

Post-Secondary Applications and Scholarships

November 2025

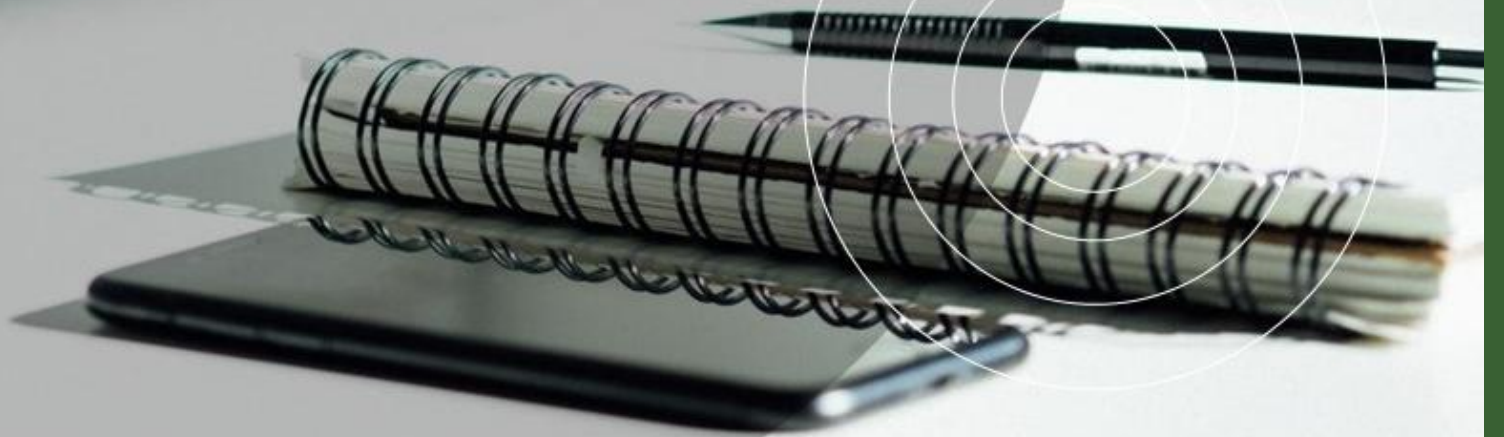


Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

- *With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).*



Post-Secondary Applications





Finding the Right School and Program for You:

What to Consider:

- What are your future goals? Have you researched what it takes to get to these future goals?
- Do you want job training for a particular career and to enter the job market faster? **(College programs might be better for this)**
- What is your learning style? Do you need more one-on-one/teacher attention? Smaller classes? **(College might be a better fit!)**
- A flexible program that allows you to work and go to school? Internship options as part of your program to get real world experience?
- Do you enjoy research? And want to go on to do a Masters or a PHD? **(Universities are better for this)**
- What does it take to get into each programs ? Do you meet that school or programs criteria? Is it competitive or not competitive? Is it realistic for you right now? Does this path fit your skill set? Your strengths?
- How much does the school/program cost? How will you afford this?



COLLEGE VS UNIVERSITY

College vs. university & University transfer

- The decision to apply to a college or a university is a personal one.
- Some key differences... Class size, connection to teacher, tuition cost, level of hands-on work, & student life.
- University Transfer programs allow students to start in college and take the same classes offered in a university. They then apply to a university faculty at the end of second year and complete their 4-year degree at the larger University Institution. <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>
 - Odds of getting into an institution like UBC or SFU are much higher through University Transfer programs.



Where to Start researching:

- There are:
 - Over hundreds of public post-secondary institutions in Canada!
 - Lots of choice and a school and program for everyone!
 - Some are very competitive, and some are not competitive at all
 - So where to start?

