



uOttawa

Start your  
uOttawa  
journey!  
GUIDE FOR APPLICANTS



# THIS IS uOTTAWA

Push the boundaries of knowledge and become your best future self. Get ready to join a bold and caring community to build a better society in a more sustainable world.

Last year, over 44,000 students made uOttawa home. Here's why you should, too:



**WORLD'S LARGEST**  
BILINGUAL  
ENGLISH-FRENCH  
UNIVERSITY

**DEGREES  
RECOGNIZED  
WORLDWIDE**



SEE FOR YOURSELF  
WHAT SETS  
UOTTAWA APART:  
TAKE A VIRTUAL  
CAMPUS TOUR.



**RANKED AMONG THE  
TOP 1%  
OF UNIVERSITIES  
WORLDWIDE<sup>1</sup>**



1. QS World University Rankings 2021.

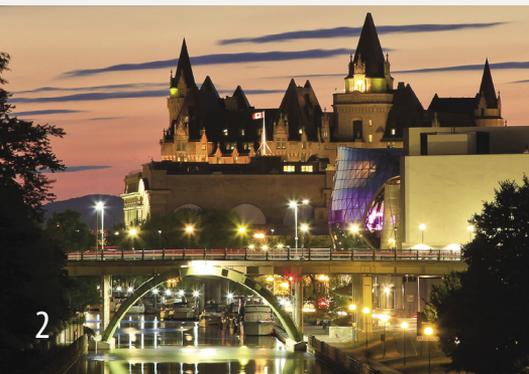
Explore the world through Ontario's largest international exchange program:



**50+**  
COUNTRIES  
TO DISCOVER



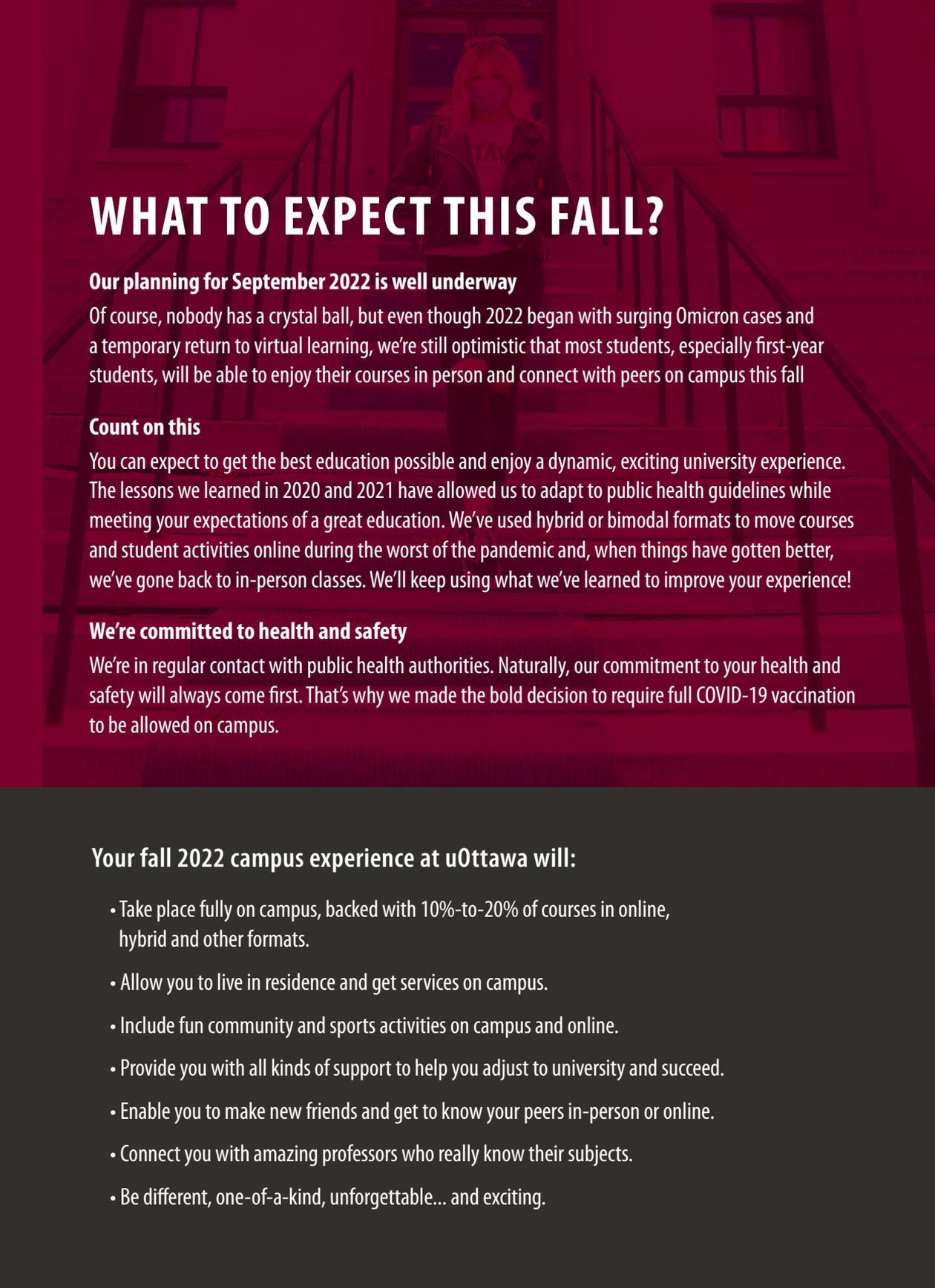
**280**  
INTERNATIONAL  
EXCHANGE PARTNERS



