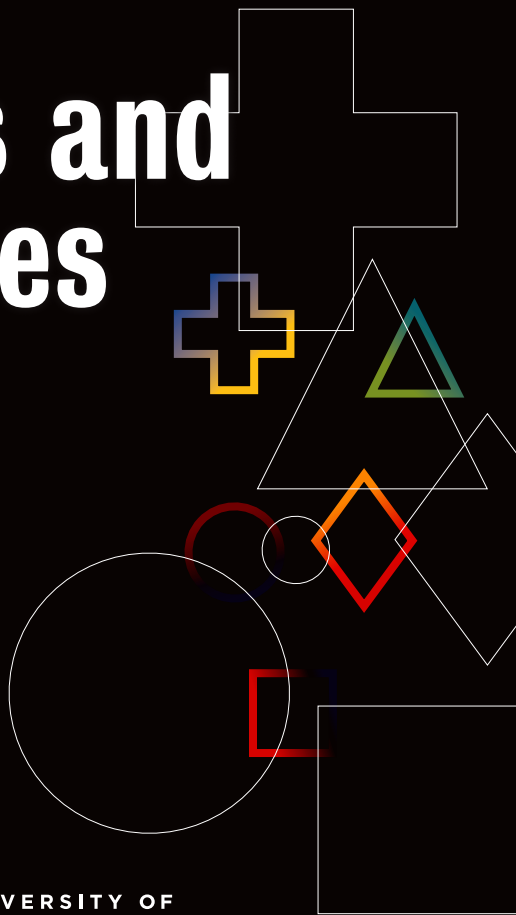


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Research that connects

Waterloo is at the forefront of research and innovation, committed to tackling humanity's most pressing challenges across our collective societal, health, sustainable, technological and economic futures.

Waterloo's creator-owned IP policy

empowers innovation – boosting entrepreneurship and economic growth

300+ global partnerships
with universities and research
institutions in 50+ countries





Global gamechangers

Waterloo blends academic excellence and real-world opportunities, empowering students to connect with a global network of alumni driving change across industries and communities.

Whether they're learning, solving complex challenges or building the next big thing, Waterloo is where bold ideas take shape.

At the University of Waterloo, we *think differently*, we *act with purpose*, and we *work together*.

253,000+ alumni
in 157 countries (2024)

5,000+ jobs
created by Velocity companies around the world

100+ global exchange programs in **30** countries

We are home to **GreenHouse**, a social impact incubator, and the **Grebel Peace Incubator**, fostering innovative peace practices

Where there's a challenge, Waterloo is on it.

To make the greatest impact, Waterloo is developing future-focused solutions – built on boundary-breaking research, experiential education and entrepreneurship – that innovate for real-world change.

At Waterloo, we tackle global challenges with bold ideas and solution-driven action, shaping a future defined by health, sustainability, technology, society and the economy. These pillars of our Global Futures drive the interdisciplinary innovation that sets Waterloo apart.



Top 1%

of universities in the world (Center for World University Rankings 2024)

#1 comprehensive research university

in Canada for the past 17 years (Research Infosource)

#1 university for founders in Canada

and #21 globally (Pitchbook 2024)

Defining entrepreneurship

Waterloo is Canada's top university for entrepreneurship.

Whether for students committed to creating new ideas, early-stage inventors or creators of a commercial venture about to take the world by storm, Waterloo offers the right support at each stage of the journey.



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The Innovation Arena, located in Kitchener's innovation district, connects businesses, founders and community partners with researchers and entrepreneurs to tackle challenges on local, national and global scales.

Waterloo supports entrepreneurship with **45+ programs**

Velocity is Canada's most successful incubator, supporting the launch of **400+ companies** and collectively creating **\$35B** in enterprise value

#2 in Canada

for producing women founders, showcasing our leadership in fostering inclusive entrepreneurship (Pitchbook 2024)

Waterloo, in Canada's largest tech cluster, the Toronto-Waterloo Corridor, is the **#1 startup, cleantech and fintech ecosystem** (Startup Genome 2024)



Scan to explore entrepreneurship at Waterloo

The co-op advantage

Learning beyond the classroom in more than 120 co-op programs.

At Waterloo, students experience work-integrated learning in the world's largest co-operative education program at a research-intensive university. Waterloo's co-op program shapes students and entrepreneurs by exposing them to cutting-edge technologies and fostering innovation that drives venture creation.

8,000+ active co-op employers from **70+** countries

\$15K+ average student earnings for a co-op student work term (2024)

Co-op students graduate with up to **2 years of paid work experience**

94% of Waterloo co-op grads secure skill-related jobs within six months of graduation



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Student experience

Academic excellence meets an unparalleled student experience, creating a vibrant and supportive environment where learning extends beyond the classroom.

A hub for fun and connection: 1,200+ annual events, 200+ student clubs, student-led competitions and hackathons and 36 varsity teams

Stay active: Campus life offers intramural sports, an indoor rock climbing wall, group fitness classes, esports and virtual programming

Waterloo offers first-year and transfer students a 100% residence guarantee – close to classes, amenities, dining and personal or academic support.

Learn and lead: Waterloo leads in experiential learning, entrepreneurship and research with 41,000 students (fall 2024)

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