BC:

<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/find-your-path>

[How to Search](#)

[For Parents - Post-Secondary BC](#)

Alberta: [Apply to College or University in Alberta | Official Application Portal](#)

Ontario:

[Undergraduate Application Guide | Ontario Universities' Application Centre](#)

[Home | Ontario Colleges](#)

Campus Tours

- I strongly recommend taking advantage of some of the great opportunities that exist to attend **free** campus tours at post-secondaries you are curious in.
 - Go with friends & watch as you start envisioning yourself there.
- You can Google "**post-secondary name + campus tours**" and find all of them, but here are a few examples:
 - UBC: [Here](#).
 - UVic: [Here](#).
 - SFU: [Here](#).
 - VCC: [Here](#).
 - Langara: [Here](#).



PSI Events at Gladstone Past and Present



- **May 2025:** Advisors visited from Capilano University, SFU, BCIT, Langara and VCC
- **September-November 2025:** Advisor visits from Langara, SFU and BCIT and a Fieldtrip to VanTech's Canadian University Event
- **December 3rd 2025---**Fieldtrip to VanTech's PSBC Event—still 25 spots left, your child needs to sign up tonight if interested: [Post-Secondary BC Fair at VanTech December 3rd 1pm-3pm – Fill out form](#) AND see Ms. Boyd or Ms. Leconte-Pichon TOMORROW for a FieldTrip form, which are due Monday Dec 1st at the latest.

Plan for post-secondary		Start your search	Quick links →
Financial resources	Trades	My List	FAQ
Career exploration	Indigenous students		Resources
Parents & student supporters	International students	How to apply	Event calendar
Teachers & counsellors	French students	Start or continue an application	Glossary
			Health & wellness

SIGN IN

CREATE ACCOUNT

Plan

Search

Path

Apply

Help

Go to My List

KPU: Brewing Open House and Information Session

Fraser Valley Region

Learn more

In person

Anyone

University of British Columbia

Fri Nov 28 2025, 4:00 pm PT

UBC: Film Production

UBC Sauder: BCom Video Interview Tips and Tricks (Morning Session)

Vancouver Region

Learn more

Online

Students

University of Victoria

Sat Nov 29 2025, 10:00 am PT

UVic: Explore UVic

UBC Sauder: BCom Video Interview Tips and Tricks (Afternoon Session)

Vancouver Region

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Eduplanner BC

EVENTS and Other important parts of website

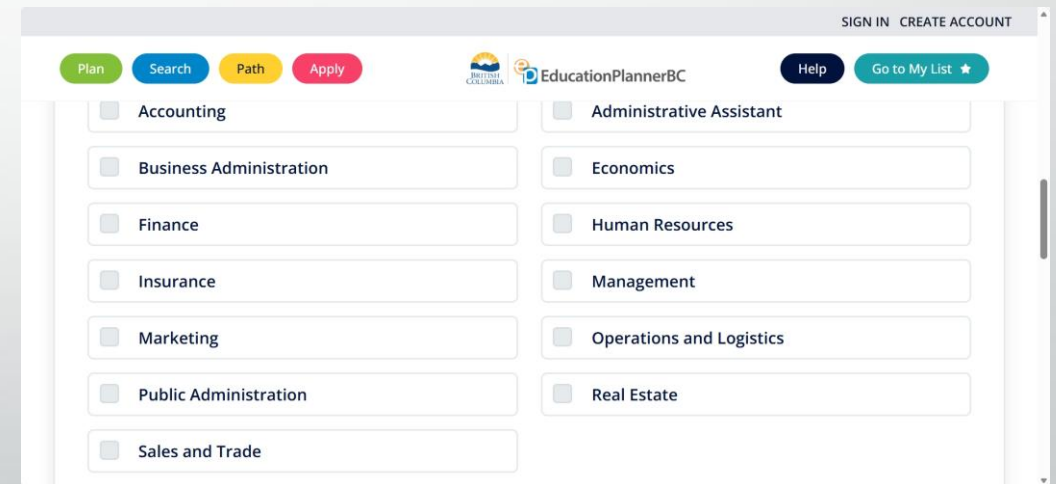
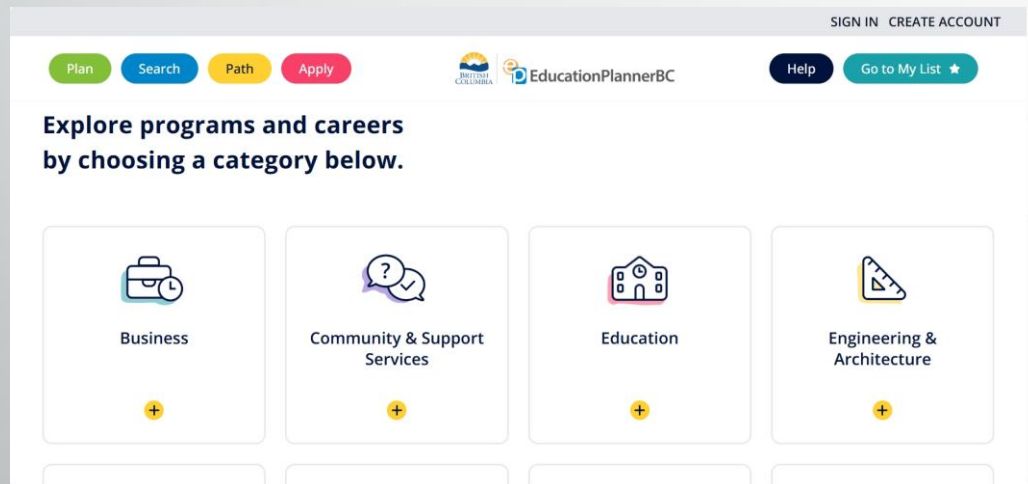
<https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/events>