## OTTAWA, A VIBRANT CITY

**The uOttawa experience means having lots to do whatever your interest!**

Choose a downtown campus in the heart of Canada's capital, a friendly and diverse city with a student-centred culture, filled with green spaces and buzzing with activity and opportunity.



# WHAT TO EXPECT THIS FALL?

## **Our planning for September 2022 is well underway**

Of course, nobody has a crystal ball, but even though 2022 began with surging Omicron cases and a temporary return to virtual learning, we're still optimistic that most students, especially first-year students, will be able to enjoy their courses in person and connect with peers on campus this fall

## **Count on this**

You can expect to get the best education possible and enjoy a dynamic, exciting university experience. The lessons we learned in 2020 and 2021 have allowed us to adapt to public health guidelines while meeting your expectations of a great education. We've used hybrid or bimodal formats to move courses and student activities online during the worst of the pandemic and, when things have gotten better, we've gone back to in-person classes. We'll keep using what we've learned to improve your experience!

## **We're committed to health and safety**

We're in regular contact with public health authorities. Naturally, our commitment to your health and safety will always come first. That's why we made the bold decision to require full COVID-19 vaccination to be allowed on campus.

## **Your fall 2022 campus experience at uOttawa will:**

- Take place fully on campus, backed with 10%-to-20% of courses in online, hybrid and other formats.
- Allow you to live in residence and get services on campus.
- Include fun community and sports activities on campus and online.
- Provide you with all kinds of support to help you adjust to university and succeed.
- Enable you to make new friends and get to know your peers in-person or online.
- Connect you with amazing professors who really know their subjects.
- Be different, one-of-a-kind, unforgettable... and exciting.

# OFFER OF ADMISSION

Things are about to get real!



[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/applied](https://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/applied)

## DO NOT WORRY!

WE ARE AWARE OF THE CHALLENGES THAT SCHOOLS ACROSS CANADA ARE FACING, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO MARKS AND TRANSCRIPTS. REST ASSURED THAT WE WILL BE FLEXIBLE AND CONSIDER YOUR MARKS AS THEY COME IN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE FINAL OR QUALITATIVE GRADES.

## BEEN ADMITTED?

**Congratulations! We're excited for you to join the Gee-Gees family!**

- » Be sure to read the details of your offer carefully.
- » To accept your offer of admission or make changes to your application, log into your OUAC account.
- » If you have questions about your application, email [admissions@uOttawa.ca](mailto:admissions@uOttawa.ca)

## HAVEN'T RECEIVED AN OFFER YET?

**No worries. Check your admission file by logging into uoZone while you wait to hear from us.**

- » Go to [uOttawa.ca/students](https://uOttawa.ca/students).
- » In the **uoZone** box, select **Login**.
- » Type your **uoAccess ID** and **password** (find this information in the email we sent you after you applied).
- » Select **Login**.

