



# UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PROCESS

## A GUIDE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

2020-2021 • 5781



# UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHECKLIST

Use these steps as a guideline to help your research and application process go smoothly:

## 1. Research your many options by using the following publications and resources:

- Start with Ontario Universities Info to browse your university and program options. Make sure you perform many searches as you will probably find something new each time. [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)
- Read the different universities' websites, admission handbooks, guidebooks, and calendars. These resources provide the greatest detail about courses and programs. You can find university contact information in Ontario Universities Info's "[Contact the Universities](#)" section.
- "Meet the Reps" when they visit the school in October and November.
- Check out the online university application, OUAC 101, at [www.ouac.on.ca/101](http://www.ouac.on.ca/101). You will eventually use your account to apply to university, but even before you are ready to apply, you can browse anonymously for additional program information.
- Check the websites for universities outside Ontario. Use the university website or [www.myblueprint.ca](http://www.myblueprint.ca) for additional information.
- Most importantly, talk to your parents, teachers and administrators. They will have information and insights that can help you make a more informed decision.

## 2. Record the programs

- Make a list of the programs that interest you and their

OUAC program codes. Keep this handy, you will need the OUAC program codes when you apply online using OUAC 101.

## 3. Obtain your confidential PIN letter

- We will notify you when these letters are available. The letter will provide you with your School Number, Student Number and Personal Identification Number (PIN), all three of which are required for you to log in to OUAC 101, the online application.

## 4. Start working on your application

### 5. We recommend you apply online by January 8, 2021

- After you submit your initial application, you can still make changes to your university and program information. **Apply early.**

## 6. After you submit your OUAC application

- You can log in to "Review and Change Your Completed Application" after you have submitted your application. This site allows you to view your application and to make changes to your information.

## 7. We strongly suggest you "visit" the universities and/or colleges that you are considering attending.

- All universities and colleges have virtual campus tours and are very willing to arrange meetings with representatives from programs you have an interest in. You can find dates for specific events on the universities' websites or on Ontario Universities Info.

### FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT:

**Ulpanat Orot**

Mrs. Shari Weinberg

[416-638-5434 ext. 38](tel:416-638-5434)

**Yeshivat Or Chaim**

Mr. Gerald Lazar

[416-630-6772 ext. 237](tel:416-630-6772)

# APPLICATION TIMELINE

## NOVEMBER

- Distribution of OUAC access codes. Students should begin working on their university applications.

## JANUARY

- **January 15** • Deadline for online applications, submissions and all applicable fees to OUAC. **Students are strongly encouraged to submit their applications by Friday, January 8, 2021, and not wait for the January 15, 2021 deadline.**
- Students should be aware of application deadlines for any non OUAC universities.
- Any changes or additions to the application can be made through the “Review and Change your Completed Application” option.
- A cost applies to all program changes unless you drop a choice, and add a new choice at the same university.

## FEBRUARY

- **February 1** • The recommended last date for students to make changes or additions to the university or program choice they have made on OUAC.
- **February 11** • The school will submit students’ grades to OUAC.

## MAY

- **May 5** • The school will submit students’ interim grades to OUAC.
- **May 27** • The latest date by which all secondary school applicants can expect a response from an Ontario university.

## JUNE

- **June 1** • The earliest date by which Ontario universities may require you to respond to an offer of admission.

## JULY

- The school will submit students’ final grades to OUAC.

## REMEMBER

- Although the published deadline for application to OUAC is January 15, 2021, you are urged to submit your application earlier.
- The school submits your personal and academic data to OUAC. Check carefully to make sure there are no errors or omissions.
- You can choose to apply to as many programs as you wish, but you can only choose a maximum of 3 programs at any one university.
- You can make changes to your OUAC online application using the “Review and Change your Completed Application” option.
- Make a note in several places of your OUAC Reference Number and PIN. Keep these confidential.