<https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/events/>

Eduplanner BC

(Make an Account, Research, Events, Apply)

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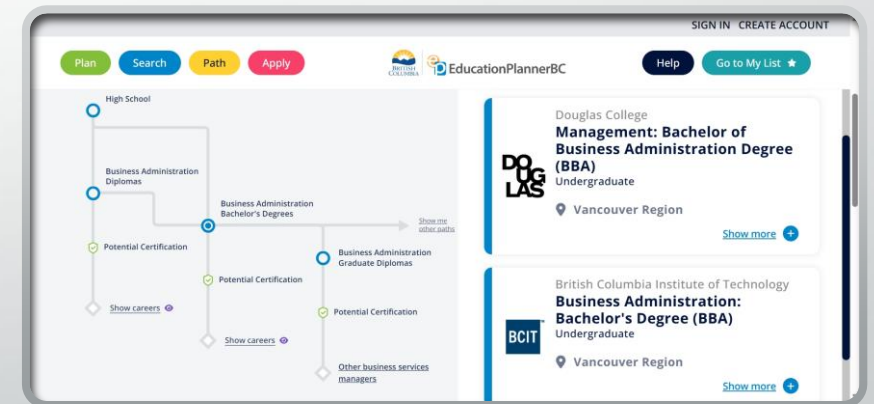
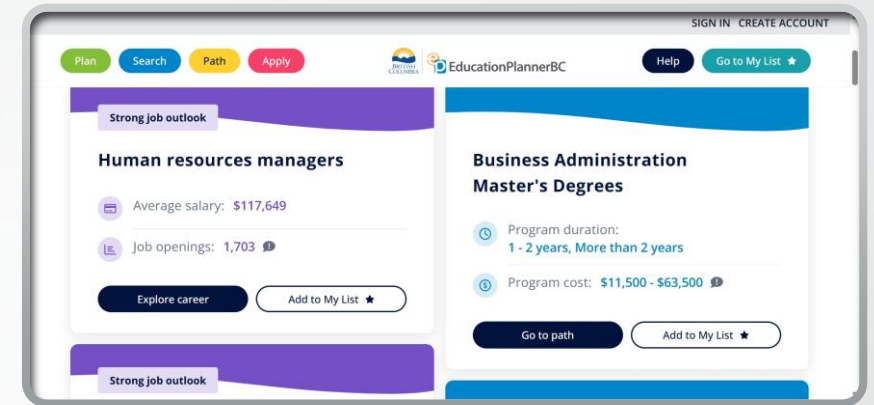


Eduplanner BC continued

Helps students better understand terminology

What types of programs they can apply to directly from high school:

