Congratulations and welcome to the University of Waterloo!

Your hard work, determination, and commitment to excellence have earned you a place at Canada’s innovation university.

By now, you’ve checked your Quest account and received the exciting news that you’re in! Next, comes decision time. This book provides the next 5 steps on your journey to becoming a Waterloo student. If you need more detailed information on any of these steps, check out the extended checklist at the link below. See you in September!

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Step 1 — Update Your Status

We made our move. Now, it’s your turn. You must formally accept your Offer of Admission by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 1, 2018.

Accept your offer and meet any conditions

› To accept your offer, go to www.ouac.on.ca. You’ll need your OUAC reference number and password to log in and see your offer(s).

› Once you submit your acceptance, OUAC will provide you with a confirmation number for your records.

› Don’t forget to carefully review the conditions of your offer and submit any required documents, test scores, or transcripts listed on your Offer of Admission by the deadline provided.

› If you’re neither a Canadian citizen nor Permanent Resident of Canada, a valid post-secondary study permit is required. See page 12 for details.
Where to live, that’s your next decision. In our opinion, living in residence is the best way to immerse yourself in campus life. You’ll make friends quickly, be the first to hear about student events, and have 24-hour access to staff support.

Choose where you’ll live

APPLYING TO RESIDENCE

› Find your fit! Research our residences and Living-Learning Communities, and decide which ones best suit your budget and personality.

› Submit your Residence Community Ranking Form* and $500 non-refundable deposit** by 11:59 pm EDT on June 1, 2018. If you do, your place in residence is guaranteed!

› Look for an email in June with important follow-up information and your community placement.

*Conrad Grebel University College is an on-campus residence option that is not part of the first-year residence guarantee and is not listed on the Residence Community Ranking Form.

**Conrad Grebel University College and St. Paul’s University College have different due dates and payment processes for their residence fees.
FINDING ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS

**LIVING OFF-CAMPUS**
Waterloo’s Off-Campus Housing team can provide you with free support, and verified rental listings. They can also help you find accommodations for out-of-town co-op work terms.

**ARCHITECTURE HOUSING**
If you’ve been accepted to Architectural Studies, we recommend living close to the School of Architecture in Cambridge, Ontario. The Waterloo Housing team can help you find suitable accommodations.
There are things you can do before September to set yourself up for personal and academic success. First, acquaint yourself with the people and resources that are available to help you, then consider setting goals for each term and school year.

Prepare to succeed

**REGISTER FOR (OR REVIEW) YOUR FALL COURSES**
While some programs have predetermined fall courses, others have room for electives. All courses offered in fall 2018 will be available on Quest by July 2018. Watch for an email with program-specific instructions.

**CONNECT WITH YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR**
They’ll help you choose courses based on your academic goals and answer your questions about transfer credit.

**REGISTER WITH ACCESSABILITY SERVICES**
If you have a physical, sensory, medical, psychological, or learning disability and require academic or residence assistance, register with our AccessAbility Services team to confidentially request accommodations.
PREPARE FOR CO-OP
(CO-OP STUDENTS ONLY)

In some programs, co-op starts in first year! To prepare, use the next few months to gain relevant experience (volunteer or paid) and remember to pack interview clothes. Once you’re on campus, be sure to connect with your Career Advisor to get ready for your first work term.

CONSIDER EXPANDING YOUR EXPERIENCE

If your goals include international travel or specialized training programs, you’ll want to explore your options early as they may influence your course selection:

› EDGE Experiential Education Certificate
› Global Experience Certificate
› Student Leadership Program
STEP 4 — MONEY MATTERS

It’s time to start saving. Your personalized fee statement will be available on Quest in late July and all tuition and fees are due in late August 2018.

Pay your tuition and fees

Even if you plan to make changes to your courses, residence, meal plan, or program after the deadline, you must pay the fees charged to your student account by the due date listed on Quest.

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

› Any scholarships or bursaries you receive will be available for you to see on Quest as soon as the decisions are made, beginning in early May.

› For information on Conrad Grebel, Renison, St. Paul’s, or St. Jerome’s scholarships, contact the University College directly.
GOVERNMENT AID

FOR ONTARIO STUDENTS
We recommend applying for financial aid through the Ontario Student Assistance Program at osap.gov.on.ca.

FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE ONTARIO
Contact the appropriate government student aid agency in your province or country directly for funding information and deadlines.

REGISTERED EDUCATION SAVINGS PLANS (RESP)
› If you have an RESP, fill out our form to request your proof of enrolment from the Registrar’s Office. You can find the form at uwaterloo.ca/future/proof. They’ll complete and submit documents once you’ve been enrolled into your fall courses in mid-July. There is a $10 fee for each form.
Let the world know you’re in! Your folder would look great in a picture, don’t you think? Gear up with your black and gold, and post a picture on Instagram using #HelloWarrior for a chance to win a $500 Retail Services gift card – that’s a lot of money towards books or school supplies!

**Share your excitement**

**ATTEND YOU @ WATERLOO DAY (MAY 26, 2018)**
This exclusive event is all about you! Come celebrate your acceptance and tour the residences with other future Warriors. While you’re here, why not visit the Waterloo Store to pick up some Warrior gear? After all, you’re in!

**ATTEND YOUR FACULTY’S 101 DAY (SUMMER 2018)**
Don’t forget to register for these faculty-specific introduction days. You’ll gain helpful study tips, meet current students and professors, learn more about co-op, and find your way to class before the semester begins. Similar programming will be offered for International students at Orientation.

**ATTEND ORIENTATION (SEPTEMBER 3, 2018)**
Join in on campus-wide activities, faculty-specific events, and customized sessions for International and out-of-province students as we officially welcome you into the Waterloo family.
DETAILS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

STUDY AND CO-OP WORK PERMITS

A study permit for post-secondary school is required to study at Waterloo. A high school study permit does not authorize university studies. Co-op students also need a co-op work permit. Use the Letter of Acceptance on your Quest account to apply for both permits at the same time.

To obtain a study permit you must apply through a Canadian visa office, or visa application centre in your home country. Visit the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website for details, forms, and timelines.

Documents required for your study permit application will include:
- Letter of Acceptance from the University of Waterloo
- Proof of sufficient funds
- Passport
- Photos meeting IRCC specifications

Other supporting documents may be required, including:
- Proof of medical examination
- Police certificate
- Custodianship declaration (Neither the University of Waterloo nor the Canadian government can assign a custodian to you.)
- Proof of tuition payment (Some countries require proof that you’ve paid your tuition fees.)
- Country-specific documents

The International Student Guide can help you prepare for your trip to Canada and help you adjust to life at Waterloo.
BONUS TIPS

We want to reward you for making it through this book with a few friendly tips from current students. There are plenty more where these came from!

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› Your Waterloo ID is listed on your official Offer of Admission. Write it down and keep it in a safe place. Better yet: memorize it!

› Ordering your books from the online Waterloo Bookstore will save you standing in long lines at the beginning of a new term.

› Keep your WatCard safe! It’s your meal plan card, library card, exam ID, and bus pass. You can get yours at the WatCard Office located in the Student Life Centre on campus.

› When you arrive on campus, download the Portal app. It’s great to have your class schedule, transit routes, campus map, and so much more right on your phone.

› Canadian geese are part of the Waterloo experience. Give them their space and snap a classic goose selfie.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Office of the Registrar – Admissions
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Student Awards and Financial Aid
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