# DO YOUR GRADES NOT TELL YOUR WHOLE STORY?



[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/journey](https://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/journey)

## TELL US ABOUT YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AND DREAMS

Being admitted to the University of Ottawa isn't just about your average. If your grades are lower than the required admission averages, it's not necessarily game over for you. We know that very intelligent, ambitious and talented people may have had a lot going on outside the classroom. Our Declaration of Personal Experience gives you an opportunity to tell us about any special circumstances that strengthen your application.

If you think this applies to you and you haven't received an offer by the end of February, visit the Declaration of Personal Experience web page to learn more.





## uoZone

[uOttawa.ca/students](http://uOttawa.ca/students)

Access uoZone, the University of Ottawa student portal, where you'll find:

- » Your academic, financial and personal records
- » Web applications you'll use during your studies
- » University and faculty news

# FRENCH IMMERSION

Keep up your French or become completely fluent through uOttawa's French Immersion Stream. Bilingual workers earn 10% more on average in Canada than English-only workers. Earnings for bilingual workers in Ontario and Montreal are up to 20% higher than for unilingual workers.<sup>1</sup>

[immersion.uOttawa.ca](http://immersion.uOttawa.ca)

1. Statistics Canada, 2016 Census Metropolitan Area Profile



RECEIVE ONE OF 250

**\$3,000**

FRENCH AS A SECOND  
LANGUAGE BURSARIES  
IN YOUR FIRST YEAR

OVER **2,000 STUDENTS** CURRENTLY  
ENROLLED IN FRENCH IMMERSION



**75** DEGREE PROGRAMS  
OFFERING FRENCH IMMERSION

## RECEIVE AN EXTRA \$1,000 PER YEAR FOR STUDYING BILINGUALLY WITH THE FRENCH STUDIES BURSARY

- » Write your assignments, lab reports and exams in your choice of French or English in nearly every course.
- » Take a minimum of 35% of your courses *en français*.

### Your next step:

- » Write the French immersion admission test: [immersion.uOttawa.ca/en/future-students](http://immersion.uOttawa.ca/en/future-students)

If you haven't already applied for French immersion, it's not too late! If you don't have an offer of admission, you can go to the OUAC website and make changes to your application. If you already have an offer, email [admissions@uOttawa.ca](mailto:admissions@uOttawa.ca) to let us know that you would like to enrol in French immersion.

# LIVE IN RESIDENCE

[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/housing](https://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/housing)



## COVID

- » Residences are able to safely welcome students in accordance with public health measures.
- » Activities will be offered in person and virtually because we know it contributes to your wellness and success.



## GUARANTEED HOUSING FOR FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

### APPLY EARLY TO GET IN YOUR TOP CHOICE OF RESIDENCE!

*You don't have to wait until you've accepted your offer of admission.*

- » Log into the Housing Portal in uoZone starting March 22, 2022. Follow the instructions and pay the \$700 deposit to reserve your spot.
- » You'll receive an email informing you when you can start your housing application.
- » Check the Housing Portal throughout the spring and summer for important information about your housing application.

**Deadline:** Submit your online housing form and \$700 deposit by June 1, 2022, in order to guarantee your housing.

**Refunds:** If you cancel your reservation, you can receive a refund (up to a certain deadline). The refund amount varies based on when you cancel.

For information on other deadlines and important dates, visit the Housing and Residence Life website.



Follow Housing and Residence Life for the latest updates.



# MEAL PLANS

[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/eat](http://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/eat)



## COVID

- » Health and safety measures are in place to ensure you can safely enjoy meals in the Dining Hall.

A meal plan is mandatory for students living in certain residences. It's optional for students living in others or living off campus. You can choose an unlimited access plan (5 or 7 days a week) that lets you use the Dining Hall.