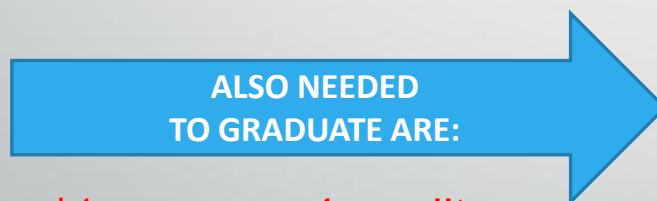
Can Apply direct:	Can't Apply directly:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate programs• Diploma programs• Bachelor/Undergraduate programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Post-Bac programs• Master or Graduate programs*• PHD or Doctorate programs



From here they can click and compare multiple program options and search the admission requirements of each program to better prepare for course selection in the Grade 11 and 12 school years

GRADUATION PROGRAM – REQUIRED COURSES

BLOCK	GRADE 10	GRADE 11	GRADE 12
1	English 10	English 11	English 12
2	Social Studies 10	Social Studies 11 or 12	8 credits of other Gr 12 courses
3	Science 10	Science 11 <u>or</u> 12 [Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science 11]	
4	Math 10	Math 11	
5	Physical Education 10		
6	CAREER LIFE EDUCATION + CAREER LIFE CONNECTION (includes CAPSTONE)		
7	One Grade 10, 11 or 12 (4 credits) Indigenous focused course		
8	One Grade 10, 11 or 12 course (4 credits) from Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills and Technologies		



***1 course = 4 credits**

FOR A TOTAL OF:	52 CREDITS*
ELECTIVE CREDITS (Note: 16 credits including English 12 MUST be in Gr. 12 level)	28 CREDITS
GRAND TOTAL (Credits needed to graduate)	80 CREDITS

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>

Numeracy and Literacy Exams



- These exams are a graduation requirement!
- You must attempt to write them!
- Scores are 1, 2, 3, 4 or RM (requirement met)
- UBC is looking to see a score of 3 or 4 on the Literacy 12 exam
- You are allowed to attempt these exams multiple times



English

English Requirements for PSI's

- Post-Secondaries rank **English Proficiency** as the most important thing when applying.
- Many PSI's and programs will have a cut-off grade for English 12/English First Peoples 12. Make sure you check yours under **program requirements**.
- If when you graduate, you will have spent **less than 3-5 years** in English speaking high schools, you will likely need to write an **English Placement Exam** (IELTS, TOEFL, etc.).
 - You will need to arrange registration and payment of this with either the post-secondary or one of the organizations that offer it in Vancouver.

Langara College English requirements

English Requirement Categories

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3
Must meet one of the English Language Requirements or Proficiency Assessments below.		
English Language Requirements		
English First Peoples 12		
English Studies 12	70%	
English Requirements +		
Langara English Course	grade in ENGL 1120	
English (Post-Secondary Transfer)	C-	

Open vs Limited Enrollment Programs

Open Enrollment:

Non-competitive Programs

- Meet the Minimum Entrance requirements
- Apply early enough (**important to apply early-spots fill up**)
- Get accepted
- **Examples of Open Enrollment Programs (not exhaustive):**

Langara:

Commerce and Business Diploma, Foundations in Health Studies*

BCIT- Business (Min 67% Math 11 and 67% English 12)*

- Graphics

Limited Enrollment:

Competitive Programs

- Accepted based of application criteria + competing against all other applicants applying to the program.
- e.g. If an application requirement states Precalc 12 (75%) this is the minimum grade needed to apply, but the acceptance average will probably be a lot higher depending on who else is applying.
- May be other application requirements students need to prepare (*Personal Profile, Resume, Interview, Audition, Portfolio*)
- Will be an application window within which students can apply (**e.g. October-January**)
- Earlier you apply, earlier you might receive Conditional acceptance
- Not as essential to apply early, applications will be continuously reviewed, don't rush these applications, submit your best efforts

***Note that some follow up programs to Open Enrollment options, such as a Nursing Degree or a Bachelor of Business will have competitive entry once students complete their 1-or-2-year open enrollment program**

