have worked hard over the years to maintain good relations with foreign institutions to serve the need for internationalisation which is of paramount importance in today's global economy.

Going abroad to study is a big commitment towards one's career. There is a lot of information out there pertaining to different colleges and programmes, but sifting through all that information to find what is relevant can be a daunting task. This is the reason why team IPCD decided to compile information about different countries: Universities, Programmes, Funding Options, Scholarships, and much more. Students will get all the important information in one place and they can keep these newsletters for future reference.

This document is our third newsletter, on Canada, with more on the way.

HIGHER STUDIES IN CANADA

How to apply to Canadian Universities from India?

These vary between study programs and levels. For each course, Indian students will need to meet a minimum English language requirement. Along with that a minimum academic record of 65% and above for humanities stream in class XII, and 70 - 80% and above for Science/Commerce stream in class XII will also be required. Foundations and Diploma programs are available for students who have secured below 60%. The student should have completed 18 years of age before joining a degree program.

It is important to note that these numbers are just for reference purposes, the actual numbers may differ from university to university. To know more [click here](#).

Documents

The following documents also need to be submitted –

- Attested copies of mark sheets of Standard X, XII, and the Bachelor's degree
- At least, two academic reference letters from professors who have taught you most recently
- If you have work experience, then two letters of recommendation from the employer/manager who knows you well and can comment on your professional abilities
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- Resume
- Photocopied score reports of GMAT / IELTS / TOEFL
- Portfolio (in case of Students applying for art and design courses & Architecture programs)
- Others (certificates/achievements at the state and national level and extracurricular activities)
- Proof of funds
- Medical Tests

Timeline for September intake

- Start early and by August, shortlist 8-12 universities that you will apply to. Visit university websites and note application requirements, deadlines etc.
- By September, be familiar with bank loan options and scholarships to fund your studies.
- Begin by downloading admissions brochures from the university websites. Most brochures are out more than a year earlier.
- Do some initial research on various accommodation options.

Crack the Exams: June to December

- Prepare for required standardized tests like GMAT, GRE, SAT, TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE - depending on the course and university.
- By June-July or three months before the test date, register for GMAT/GRE.
- Register for TOEFL/IELTS at least a month before the test date.
- Take the required tests around September. Plan for buffer time in case you need to retake the test.

It's application time: August to October

- Shortlist the colleges and prepare for your application. Think hard about what makes you unique as an applicant and sketch out your strengths and self-assessment.
- Contact your professors and direct managers for the required 2-3 reference letters, at least a month before your application deadline.
- Begin drafting your SOP and essays. Give a month's time to structure these documents properly.
- Apply before the deadline.

What next: November to April

- Do not delay replying to college e-mails. And there will be quite a few!
- Appear for personal/video interviews. These are scheduled around January to March.
- Once you get acceptance letters, make your decision as soon as possible.
- Depending on the deadline, notify the universities of your decision.
- You will need to pay a non-refundable deposit to confirm your admission.

Visa and money matters: May to July

- Search for and begin applying for external scholarships (if applicable).
- Apply for a student loan, after you get your acceptance letter.
- Gather paperwork for your student visa. Check visa requirements.
- Apply for a student visa in time. Keep in mind the time taken for visa processing!

Get ready to fly: July to August

- Book airline tickets.
- Arrange for an International Debit/Credit card.
- Collect all the documents and their photocopies, to take along

Intake seasons

The session starts mainly in September and January, but some institutions have intakes in May, July, and October as well. The major intake season for the top courses in Canada is September, while the minor intake season is January, which is meant for a fairly small number of courses. You should start your admission process around six months before the application deadline. Typically, most universities have three deadlines, from October to January. It is up to the convenience of the students, which deadline to aim for. You should be done with your language and aptitude tests by three months before the deadline. The last three months should be dedicated to filling out the application form properly.

It is essential to ensure that the 'complete application process' along with appearing for interviews and visa application procedures should be complete by June or July for the September intake.

The main intake season for top colleges and courses is in the fall season i.e., September. It depends on what course you are looking to pursue because many courses do not have the January intakes.

