WHERE THERE’S A CHALLENGE, WATERLOO IS ON IT.

At Waterloo, we’re known to turn global issues into global innovation.

That’s because our researchers, students, alumni and founders share a solution-driven spirit, and they deliver on it. It’s that spirit that makes us unique. It’s what makes us Waterloo.
WHERE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY MEET

#1 MOST INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITY IN CANADA
(Maclean’s 2023)

EST. 1957
with engineering and co-operative education as cornerstones

#1
for graduate employment rate in Canada
(QS Graduate Employability Rankings 2022)

CREATOR-OWNED INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY

42,000
full- and part-time students in undergraduate and graduate programs (Fall 2022)
THE CO-OP ADVANTAGE

Learning beyond the classroom. At Waterloo, students experience work-integrated learning in Canada’s leading co-operative education program.

$284M
reported earnings by Waterloo co-op students (2021/22)

26,000+ CO-OP STUDENTS
full-time, undergraduate enrolled (Fall 2022)

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7,500+ EMPLOYERS
from more than 60 countries actively recruit Waterloo co-op students

CANADA’S LARGEST CO-OP PROGRAM
more co-op students than the next five largest Canadian post-secondary co-op programs combined (2019)
Waterloo is a leader in research and innovation. We are home to research centres and institutes that support and advance the frontiers of knowledge, including the Institute for Quantum Computing and the Waterloo Artificial Intelligence Institute.

#1 comprehensive research university in Canada for the past 15 years (Research Infosource)

$231M in research funding from public and private sources (2021/22)

Home to Nobel Laureate Dr. Donna Strickland, Physics and Astronomy

2 CANADA 150 RESEARCH CHAIRS

25+ UNIVERSITY- AND SENATE-APPROVED RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

#1 IN CANADA FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE (Maclean’s 2023)
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
DRIVING INNOVATION

Waterloo is Canada’s top university for entrepreneurship. Waterloo students, faculty, alumni and staff have founded more than 1,000 ventures. These ventures have created thousands of jobs, finding solutions to some of the world’s most complex problems.

WATERLOO’S FLAGSHIP VELOCITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM

Velocity founders have raised more than $26B USD in enterprise value

5,000+ jobs created by Velocity alumni companies

#1 IN CANADA FOR ENTREPRENEURS
(PitchBook 2022)

Home to Conrad School of Entrepreneurship and Business and the GreenHouse social impact incubator

INNOVATION.UWATERLOO.CA
SCHOLARSHIP FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

We are committed to addressing the deep structural challenges to equity in higher education and in society. We are leading research in sustainability and environmental stewardship.

TOP 10 IN THE WORLD FOR ENDING POVERTY AND HUNGER

(Times Higher Education Impact Ranking 2022)

Home to the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics and the Water Institute

More than 360 researchers and 680 courses exploring UN sustainable development goals

INDIGENOUS COMMITMENT CEREMONY IN 2022 SET WATERLOO ON PATH TO RECONCILIATION AND DECOLONIZATION

LAUNCHED BLACK STUDIES DIPLOMA PROGRAM
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

Waterloo’s community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors and partners understand that shared success make us all stronger. Our University community is global and connected.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH 300+ UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS in more than 50 countries

100+ STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS in more than 30 countries

21% undergraduate and 40% graduate students are international (2021/22)

238,000+ ALUMNI in 153 countries (2022)
STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Building academic success starts in the classroom but doesn’t end there. Waterloo nurtures community, contributing to a positive and successful student experience.

100+ STUDENT SUPPORT AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

2,500+ fitness classes each year and 32 varsity teams

1,200+ festivals and events each year

65,000 square foot Field House with recreation facilities

GLOW CENTRE FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY – OLDEST RUNNING QUEER AND TRANS STUDENT ORGANIZATION IN CANADA