Getting away from “University or bust”

UBC Vancouver Entering Program Averages for 2025

Degree Program Vancouver Campus	Mean Entering Average	Minimum Entering Average	Degree Program Vancouver Campus	Mean Entering Average	Minimum Entering Average
Pharmaceutical Sciences	95	89	Music	90	75
Engineering	97	95	International Economics	94	89
Commerce	95	85	Fine Arts	90	72
Kinesiology	94	85	Media Studies	91	71
Science	96	85	Design	95	91
Applied Biology	92	85	Arts	92	85
Food & Nutrition	91	85	Dental Hygiene	92	83
Urban Forestry	88	80	Indigenous Land Stewardship	82	74
Natural Resources	90	79	Food and Resource Economics	91	86

Mean entering ranges are approximate.

[Historical Admission Grade Ranges - Undergraduate Admission
- Simon Fraser University](#)

School vs Program Entrance requirements

- Each Post-Secondary has specific requirements for all students wanting to go to that school

For Example everyone applying to:

Capilano University needs English 12 and two other Grade 12 academics with 60% or higher

SFU needs English 12 and four other approved Grade 12 classes and minimum 60% in Precalc 11 or Foundations Math 11

- Beyond whole school entrance requirements, you need to search the **SPECIFIC** requirements for the program you are applying to

For example:

CapilanoU Music or Acting-----requires an audition for admission as well as the general whole school requirements

CapilanoU Science degree----- also requires Precalc 12 (C+), Chem 11, One Grade 12 science (C+ minimum)

Simon Fraser Beedie Business—also needs Precalc 12 to apply

Some BC School Entrance requirements (in brief)

- These are **not Program requirements**, always check both school and program requirements

Post-Secondary Institution	Whole School Entrance requirements
Capilano University	<i>English 12 option and two other Grade 12 academics with 60% or higher</i>
University of Victoria	English 12 option + 3 other Grade 12 academics Approved high school courses: BC and Yukon - Admissions - UVic
University of Northern BC	English 12 option + 3 other Grade 12 academics with 65% or better + one more Grade 12 elective course Undergraduate Admission Requirements UNBC
Kwantlen Polytech	English 12 option with a C+ or better or English up grading + specific faculty requirements Admission Categories < Kwantlen Polytechnic University Academic Catalog

SFU information & Updates

- SFU has changed their requirements, mostly to be more generalized in non-program requirements.
 - Need **60%** or better in a Math 11 class.
 - Need **70%** or better in English 11 or 12.
 - Now uses one single list of Grade 12 academics (example: No science or math 12 requirement anymore): [Approved courses - Undergraduate Admission - Simon Fraser University](#)
 - **5** Grade 12 **academics** are required.
 - More info [here](#).
- **What's Changing: BC High-school Admission**
- **Official grades only:** We will now use official interim grades via the BC Student Transcripts Service (STS) instead of self-reported grades.
 - Students will no longer be required to self-report their grades to SFU.
- Offers now being offered in November, December, and January means some students can get in based on Grade 11 marks only. But remember **that's conditional and marks must be kept up**.



UBC Information & Updates

- Starting September 2025, students studying at Canadian Curriculum Schools who apply to UBC will be evaluated in a **Continual Admissions Process**.
- Many of UBC's programs are competitive and have limited space, and not every student will receive an offer of admission after the first review of their application. In the event they cannot provide a decision upon first review, additional grade information with updated grades 12 course grades will be requested, and a subsequent review conducted. These reviews will typically take place in **March** and **April**.
- UBC has a great new tool for helping students see which student's professors find the most successful in their programs: [Degrees at a glance - UBC | Undergraduate Programs and Admissions](#)
- UBC now drops your lowest (non-program) course in their calculations if you have more than six Grade 12 academic + fine arts classes.
- Want more information on how they evaluate and the Personal Profile Questions? Check [here](#).
- You can also attend a Virtual Application Workshop where they walk through everything with admission advisors.

