# Undergraduate – Lakehead University

## About

Lakehead University is no ordinary place. From the moment you step foot onto our Thunder Bay or Orillia campus, you join our community of more than 9,000 undergraduate and graduate students. When you become a Lakehead student, you become a member of a diverse and dynamic community that will support you from the time you arrive through to graduation.

Our highly acclaimed, award-winning faculty will challenge you on how to think, not what to think.

Through hands-on learning opportunities, we offer individual academic experiences that expand beyond the classroom and into our local communities, labs, the workplace and locations all over the world. It is no wonder that 97.4% of Lakehead grads are employed within 2 years of graduation.

As one of Ontario’s top 3 Undergraduate Universities (2024 *Maclean’s*), Lakehead is a fully comprehensive university with more than 65 programs to choose from.

### Our Campuses

Our [**Thunder Bay Campus**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/thunder-bay-campus) is home to more than 6,750 students and is situated in the heart of the city of Thunder Bay. Surrounded by green space and clear blue waters with academic buildings located on more than 100 hectares of land, Lakehead Thunder Bay provides a true campus feel.

Our young and growing [**Orillia Campus**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/orillia-campus) is home to more than 1,990 students. With state-of-the-art classrooms, computer labs and study spaces, our Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certified campus is the perfect location to live and learn.

## Programs

[Browse Programs](https://www.ouac.on.ca/apply/undergraduate/en_CA/profile/current-status)

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Enrich your education both inside and outside the classroom by taking your expertise into our local communities, the lab, the workplace or even around the world. Gain practical, hands-on experience through a variety of experiential learning opportunities available across all our undergraduate programs:

* [**Co-op work term**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/career-development/students-alumni/co-op-for-students)
* Field placements
* [**International exchange**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/international/globalme)
* Internships

## Key Dates

### Admission Points

We have year-round admission and will accept applications for studies beginning in September, January, May and July for most programs.

### Deadlines

[Complete List of Application Deadlines](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/application-deadlines)

## Admission Requirements

### Group A Admission Requirements

If you meet the [**Group A applicant criteria**](https://www.ouac.on.ca/guide/undergrad-guide/#groups), refer to our [**admission requirements for Group A applicants**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/ontario-high-school-student).

### Group B Admission Requirements

#### Canadian High School Students From Outside of Ontario

If you are attending or have recently graduated from a high school in a Canadian province outside of Ontario, and have not completed any postsecondary studies at another institution, refer to our [**admission requirements for high school students from outside of Ontario**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/non-ontario-high-school-student).

#### Home-schooled Applicants

Home-schooled students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents (landed immigrants) are welcome to apply. Refer to our [**admission requirements for home-schooled applicants**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/home-schooled-student).

#### International Applicants

Lakehead University is home to more than 1,900 international students, representing more than 82 distinct countries around the world.

[Country-specific Admission Requirements](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/international-student/admission-requirements-by-country)

[Additional Resources for International Applicants](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/international)

#### Pathways and Transfer Students

It is easy to transfer to Lakehead. Our pathway agreements and general transfer policies are designed to maximize your credits from your current or previous studies at either college or university – or even both.

Transfer credits will vary depending on whether you have been admitted through a specific pathway or through our general transfer agreements.

[More About our College Transfer Pathway Programs](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/college-transfer-student)

[More About Transfer Credits and Advanced Standing](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/university-transfer-student)

#### Mature Students

If you do not meet the general admission requirements and are a Canadian citizen or permanent resident (landed immigrant) of Canada, you may be considered for admission as a mature student.

We can consider your application if you have not been engaged in full-time studies for at least 2 years, have completed less than 1 year at a community college and have never attended a university.

[Admission Requirements for Mature Students](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/mature-student)

### Other Admission Requirements

#### Indigenous Access Programs

We are the university of choice for First Nations, Inuit and Métis students. To ease the transition to university-level studies, we are proud to offer 3 access programs that provide transition pathways to many undergraduate degree programs in an academically, socially and culturally supportive environment.

These preparatory programs are a unique blend of courses that assist Indigenous students with maintaining their heritage while furthering their education. Programs include:

* Indigenous Transition Year Program
* Indigenous STEM Access Program
* Indigenous Nurses Entry Program

[More Indigenous Access Programs](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/other-programs/access-programs)

#### International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP)

[IB Admission Requirements](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/admission-requirements-application-details-for-international-baccalaureate-students)

[AP Admission Requirements](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/general-admission-requirements/ontario-high-school-student/advanced-placement)

## Supporting Documents

### Transcripts

You are responsible for sending Lakehead University copies of your official transcripts from all secondary (i.e., high school) and postsecondary institutions that you have attended and are currently attending.

