WHERE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY MEET

The University of Waterloo is a leading global research-intensive university renowned for entrepreneurship and innovation and for providing co-op and work-integrated learning at scale with impact. Our researchers, students and alumni share a solution-driven spirit, and they deliver on it. It’s that spirit that makes us unique. It’s what makes us Waterloo.

#1 UNIVERSITY FOR FOUNDERS IN CANADA and #21 globally (Pitchbook 2023)

#1 IN CANADA FOR HANDS-ON EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (Macleans Student Voices Survey 2022)

#1 COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY (Research Infosource 2023)
CANADA’S TOP UNIVERSITY FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Waterloo is home to Velocity – Canada’s most productive incubator. Waterloo companies have created thousands of jobs, solving some of the world’s most complex problems.

400+ Velocity companies and collectively creating $26B+ USD in enterprise value

511 Waterloo founders have raised $17B USD (Pitchbook 2023)

WATERLOO-TORONTO CORRIDOR
“is the largest tech cluster in North America outside of Silicon Valley. Bigger than Boston, New York or Seattle.” (Startup Genome)

COMING SOON
Waterloo’s Innovation Arena will connect industry and researchers to address global challenges with transformative technologies and solutions.
THE CO-OP ADVANTAGE

Preparing students for the future of work. Waterloo has the largest co-op program at a research-intensive university in the world. More than 70 per cent of our students gain up to two years of employment experience during their studies.

$315M reported earnings by Waterloo co-op students (2022/23)

120+ programs offering co-op

8,000+ active co-op employers in 60+ countries

26,000+ co-op students full-time, undergraduate enrolled (2023)
Waterloo’s research excellence is infused with innovative problem-solving. 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.

3 CANADA EXCELLENCE RESEARCH CHAIRS

2 CANADA 150 RESEARCH CHAIRS

71 CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

$249M in research funding from public and private sources (2022/23)

Partnerships with 240+ UNIVERSITIES and research institutions in 40+ COUNTRIES

HOME TO NOBEL LAUREATE DR. DONNA STRICKLAND, PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY
Social Impact Begins with Our Community

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

246,000+ Alumni in 158 countries (2024)

$42.2M raised from donors (2022/23)

Committed to Carbon Neutrality by 2050 and to enhance the energy efficiency of our campus

Home to Greenhouse—A social impact incubator for students and community members, and the Waterloo Institute for Social Innovation and Resilience

Full Tuition Waiver to all qualifying students from two First Nations communities on whose traditional territory the University is situated.
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.

42,000 full and part-time students (Fall 2023)

36,000+ participants registered in 150 recreation and wellness programs (2023)

200+ student clubs, pitch competitions and hackathons

100+ student exchange programs in 30 countries

GLOW CENTRE FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER DIVERSITY

founded in 1971, Glow stands as the longest-running queer and trans student organization in Canada
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