

You + Waterloo

Black student community
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Build community, find belonging

There's a vibrant community waiting to welcome, support, and grow with you at Waterloo. Whether you're looking to make new friends, celebrate cultures, or simply find people who understand your experience, you'll find your place here.

"The Black community on campus is vibrant, diverse, and strong in community spirit – it can feel intimidating at first, but there are countless ways to connect with students who share your background, support you, and make you feel at home."

Tochi (she/her), Fort McMurray, Alberta, Mechatronics Engineering

Find your community

We have hundreds of clubs to help you find your people – including Black-led clubs where you can connect, get involved, and feel at home.

- › University of Waterloo Black Association for Student Expression (UW BASE)
- › Association of Caribbean Students
- › Racial Advocacy for Inclusion, Solidarity, and Equity (RAISE)
- › African Student Association
- › National Society of Black Engineers

Scholarships available

Waterloo offers over 25 scholarships ranging from \$1,200-\$40,000 for incoming Black* students.

*For the purpose of these awards, Black may include African, Afro-Caribbean, Black Canadian, Afro-Latine, African American, Afro-Indigenous, or other African descent.





Supporting your success

Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Anti-Racism (EDI-R)	EDI-R advances equity across campus through policies, practices, and programs.
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Black Collective	This group of Black professors, staff, and students is committed to supporting the well-being and success of all Black students.
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President's Anti-racism Taskforce (PART)	PART works to amplify the voices of Black, First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and other Peoples of Colour and address racism.
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Black Studies at Waterloo

Enhance your degree with courses in Black Studies – no matter your program.

Diploma in Black Studies	Gain an in-depth understanding of why Black Studies are needed and learn more about Black culture, life, literature, and society.
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Diploma in Fundamentals of Anti-Racist Communication	Dig deep into how racism affects language, behaviour, institutions, conversations, and policies. Plus, learn how to combat racism and communicate with sensitivity in everyday life. 
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Get in touch

No matter your question – from programs to student life – we’re here to support you.

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The pattern on this brochure is inspired by kente – a vibrant Ghanaian textile symbolizing history, identity, and status. Each colour holds meaning: yellow for royalty, black for spiritual strength, orange for physical strength, green for growth, and red for sacrifice. Worn during ceremonies, kente celebrates African heritage, unity, and artistry and remains a symbol of pride across the African diaspora.



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