[More About Transcript Requirements and Submission Options](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/official-transcripts)

### Language Requirements

If English is not your first language, you have the option to meet our [**English-language proficiency requirements**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/english-language-proficiency-requirements) by verifying that you have recently studied in an English-language school system for a designated number of years or through the submission of an English-language proficiency test score.

If your English-language proficiency test scores fall below the minimum required scores, we may consider you for admission through the [**Lakehead Academic English Program**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/international/english-language-centre/aep).

### Supplemental Documents

Some programs may require supplementary documentation for admission consideration.

Your application will not be considered until documentation, as requested, has been provided.

[Supplementary Forms](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/forms)

[Application Package for Social Work](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/programs/departments/social-work/hbsw/hsbw-forms)

## Scholarships, Bursaries and Financial Aid

We are committed to helping you fund your university education. We provide more than $11 million in scholarships and awards to our students annually, including the:

* Lakehead University Renewable Academic Entrance Scholarships
* Lakehead University Presidential Scholarships
* Destination Lakehead Bursary
* Lakehead University Transfer & Mature Student Bursary & Award

[More About Scholarships and Awards](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/financing-budgeting/entrance-scholarships-for-future-new-students)

## Offers of Admission

### Offers for Group A Applicants

If you are a Group A applicant, you can expect admission offers in rounds based on when your school releases your grades to us. The timeframes include:

* December – early round (normally based on Grade 11 marks)
* March – first round (normally based on Grade 12 first-term final marks)
* May – second round (normally based on Grade 12 first-term final marks and second-term midterm marks)
* July – final round (normally based on Grade 12 first-term and second-term final marks)

### Offers for Applicants to Limited Enrollment Programs

If you apply to a limited enrollment program, offers of admission begin in March and extend throughout the spring. Limited enrollment programs include:

* Post Diploma Engineering
* Nursing
* One-Year and Year Three Honours Bachelor of Social Work

### Offers for All Other Applicants

Depending on space availability, we will continue to accept applications and extend offers to qualified applicants until the start of the new academic term.

Generally, we extend offers of admission on a rolling basis to qualified applicants who have completed an application and submitted**all** supporting documentation.

You can expect an admission decision within **4 to 6 weeks** of submitting a complete application.

[More About Admission Decision Timelines](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral/applying/admission-decision-timelines#:~:text=Generally%2C%20Lakehead%20extends%20Offers%20of,of%20submitting%20a%20complete%20application.)

## Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services coordinates services and facilitates academic accommodations for students with disabilities and/or medical conditions.

We collaborate with students, staff and faculty to develop strategies for successful learning experiences, while maintaining academic standards. We offer a supportive atmosphere and deliver our services in a respectful, confidential manner.

[More About Student Accessibility Services](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-services/accessibility)

## Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Under the purview of our Office of Human Rights & Equity, our vision to be a university that is plural and diverse in its content, structures and people is guided by our mission to institutionalize equitable and inclusive principles and practices to realize a university where diversity thrives.

[Our Commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/presidents-office/edi)

## Residence

We guarantee a space in residence to all high school students who receive an offer of admission and who have met the residence application requirements by no later than June 2, 2025.

Otherwise, housing registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until residence facilities reach capacity. Register early to secure your housing preference.

[More About Residence at the Thunder Bay Campus](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/residence/tb)

[More About Residence at the Orillia Campus](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/residence/or)

## Campus Tours and Events

A campus tour of either our Thunder Bay or Orillia campus is the best way for you to discover that Lakehead is where you belong.

Not able to make it in person? Check out our campuses virtually – walk around our pathways and learn all about our student support services, faculties, labs, classrooms, residence and more. Tours are available throughout the week.

[Register for an In-person Tour or Take a Virtual Tour](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/admissions/campus-tours)

## Contact

[**Lakehead University**](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/)

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Thunder Bay ON  P7B 5E1

**Orillia Campus:**  
500 University Avenue  
Orillia ON  L3V 0B9

Recruitment – Prospect Inquiries, Campus Tours  
Telephone: 807-343-8010, ext. 7856 (Thunder Bay Campus)  
Telephone: 705-330-4010, ext. 2150 (Orillia Campus)  
Email: [**recruit@lakeheadu.ca**](mailto:recruit@lakeheadu.ca)

Student Central (Admissions, Financial Aid, Registration)  
Toll-free: 1-800-465-3959 (within Canada)  
[**Student Central Inquiry Form**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_1s08rieiX1ILNF-vPsirtjh7s9z0glBbd3vleipXHcypMw/viewform)