If you are looking to get admission into vocational courses, then some courses may have admissions open in January and perhaps even May or July.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1) Government Funded

S. No.	Name of the scholarship	Description
1	Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers various fellowships at different levels from graduate to post-doctorate and from research to training fellowships. Shastri Research Student Fellowship: For students enrolled in Bachelors, Masters, M.Phil degree programmes in recognized Indian universities or institutions to undertake research in their interested areas/ fields in a Canadian university. Eligible students can also pursue an e-course (module/part of a course), or do an e-internship at Canadian universities, which falls under SICI network. The value of this fellowship is CAD 500-1,000 (expenses that are not provided by the applicant's home institution, and related to subscription of online meeting software, internet connection, telephone bills, affiliation fee or registration fee to access library or lab facility will be considered, if any). The duration is up to 8-12 weeks for students. <p>(Source: https://www.shastriinstitute.org/SRSF-Student-2020-21)</p>
2	Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scheme identifies students with high intellect from Commonwealth countries applying to programs of advanced study and research at the Master and PhD level. The award comprises travel, living allowance and the compulsory tuition fees. It includes Graduate Students Exchanges (GSEP), which provide \$10,000 for transportation, living and other expenses in Canada for 5-6 months. <p>(Source: https://www.collegesearch.in/study-in-canada)</p>

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3	Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For graduate students in a wide variety of disciplines. As a pre-requisite to applying, students must accept an offer from a university in Ontario and obtain a valid study permit. The scholarship amount is \$5,000 per session. So, you may receive \$10,000 (two consecutive sessions); \$15,000 (three consecutive sessions). In all, the unit will limit itself to one-third of the cost of the total award to be received by you. Each award is tenable for one year (two to three academic sessions). The value and duration are determined by the awarding graduate unit and details of which will be mentioned in your offer letter. Deadlines are set by the current or proposed graduate unit. <p>(Source: https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/awards/ontario-graduate-scholarship/#section_1)</p>
4	National Research Council of Canada (NRCC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research associateship is offered to master's degree holders in engineering and PhD holders in natural science or engineering disciplines. <p>(Please connect with your IDP counsellor for more information)</p>
5	Quebec Provincial Government Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For students studying in Quebec. Financial assistance to students at master's level or above. Each application is assessed on its merit. Value and duration are determined as per the level of study: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Doctoral program: \$25,000 a year and duration are up to 3 years with a possible extension to it of 12 months. -Postdoctoral scholarships: \$35,000 for one year and cannot be renewed. -Short-term research or professional development scholarship: \$3,000 each month for 4 months. <p>(Source: http://www.education.gouv.qc.ca/en/references/studying-in-quebec/merit-scholarships/)</p>

S. No.	Name of the scholarship	Description
6	Ontario Trillium Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First announced in November 2010 for doctoral students from around the world to study in Ontario. • Each scholarship is worth \$40,000 annually, renewable for a maximum of four years. • 75 scholarships are awarded each year. • Ontario universities are responsible for selecting and awarding the scholarship to international PhD students based on merit and program criteria. <p>(Source: https://grad.uwo.ca/finances/external_funding/ots.html)</p>
7	Partnership Grants by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For PhD candidates. • Supports new or existing research initiatives in social sciences and humanities. • Worth up to CAD 20,000. • Duration: 4 to 7 years. <p>(Source: https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/partnership_grants_stage1-subventions_partenariat_etape1-eng.aspx)</p>
8	Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered by the Canadian government to international students to pursue postgraduate program within the natural science, social sciences, or healthcare research. • This Postdoctoral Fellowship is worth \$70,000 per year (taxable) for two years, • Deadline for this scholarship is October. <p>(Source: https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/news-nouvelles/2020/2020-06-01.aspx?lang=eng)</p>