## DINING HALL

- » Unlimited access for 5-day and 7-day meal plan holders
- » A wide variety of food options, including gluten-free, vegetarian, vegan and halal
- » Access to our registered dietitian
- » A made-to-order station; let the chef prepare your dish the way you want it
- » Special events such as guest chef presentations and theme menus

**300+**  
DIFFERENT MEALS  
AVAILABLE EACH WEEK

<b>MEAL PLAN PRICES FOR 2021-2022</b> (8 months)	5-day plan - \$5,426
	7-day plan - \$6,076
	Declining balance plan - \$3,800



# SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES



[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/financial](http://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/financial)

**46**  
MILLION DOLLARS  
AWARDED LAST YEAR

**19,350**  
STUDENTS FROM A  
DIRECT-ENTRY FACULTY  
RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP OR  
BURSARY IN 2020-2021

**5,665**  
FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS  
IN A DIRECT-ENTRY FACULTY  
OR IN CIVIL LAW RECEIVED A  
SCHOLARSHIP OR BURSARY IN 2020-2021

## Good grades = automatic scholarships throughout your studies!

- » Receive a \$1,000 **Merit Scholarship** after each term, even for the Spring-Summer term, if you study full time.
- » **Your average is calculated at the end of each term** for your Merit Scholarship. If your average drops below 8.5 TGPA (approx. 82.5%) during a difficult term, you can still receive the scholarship another term if your grades improve.
- » The minimum TGPA for Civil Law is 7.5 (approximately 77.5%).
- » You don't need to have previously received an Admission or Merit Scholarship to be eligible.
- » To be eligible for this award, you must be on the Dean's honour List.



**UP TO \$14,000**

IN AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS DURING YOUR DEGREE!

YEAR	AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
<b>1</b>	\$1,000 to \$4,000 Admission Scholarship	80% admission average
	\$1,000 French Studies Bursary (per year)	2 courses taken in French per term (for French immersion students)
<b>2, 3, and 4</b>	\$2,000 in Merit Scholarships (\$1,000 per term)	8.5 TGPA average at the end of each term
	\$1,000 French Studies Bursary (per year)	2 courses taken in French per term (for French immersion students)
<b>Total</b>	Up to \$14,000	

TGPA: Term Grade Point Average

See [uOttawa.ca/financial-aid-awards/scholarships-and-bursaries](http://uOttawa.ca/financial-aid-awards/scholarships-and-bursaries) for complete eligibility criteria.

# APPLY, APPLY, APPLY!



- » Many more scholarships and bursaries are available. You just need to apply.
- » Some scholarships or bursaries are awarded based on one or more of these criteria: academic achievement, financial need and community engagement.

## Use the Online Scholarships and Bursaries search engine

- » Log into your uoZone account.
- » On the **Applications** tab, select **Online Scholarships and Bursaries**.
- » Create your student profile.
- » Choose the category of scholarships and bursaries you wish to apply for.
- » Application deadlines are generally between **March 1 and March 31**.

## If you've been offered a scholarship or bursary, CONGRATULATIONS!

University of Ottawa scholarships and bursaries are credited directly to your student account during the summer. The amounts awarded are listed in your statement of account.



[scholarships.uOttawa.ca](https://scholarships.uOttawa.ca)

## GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

[uOttawa.ca/financial-aid-awards/government-assistance](https://uOttawa.ca/financial-aid-awards/government-assistance)



**Apply in May to make sure your funds are available on time to pay your tuition.**

**If you're from Ontario**, check whether you're eligible for the **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**. You can find this information on the Financial Aid and Awards website.

**If you're from another province or territory**, you might be eligible for your province or territory's government assistance even if you study in Ontario.

Go to your province or territory's financial assistance website for information on eligibility and applications. You can also link to it from the Financial Aid and Awards website.