BCIT, VCC and Langara

	Information
BCIT	<p>Combination of Open Enrollment and Limited Enrollment Programs</p> <p>Need to check specific program Entrance Requirements</p> <p>Combination of shorter 1- to-2 year programs and some Bachelor programs</p> <p>Focus is on having their students be career ready upon completion of program</p> <p>Offers a lot of specialized study programs</p> <p>Five main areas of study: Applied + Natural Science, Health Sciences, Business and Media, Computing & IT, Engineering, Trades & Apprenticeships</p>
VCC	<p>One year University Transfer Programs</p> <p>Trades and Apprenticeship Trainings, Business, Hospitality, Health Care Certificates</p> <p>Upgrading and Programs for Youth who need a little bit of extra job or career training</p>
Langara	<p>Combination of Open Enrollment and Limited Enrollment Programs</p> <p>College Transfer Programs common</p> <p>A few full Bachelor degrees</p> <p>Faculties: Arts, Science, Business, Health, Humanities and Social Sciences</p>

Application timelines

- Most Post-Secondary Applications for the following September open around the **beginning of October of students Grade 12 year and have various closing dates:**

September 1st—University of Victoria

October 1st 2025—Langara, Douglas College, BCIT, VCC

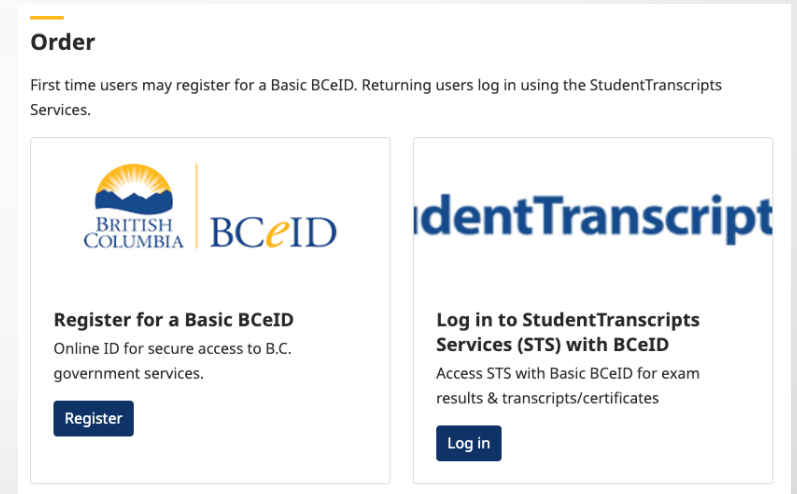
October 7th—Capilano University

How post-secondary timelines and grades interplay

- Your home school shares marks to the Ministry of Education. There are some set windows and some optional ones.
 - This matters especially for online classes that are with other schools and finish at odd times.
 - **Online classes need to show a midterm (50% completion) mark by March for most post-secondaries and a completed mark by June.**
 - **Students need to take the initiative to communicate with their online school providers and check to see if their online course marks have been uploaded to their Ministry transcripts**
 - You may be asked to share courses you're taking later, especially for PSIs outside of BC, by submitting your Grade 12 schedule
 - Universities have been clear... Semester systems **will NOT hurt** applications.
- Most BC PSIs now request ongoing access to your marks through the **Student Transcript Service** and check for mark updates around every two weeks.

Student Transcripts Service

- ALL students whether applying for a post-secondary school or not should make an account on the BC government's Student Transcripts BC site.
 - You'll need your **Personal Education Number** (PEN), which is in Myed and on any report card
 - Link to site [here](#).
- This site is the hub where students share their transcripts and course progress to post-secondaries across BC and Canada.



Some PSI will ask for a one-time transcript share. Many others will ask for ongoing access for one year, which includes midterm marks in November and April.