S. No.	Name of the scholarship	Description
9	Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This scholarship is awarded by the Government of Canada to meritorious students who aspire to pursue a doctoral degree at a Canadian institution. Duration is for 3 years (non-renewable) and the amount is 50,000 CAD per year. Deadline is November. <p>(Source: https://www.educanada.ca/scholarships-bourses/news-nouvelles/2020/2020-06-24.aspx?lang=eng)</p>

2) Non-Government Funded

S. No.	Name of the scholarship	Description
1	Anne Vallee Ecological Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These scholarships are designated for international students to support them undertake animal research at master or doctoral program in Québec or British Columbia University. This fund offers two \$1,500 scholarships. <p>(Source: https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/anne-vallee-ecological-fund)</p>
2	Trudeau Scholarships and Fellowships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are offered to international students at doctorate level for some specific Canadian institutions. The amount is \$40,000 each year for three years; and \$20,000 each year for three years, as research and travel allowance. Deadline: Mid Fall Session, your IDP counsellor can help you with the application process. <p>(Source: https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/students/trudeau)</p>

For More details about scholarships, check
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N6ijiPzdnWqS8hMfUyaR0gCAiqsMjM-9/view?usp=sharing>

SEMESTER ABROAD

BITS Pilani gives you an opportunity to pursue semester abroad programmes either with Universities with QS World Rankings < 400 or those with which we have MOUs.

Name of the scholarship	Location	Description
Carleton University	Ottawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Located on Algonquin territory between the Rideau Canal and the Rideau River nearby downtown Ottawa, the Carleton University campus is stretched across 62 hectares. The campus houses more than 35 buildings that are linked to one another by 5 km of underground tunnels. All the buildings have a top-notch infrastructure and offer first-rate facilities. The MacOdrum Library has a collection of over two million books, tapes, periodicals, microfilms, CDs, maps, government documents, and archival materials.
Ontario Universities International	Ontario	Ontario Universities International is a unique organization in Canada, providing leadership in the Province's commitment to international cooperation and exchange in postsecondary education.
University Health Network	Toronto, Ontario	University Health Network is a public research and teaching hospital network in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. It is the largest health research organization in North America and ranks first in Canada for total research funding. It was named Canada's top research hospital by Research Infosource from 2015 to 2017.

To know more about the University, click the respective links. Once you have shortlisted the University in which you want to pursue Semester Abroad, contact the University and once you get accepted, contact IPCD for financial assistance, Transfer of Grades/Credits, and more info.

S. No.	Universities for Semester Abroad Program	Rank (QS)/ MoU
1	<u>University of Toronto</u>	21
2	<u>McGill University</u>	35
3	<u>University of British Columbia</u>	41
4	<u>Universite de Montreal</u>	118
5	<u>University of Alberta</u>	119
6	<u>McMaster University</u>	144
7	<u>University of Waterloo</u>	166
8	<u>Western University</u>	203
9	<u>Queen's University at Kingston</u>	246
10	<u>University of Calgary</u>	246
11	<u>University of Ottawa</u>	279
12	<u>Dalhousie University</u>	291
13	<u>Simon Fraser University</u>	323
14	<u>University of Victoria</u>	370
15	<u>Carleton University</u>	MoU

How to apply for exchange studies

1. First apply at your home university (contact IPCD) or to a scholarship organization.
2. As soon as you have been nominated there, select your courses at the University with MoU and draw up a preliminary course list or learning agreement.
3. Fill in our online application form and submit it.
4. Send us your printed and signed application with all necessary documents as a PDF-file.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Canada is officially a bilingual nation, with French and English as its two languages. Other languages scattered throughout Canada include Cantonese, Italian, German, Punjabi, and Spanish. This variety in languages serves to prove that Canada truly is a cultural mosaic.