# TUITION AND ANCILLARY FEES

[uOttawa.ca/university-fees/](http://uOttawa.ca/university-fees/)

## ESTIMATED COSTS FOR TWO TERMS

### TUITION AND ANCILLARY FEES

Arts, Health Sciences and Social Sciences	\$6,088
Science	\$6,088 to \$8,468
Telfer School of Management	\$7,550
Engineering	\$8,250 to \$9,420
Civil Law	\$9,850
Ancillary fees (does not include cost of U-Pass)	\$800 to \$1,140

### TRANSPORTATION

Transit pass (U-Pass)	\$436
Visits to loved ones	Variable

### TEXTBOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Arts, Health Sciences, Science, Social Sciences and Telfer School of Management	\$1,600 (approx.)
Engineering and Civil Law	\$2,300 (approx.)

### HOUSING AND FOOD (8-MONTH PRICING)

<b>On-campus</b>	
Residence fees per person including mandatory meal plan	\$12,550 to \$15,540
Residence fees and groceries per person (with access to kitchen)	\$11,000 to \$13,950
<b>Off-campus</b>	
Shared apartment and groceries	\$8,500 to \$12,500

### OTHER

Mobile and internet services	\$800 to \$1,600
Clothing	Variable



[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/money](http://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/money)

*Amounts are based on two terms (fall and winter) for the 2021–2022 academic year and apply to Canadian citizens and permanent residents. Fee information for the 2022–2023 academic year will be available in late May 2022.*



# YOUR FINANCES



[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/accounts](https://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/accounts)

## YOUR STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

In late July, once you've registered, your statement of account in uoZone will show your amount owing for the upcoming academic year. This amount includes tuition fees, housing and a meal plan (where applicable). In early August, you'll receive an email letting you know that your statement of account is ready.

### Payment deadline

- » The payment deadline is approximately one month after the start of classes.
- » Exact dates are posted on [uOttawa.ca/important-academic-dates-and-deadlines](https://uOttawa.ca/important-academic-dates-and-deadlines).
- » It is advisable that you pay your tuition and fees as soon as you can but the ultimate deadline is October 1, 2022.

*If you think that you may not be able to pay the total amount of your university fees by the deadline, you have options. For more information on student finances, visit the Student Accounts website.*

# CO-OP PROGRAM

[coop.uOttawa.ca](http://coop.uOttawa.ca)

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**LARGEST CO-OP  
PROGRAM IN THE  
COUNTRY**

**EARN BETWEEN  
\$35,000 AND  
\$45,000**

**96%**  
**PLACEMENT RATE**

**4,000+**  
**EMPLOYERS**

Complete up to 16 months of paid work terms in your field of study with our extensive network of top employers in the Ottawa-Gatineau region, elsewhere in Canada and abroad.

If you've been admitted to CO-OP, maintain your average to keep your reserved spot!

## I don't have a reserved spot in CO-OP. Can I still add CO-OP to my program?

Yes! Don't worry, you can still apply for CO-OP once you've started your studies. Every September, the CO-OP office hosts a two-week open house where you can drop by to meet current CO-OP students, talk about getting into the CO-OP program and learn more about the job market. These meetings will help you start off on the right foot.

*To learn more about admission criteria for the CO-OP program and the average you need to maintain to keep your reserved spot, visit the CO-OP website.*

**Google**

**amazon**

**Canada**

**Marriott**

**Deloitte**

**The Ottawa  
Hospital  
Foundation** | **La Fondation  
de l'Hôpital  
d'Ottawa**

**BOMBARDIER**

**Microsoft**

**shopify**

**TESLA**



# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM



[uOttawa.ca/viewbook/research](http://uOttawa.ca/viewbook/research)



## ONE OF CANADA'S **TOP 10** RESEARCH-INTENSIVE UNIVERSITIES

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When you become a uOttawa student you have access to some of the best researchers and professionals from many areas of study: arts, engineering, health sciences, management, science, social sciences and more. Work on a research project with them and receive a scholarship.