## UNIVERSITY DEFERRALS

Once you have been accepted at an Ontario university, you are usually able to defer your acceptance to the following year if you are going to study in Israel. This means that your place in university is reserved for you and you need not go through the entire application process when you decide to begin university. You should check each university’s deferral policy with their Admissions Office. Not all programs offer deferments.



# POST SECONDARY DESTINATIONS

## UNIVERSITY

There are four main types of programs at most universities:

- Arts/Humanities/Social Sciences
- Life/Health Sciences
- Physical/Engineering Sciences
- Business/Commerce

## UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

Program links between colleges and universities are increasing dramatically. Many colleges and universities are offering joint programs that will provide students with both the theoretical and practical skills required for their career and earn them a

degree and diploma, e.g. Seneca@York, Guelph-Humber, U of T Scarborough/Centennial College.

Applied degree programs are now offered by many colleges and universities. Opportunities for transferability between colleges and universities exist.

## COLLEGE

Community college programs provide a valuable combination of academic and practical/technical skills training for a specific career. There are almost 600 programs to choose from at Ontario's community colleges including Business Administration, Biomedical Technology, Computer Animation, Engineering Technology, Paramedic and Social Worker. Many Colleges are now offering degree programs (e.g. B.A., B.B.A., etc.) in addition to diploma and certificate programs.

## SOME USEFUL TIPS

- Keep a special file of all your university materials.
- Always make a copy of any correspondence you have with OUAC and/or university. All correspondence will be by e-mail. Make sure to keep all university documents and save e-mails you receive in one place.
- Be active and in control. You should do the research, questioning, thinking and deciding. Check out the information yourself and do not rely on rumours and misinformation.
- Identify which university or college you would like to attend and which faculty or program. However flexibility is important.
- Some programs require supplementary applications. Make sure you read all information sent out by the universities, and be cognisant of deadlines for all supplementary applications and information.
- Government assistance to finance your studies is available through **OSAP** (Ontario Student Assistance Program). This is a financial assistance program intended to help students who need money for post-secondary education. Academic excellence is not a qualification.
- **REMEMBER:** All acceptances come with specific conditions (for example, maintaining your marks). You must meet these conditions in order to keep your place.
- It is your responsibility to ensure that the transcripts for all courses done outside the school are handed in.
- Make use of our assistance. We are here to help you!





# USEFUL SITES

## Useful sites for choosing universities and colleges

### [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca)

Ontario University Application Centre.

### [ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

Ontario College Application Centre.

### [osca.ca](http://osca.ca)

Ontario School Counselors' Association  
Information about universities/colleges and scholarships.

### [schoolfinder.com](http://schoolfinder.com)

This is a search engine for Canadian colleges, universities, graduate schools, career quiz and online training.

### [canlearn.ca](http://canlearn.ca)

Post-secondary institutions and programs, advice on career possibilities, financing your education and an online counselor.

### [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)

This site allows you to search hundreds of grants, bursaries and scholarships.

### [ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca](http://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca)

A comprehensive information site for all Ontario universities. (programs, academic requirements, scholarships etc.)

### [yconic.com](http://yconic.com)

This site allows you to evaluate your eligibility for bursaries, grants and scholarships.

### [gettheguide.ca](http://gettheguide.ca)

This site has a college guide where you can learn more about Jewish life on a particular campus.

### [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

This website gives information and resources for students interested in American colleges. Registration and practice tests can be accessed through this site.



### [act.org](http://act.org)

This website gives information for registration and administration of the ACT test.

### [ontario.ca/page/learn-about-osap](http://ontario.ca/page/learn-about-osap)

This website has information on financial aid for students in Ontario (OSAP).

### [myblueprint.ca](http://myblueprint.ca)

This site provides our students with academic credit information and has valuable career and education resources.



Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus CANADA



The OU's [Jewish Learning Initiative on Campus \(OU-JLIC\)](http://www.jliccanada.com) helps young men and women thrive and observe key aspects of Jewish life on campus and around the community. Ongoing learning, social and chesed opportunities, Shabbat and Holiday meals are core components of how OU-JLIC creates a welcoming Jewish community. Being there for students with personal and halachic advice as they go through their post-secondary years and plan for tomorrow is a meaningful way directors Rabbi Aaron (YOC '93) and Miriam (UO '93) Greenberg create lasting relationships with their students.