***Information in MyedBC needs to match the STS Government site!!
If your family has moved, Gladstone NEEDS you to come in and update your address***

Application Steps 101



Make an Eduplanner BC account (If you haven't already)

To be ready to apply for multiple post-secondary schools in BC starting October 2025

<https://apply.eduplannerbc.ca/>



Make your BCEID Account

Familiarize yourself with the **Student Transcript Service in BCEID** to be able to send your Ministry transcripts to the post-secondary schools ONCE you've already submitted your application through Eduplanner



[Order a High School Transcript or Certificate as a Current Student - Province of British Columbia](#)

After you apply

- You will receive an e-mail from the Post-Secondary Institution:
 - Including a student number
 - Receipt of your Application
 - Log in instructions for their Student Services system,
 - Where you will find application updates and next steps
 - Such as timeline to submit any supplemental parts to your application (Profile, Assessments, Interview..ect..)



Some major university Application timelines



UBC

- Rolling admission from November to April
- Early Admission & Scholarship Deadline: December 1st
- Admission Deadline: January 15th
- Helpful Link: <https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/dates-deadlines/>

SFU

- Opens Oct 1. Rolling admission from November to April
- Scholarship Deadline: December 15th
- Admission Deadline: January 31st
- Helpful Link: <https://www.sfu.ca/students/admission/apply/timeline-and-evaluation.html>

UVic

- Admission Deadline: January 31st
- Helpful Link: <https://www.uvic.ca/undergraduate/admissions/application-deadlines/index.php>

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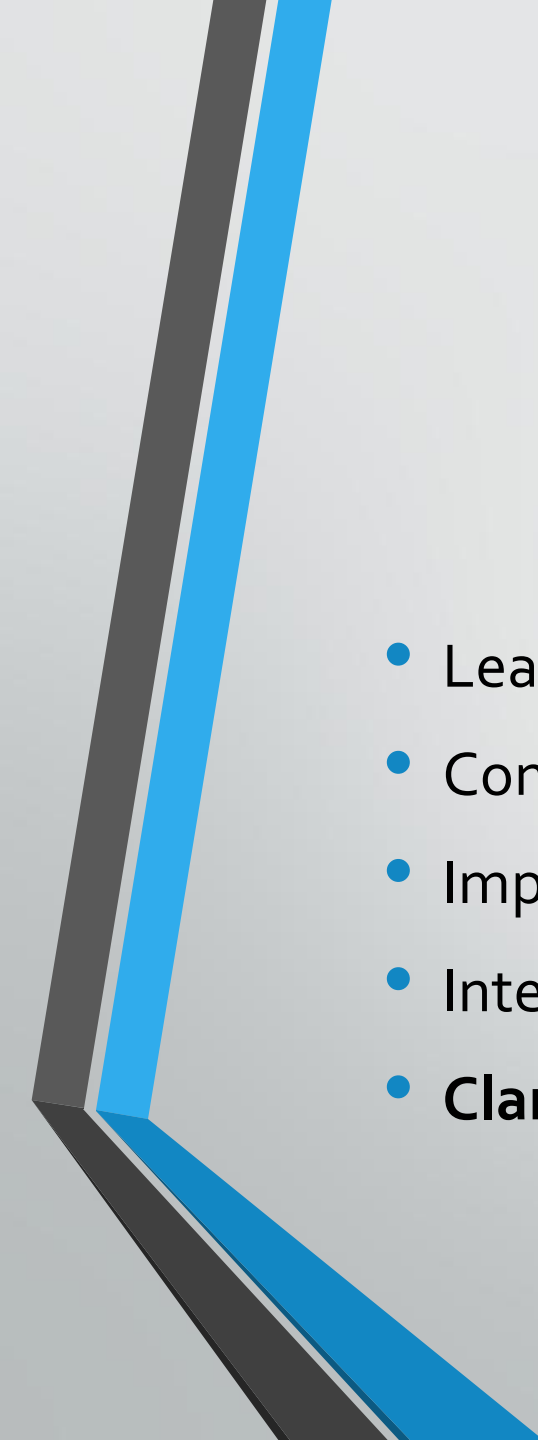
- Admission Deadline: January 15th
- Helpful Link: <https://future.utoronto.ca/deadlines>

McGill

- Admission Deadline: January 15th
- Helpful Link: <https://www.mcgill.ca/gradapplicants/how-apply/you-apply-mcgill/application-deadlines>



SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship Applications commonly look for:

- Leadership initiatives
- Contributing to your school community
- Impact in the community
- Intention to enroll in Post-Secondary education
- **Clarity of goals --Intentionality**

So, who should apply?