### Projects our students have been involved with:

- » *Coffee and Coronary Heart Disease: Is There a Relationship?*
- » *Pathways into Coaching Sport with Disability*
- » *Development of Compact Self-Balancing Robot with Self-Standing and Stair-Climbing Capability*
- » *Attachment of Nitrifying Bacteria: Wastewater Treatment System Application*
- » *Opinion Mining from Twitter Messages*
- » *How Much Is Too Much? How Businesses Can Avoid Violating Privacy Laws by Understanding Privacy Principles*



# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

[uOttawa.saea-tlss.ca/en/academic-gps](http://uOttawa.saea-tlss.ca/en/academic-gps)



Get a feel for the kind of academic support we offer by checking out our Academic GPS.

We offer a campus-wide network of free services and programs designed to provide you with all the resources you need to succeed right from the start:

- » An Academic GPS that allows you to navigate the various services offered by the university and find the help you need according to your situation
- » Writing advisers to help you improve your academic writing skills
- » Mentoring by students in your faculty
- » Academic accommodations for students with disabilities

**If you're living with a disability and think you'll need academic accommodations at uOttawa, register with the Academic Accommodations Service as soon as possible.**

## MASHKAWAZÌWOGAMIG Indigenous Resource Centre

Academic and cultural support for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students

[uOttawa.ca/indigenous](http://uOttawa.ca/indigenous)





# YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

[uOttawa.ca/wellness](http://uOttawa.ca/wellness)

We've got your back. Dedicated professionals and fellow students who care about your well-being are always ready to provide advice, support and personal counselling.

- » **NEW! A Student Health and Wellness Centre** focusing on physical health, mental health and health promotion.
- » **A case management team** offering you a holistic approach to managing your complex academic, medical or personal needs.
- » **Counselling and coaching** to cope with challenges and be aware of your personal and academic potential.
- » **TAO** (Therapy Assisted Online) tools to help you manage mental health, social life and self-care.
- » **A seven-step focus on mental health** overseen by uOttawa Counselling Services, including self-help, peer-to-peer therapeutic groups, wellness workshops and one-on-one counselling with a mental health professional
- » **Specialized support groups** for students belonging to racialized and black communities
- » **Pet therapy** to keep you company and help you get through stressful or difficult times.
- » **uOttawa Health Services:** On-campus medical and dental clinics and pharmacy.



The Counselling Services at the University of Ottawa provides you with a series of webinars to support you in your academic and personal journey, and to help you develop good mental health literacy.

See what is on offer by viewing our YouTube series!

COUNSELLING SERVICES  
NEW ONLINE PODCAST



YouTube playlist

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

## Course Enrolment Support

[uOttawa.ca/course-enrolment/enrolment-support](https://uOttawa.ca/course-enrolment/enrolment-support)

In early May, we'll email you with the exact date you can begin enrolling in your courses.

- » Virtual information sessions on course enrolment will be held throughout the month of May.
- » Recorded versions of those information sessions will be available on the enrolment support webpage.
- » French immersion students: Mentors will contact you to help you select your courses in French.
- » Schedules and sign-up information for workshops are posted in May at [uOttawa.ca/course-enrolment](https://uOttawa.ca/course-enrolment).

### Enrolment Help Centre (starting May 24 at 8 a.m.)

Contact us if you have any problems while enrolling in your courses:

- » Telephone: 613-562-5252
- » Toll-free (Canada and U.S.): 1-877-562-5250
- » Email: [mentors@uOttawa.ca](mailto:mentors@uOttawa.ca)

## MORE QUESTIONS?

Ask your regional mentor:  
[mentors@uOttawa.ca](mailto:mentors@uOttawa.ca)

Regional mentors are

- » Assigned to you from your own region of Canada
- » There to guide you through your first year of university with assistance tailored to your needs
- » Really nice! (They've been there before and know what you're going through.)
- » Always available to answer your questions and help you discover the University



Get some one-on-one answers to your specific questions about admissions, programs, residences, scholarships and more.



TEXT YOUR QUESTIONS  
TO THE LIAISON TEAM  
AT 613-209-1295



## STAY TUNED FOR SUMMER ORIENTATION

We'll be offering a range of summer orientation sessions and activities to help you get your bearings as you begin your uOttawa journey. These include uOrientation sessions focused on your faculty, in which upper-year students share their experiences, followed by more personalized uOrientation sessions to help you zero in on many aspects of student and community life at uOttawa.