

Public Universities in Canada

Degree-granting public universities in every province and Yukon, grouped by province, with their cities and teaching language. Use it to start your research, then check each program's own requirements.

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Public universities listed

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Provinces and territories

U15

Research universities marked in the list

What this list covers

Public universities that award Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Public colleges, polytechnics and theological schools are not listed. Distance-only universities are left out, because online study does not lead to a study permit. U15 marks Canada's leading research universities.

Before you shortlist

Check each university on IRCC's list of designated learning institutions (DLIs) and confirm its PGWP eligibility. French-language universities teach in French and ask for proof of French. Admission ranges, prerequisites and tuition differ by program, so read the program page before you apply.

University	City or cities	Teaching language	Notes
Alberta			
Alberta University of the Arts	Calgary	English	—
MacEwan University	Edmonton	English	—
Mount Royal University	Calgary	English	—
University of Alberta	Edmonton, Camrose, Calgary	Bilingual	U15
University of Calgary	Calgary, Edmonton	English	U15
University of Lethbridge	Lethbridge, Edmonton, Calgary	English	—
British Columbia			
Capilano University	North Vancouver	English	—
Emily Carr University of Art and Design	Vancouver	English	—
Kwantlen Polytechnic University	Richmond, Surrey, Langley, Cloverdale	English	—
Royal Roads University	Victoria	English	—
Simon Fraser University	Burnaby, Surrey, Vancouver	English	—

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Thompson Rivers University	Kamloops	English	—
University of British Columbia	Vancouver, Kelowna	English	U15
University of Northern British Columbia	Prince George	English	—
University of Victoria	Victoria	English	—
University of the Fraser Valley	Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission	English	—
Vancouver Island University	Nanaimo, Duncan, Parksville, Powell River	English	—
Manitoba			
Brandon University	Brandon	English	—
University College of the North	The Pas, Thompson	English	—
University of Manitoba	Winnipeg	Bilingual	U15
University of Winnipeg	Winnipeg	English	—
Université de Saint-Boniface	Winnipeg	French	—
New Brunswick			
Mount Allison University	Sackville	English	—
St. Thomas University	Fredericton	English	—
University of New Brunswick	Fredericton, Saint John	English	—
Université de Moncton	Moncton, Shippagan, Edmundston	French	—
Newfoundland and Labrador			
Memorial University of Newfoundland	St. John's, Corner Brook	English	—
Nova Scotia			
Acadia University	Wolfville	English	—
Cape Breton University	Sydney	English	—
Dalhousie University	Halifax, Truro	English	U15

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Mount Saint Vincent University	Halifax	English	—
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design University	Halifax	English	—
Saint Francis Xavier University	Antigonish	English	—
Saint Mary's University	Halifax	English	—
University of King's College	Halifax	English	—
Université Sainte-Anne	Pointe-de-l'Église	French	—
Ontario			
Algoma University	Sault Ste. Marie, Brampton	English	—
Brock University	St. Catharines, Hamilton	English	—
Carleton University	Ottawa	English	—
Lakehead University	Thunder Bay, Orillia	English	—
Laurentian University	Sudbury	Bilingual	—
McMaster University	Hamilton	English	U15
Nipissing University	North Bay, Brantford	English	—
OCAD University	Toronto	English	—
Ontario Tech University	Oshawa	English	—
Queen's University at Kingston	Kingston	English	U15
Toronto Metropolitan University	Toronto	English	—
Trent University	Peterborough, Oshawa	English	—
University of Guelph	Guelph, Toronto, Ridgetown	English	—
University of Ottawa	Ottawa	Bilingual	U15
University of Toronto	Toronto, Mississauga, Scarborough	English	U15
University of Waterloo	Waterloo, Cambridge, Kitchener, Stratford	English	U15

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University of Western Ontario	London	English	U15
University of Windsor	Windsor	English	—
Université de Hearst	Hearst, Timmins, Kapuskasing	French	—
Université de Sudbury	Sudbury	French	—
Université de l'Ontario français	Toronto	French	—
Wilfrid Laurier University	Waterloo, Brantford, Milton	English	—
York University	Toronto, Markham	English	—
Prince Edward Island			
University of Prince Edward Island	Charlottetown	English	—
Quebec			
Bishop's University	Sherbrooke	English	—
Concordia University	Montréal	English	—
Institut national de la recherche scientifique	Québec City, Montréal, Laval, Varennes	French	Master's and PhD only
McGill University	Montréal	English	U15
Université Laval	Québec City	French	U15
Université de Montréal	Montréal	French	U15
Université de Sherbrooke	Sherbrooke	French	—
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue	Rouyn-Noranda	French	—
Université du Québec en Outaouais	Gatineau, Saint-Jérôme	French	—
Université du Québec à Chicoutimi	Chicoutimi	French	—
Université du Québec à Montréal	Montréal	French	—
Université du Québec à Rimouski	Rimouski, Lévis	French	—
Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières	Trois-Rivières	French	—

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École de technologie supérieure	Montréal	French	—
École nationale d'administration publique	Québec City, Montréal and others	French	Master's and PhD only
Saskatchewan			
University of Regina	Regina	English	—
University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	English	U15
Yukon			
Yukon University	Whitehorse	English	—

Source: university names, provinces, cities and teaching language from the recognized public universities list for Canada, checked September 2026. Institutions change names and campuses; confirm details on each university's official website.
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