

# FACTS AND FIGURES 2024

UNIVERSITY OF  
WATERLOO



# 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 that spirit that makes us Waterloo.



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**#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.

## WATERLOO-TORONTO CORRIDOR

"is the largest tech cluster in North America outside of Silicon Valley. Bigger than Boston, New York or Seattle." (Startup Genome)

**400+** Velocity companies  
and collectively creating

**\$26B+**

USD in enterprise value

**511** Waterloo  
founders have raised

**\$17B**

USD (Pitchbook 2023)



## COMING SOON

Waterloo's Innovation Arena will connect industry and researchers to address global challenges with transformative technologies and solutions.



**8,000+**

active co-op  
employers in  
60+ countries

# 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.

**120+**  
**PROGRAMS**  
**OFFERING**  
**CO-OP**

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**26,000+**  
**co-op students**  
full-time,  
undergraduate  
enrolled (2023)

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

**3 CANADA  
EXCELLENCE  
RESEARCH  
CHAIRS**

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**2 CANADA  
150 RESEARCH  
CHAIRS**

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**71 CANADA  
RESEARCH  
CHAIRS**

# RESEARCH THAT'S CONNECTED

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.

**\$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.

## COMMITTED TO CARBON NEUTRALITY

by 2050 and to enhance the energy efficiency of our campus

## 246,000+ ALUMNI

in 158 countries (2024)

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**\$42.2M** raised from donors (2022/23)

## 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)

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**36,000+**

participants registered  
in 150 recreation and  
wellness programs (2023)

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**200+**

student clubs,  
pitch competitions  
and hackathons

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**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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AND ENTREPRENEURS, INSPIRING INNOVATION AND  
OPTIMISM FOR OUR GLOBAL FUTURE:

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