**Rabbi Aaron Greenberg** Co-Director, OU-JLIC Canada  
[416-843-0245](tel:416-843-0245) • [rabbigreenberg@jliccanada.com](mailto:rabbigreenberg@jliccanada.com)  
[www.jliccanada.com/toronto](http://www.jliccanada.com/toronto) • [f](#) • [@](#)

# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Every year, millions of dollars are handed out to graduating students in the form of scholarships (university/college, general), academic prizes and bursaries/student loans.

If the cost of education beyond high school is an important factor in your immediate future, then consider familiarizing yourself with sources of financial assistance other than your personal and family income.

1. Scholarships which are offered by universities are not listed here. The information can be found at [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships)
2. Most universities also offer monetary awards based strictly on grades. These awards do not require a separate application. You do not have to achieve 99% to be considered.
3. Many scholarships require that the applicant should have a combination of leadership experience, extra-curricular and community involvement (in addition to the mandated 40 hours) as well as a strong academic profile.
4. Some major corporations offer scholarships to sons or daughters of employees. Have your parents investigate.
5. Browse the internet for possible sites, for example:
  - [studentawards.com](http://studentawards.com)
  - [scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)
  - [yconic.com](http://yconic.com)Please be advised that if you register with one of these sites, you may receive advertising from their sponsors.
6. The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) provides financial assistance for students in need. For further information, go to [www.osap.gov.on.ca](http://www.osap.gov.on.ca).
7. Jewish Free Loan Toronto offers interest-free loans of up to \$10,000 to Jewish students residing in the GTA. The loan can be used towards studies at programs at universities, colleges or trade schools, in Canada or abroad, including for a gap-year program. The loan is intended to help with expenses including tuition, books, rent, research and other costs related to education. Learn more at [www.jewishfreeloan.ca/interest-free-loans/educational-loans](http://www.jewishfreeloan.ca/interest-free-loans/educational-loans).

Here are a few examples of scholarships that are offered:

## **TD SCHOLARSHIP FOR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

**DEADLINE:** November 13, 2020

**VALUE:** Up to \$70,000 over four years

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applicants should be in their final year of high school. The focus is on outstanding community leadership and high academic achievement.

## **SCHULICH LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS**

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINEE SUBMISSION:** January 27, 2021

**DEADLINE FOR NOMINEE APPLICATION:** February 17, 2021

**VALUE:** \$15,000 per year for four years

**ELIGIBILITY:** The candidate must enroll in a program at one of the participating Canadian universities in the STEM areas of study (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). The candidate must also possess at least two of the following attributes: exceptionally high academic grades; demonstrated leadership in school life and the community, or provided evidence of entrepreneurial talent financial need. BY NOMINATION ONLY (only one nominee per school).

## **FURTHER SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are many scholarships out there, some specific to schools/programs. Millions of possible scholarship dollars go unclaimed every year. Be sure to do your research and find the opportunities available to you.

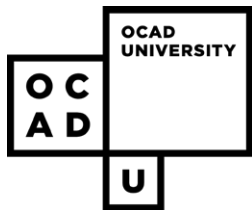
For Universities: [www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships](http://www.ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca/scholarships)

For Colleges: [www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/paying-for-college](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/paying-for-college)

Keep in mind that your online persona matters — be mindful of what you're posting. This could negatively affect scholarships, yeshiva/seminary acceptances/job opportunities.

# OUR GRADUATES

Over the last five years, our students have attended many colleges and universities in Canada, the United States and Israel, including:







159 Almore Avenue  
Toronto  
Ontario M3H 2H9

T 416-630-6772  
F 416-398-5711



45 Canyon Avenue  
Toronto  
Ontario M3H 3S1

T 416-638-5434  
F 416-638-7905

[www.bastoronto.org](http://www.bastoronto.org)

     @bastoronto