It is a vast country filled with opportunities for interns looking to spruce up their resume and compete in a global job market. Most interns will choose to do an internship abroad in Toronto, Vancouver, or Montreal in the following fields in Canada:

S. No.	Industry	Description
	Architecture and Engineering	In Canada, lumber and stone are fairly cheap, providing plenty of building materials for major companies. However, since the geography of Canada is so diverse, there are many different climates and cultures to consider when building - whether that is towers or bridges. Engineering interns can expect to work in drafting, construction management, structural engineering, or CAD during their placement in Canada.
	Hospitality and Tourism	As a huge tourist destination, Canada is a great place for tourism interns. Interns could choose from opportunities in hotels, ski resorts, restaurants, and many more industries. Expect to work with tourists from all over the world, get your feet wet with some training, and have time for social events. Tourism internships at resorts and hotels in Canada will generally last for about six months or longer. It will be well worth it when you experience all the fun and excitement of interning in the hospitality and service sector.
	Information Technology	The technology sector is becoming more and more important around the globe. In Canada, tech interns can expect to find many opportunities. There are internships available for database administrators as well as, ASP.Net, Java, software, and web application developers. You could find a job at small, medium, or large IT firms (like Electronic Arts), or within tech departments of large hotels or manufacturers.

S. No.	Industry	Description
	Business & Marketing	With a population of over 37 million people from all over the world, Canada is a great place to get a feel for a diverse marketing platform. Interns, through companies like IENA, can expect to work in marketing research, sales, or advertising. Expect to learn a lot about different ways to market products and services, taking into account social media and the fact that Canada has so many languages!

When and Where to Look

- Canada is an enormous nation and as an intern there, you will get a very different experience depending on which city and province you choose for your internship. Many Canadian internships are in Toronto in Ontario, Vancouver in British Columbia, or Montreal in Quebec.
- Toronto, which was voted one of the best places to live in the world, is an industrial city with internship opportunities in just about every industry. Some of the top fields to find placements include business, media, technology, and theatre or performing arts.
- Montreal is ideal for French-speakers who want to challenge themselves by conducting an internship in a foreign language without going to Europe or Africa. The French will be slightly different than other French-speaking areas in the world. Interns can find positions in film, engineering, and technology industries.
- Rainy, mountainous, and beautiful Vancouver is very similar to the cities in the Pacific Northwest of the U.S (Seattle and Portland) both in lifestyle and industry. You can gain work experience as an intern in tourism and hospitality, entertainment, and software & technology fields.
- Ottawa, the capital, will also have a wide variety of internships for students.
- Interns in Canada will be able to find positions throughout the year. There are plenty of placement programs that will help find a suitable internship for their participants. However, summer is a very popular time to travel abroad do an internship between semesters.

Planning your Trip

- **Cost of Living in Canada:** Living costs in Canada will vary depending on where you decide to live. On average, a one-bedroom apartment in the city center will cost about CAD \$1,300 per month and a one-bedroom apartment in the suburbs will be about CAD \$1,070. Because Canada is such a large country, costs can vary across the nation in provinces and cities.
- **Work Etiquette:** In business, Canadians can often start out as reserved, but will generally become more open and friendly as relationships grow. As a general rule, manners are respected, and polite behavior should be used as often as possible. Handshakes are very commonly used; be sure to make eye contact while shaking someone else's hand. Communication is moderately indirect, but this can also vary by province. Experience and hard work are appreciated in Canadian business, so keep this in mind during your internship.
- **Language:** English is most commonly used in business, however, if you are working in Québec you will probably need to have an understanding of French. You may or may not be required to take language classes if you are using a placement program.
- **Networking:** Networking in Canada is useful for further employment or just building relationships in general. If you are considering an international career or living in Canada after college, this is one of the main reasons why you would want to get an internship in Canada. Networking among coworkers is popular, and there is also BNI Canada for even more opportunities to network. Plus, you never know who may provide a great recommendation letter, connect you with potential employers, or open one door or another after you complete your internship.
- **Work and Labor Laws in Canada:** There are paid and unpaid internships in Canada and the law is very vague on the difference between “work” and “internships.” Internship laws are based on the province you will be working in. For more information refer to the Department of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada.

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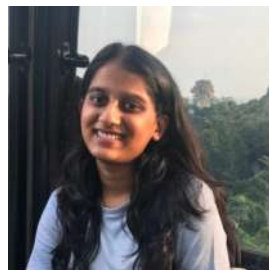


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