- **ALL OF YOU!**
- It's about finding the scholarships that are the right fit for you
- That fit **your circumstances, your strengths, your values and passions** and how you are turning them into action
- Through **volunteering, leadership or passion projects**
- But, don't apply for everything, be strategic, purposeful and realistic
- **YET, Don't sell yourself short by NOT applying**

Three Types of Scholarships

1. School level

- Applications for \$1250 'district scholarships' will be completed in March/April. The school also gives some Gladstone specific Scholarships and major awards at graduation. Decided by a Team of your Gladstone Teachers

2. Post-secondary level

- Many post-secondary institutions have scholarships for high grades, being of a marginalized community, and (sometimes) athletics.
- Check PSI site for scholarship info. Often have an earlier due date than general post-secondary application deadline.

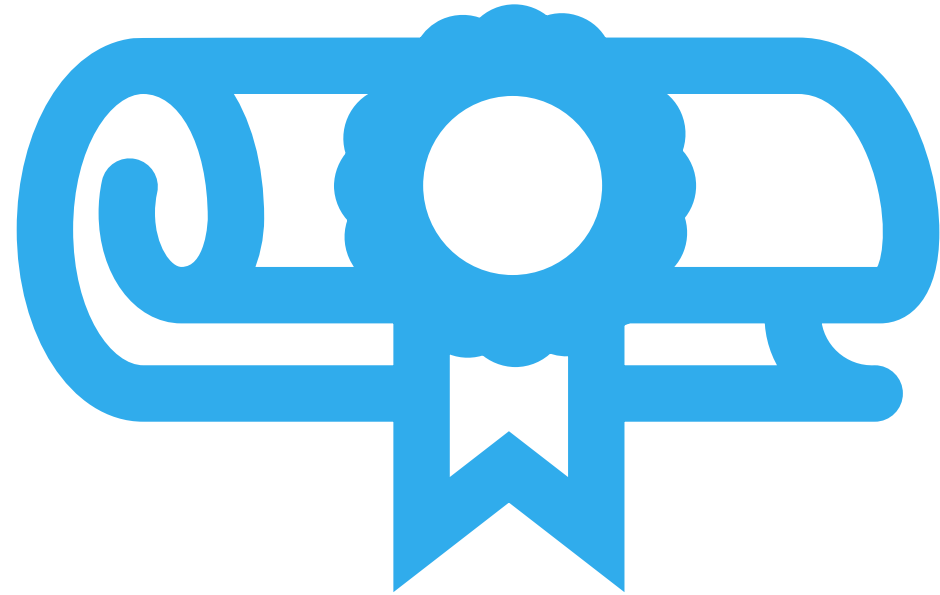
3. Private/Non-profit

- Students can pursue private scholarships on their own time.
- <https://www.bcscholarshipsociety.ca/resources/> and [Scholarships Made Simple | ScholarTree](#) are two places to start looking

Other places to search for scholarships

- Education Planner BC
- BC Scholarships (www.bcscholarships.ca)
- Scholarships Canada
- StudentAidBC
- Studentscholarships.org

**** Keep checking the Grade 12 Team Scholarship Channel – New scholarships and bursaries will be posted as I become aware of them! ****





HELPFUL TIPS

Some application Tips

- If you want to go to post-secondary, always apply for at least two schools, including a backup.
- Canadian post-secondaries institutions are considerably more equal than you would expect, particularly for undergraduate degrees.
- Recognize that a lot of colleges are first-come and **qualified**, first-served.
- Spread out your applications to avoid the stress of deadlines being similar.
- If you have an Individual Education Plan (IEP), it is highly suggested to reach out to post-secondary institution **Student Services**. You may be able to get accommodations in PSI.
- If you're thinking of a gap year, it's still worth applying and then deferring your offer. Deferring may impact some Scholarships though.
- All post-secondaries have ***academic advising services that you can use to get free help!***