

Information for

PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

OUR COMMITMENT

At the University of Regina, we understand that parents and supporters are an integral part of student's education journey and we want to make sure that you have all the information you need to support your student in their pursuit of higher education. The Enrolment Services Team will serve as your liaison to the University of Regina campus and will help you and your student navigate their next steps.

A note about privacy: When students start the application process the U of R considers them adults. This means that their personal information is protected under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and cannot be released. We can certainly answer your questions regarding general information, but cannot give any information about your student's application.

HOW DOES A BACHELOR'S DEGREE MEASURE UP?

Studies by Statistics Canada shows that graduates with a Bachelor's degree earn considerably higher wages than high school graduates¹ (about 2 times higher). While there are variations in earnings by discipline, post-secondary graduates are more likely to be employed and earn greater income than those who do not study beyond high school. This can really add up!

In the course of a lifetime, the difference can be more than \$700,000. What a great return on your investment!

¹ Statistics Canada



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22:1

Average **student to teacher** class ratio



16,664

Number of **students enrolled** in 2020



150+

Number of **undergraduate programs** offered



The University of Regina is a fine post-secondary institution, and I am happy my children are studying there this year. The University's smaller stature affords unique opportunities for students to grow and explore both in and outside of the classroom.

I would advise parents and supporters of new students to be mindful of the change in learning environment. It will be an adjustment for the students for sure, but also for the parents. Studying at university is a long journey, so do not fret about the little bumps along the way...there will always be highs and lows!

Dr. Shaun Fallat | Professor of Mathematics, and Parent of Two U of R Students

IS MY STUDENT TAKING THE “RIGHT” COURSES IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Course selection can be confusing, even in high school. We have put together some basic information that will help you and your student make the best choices to ensure that they will have the courses needed for the program they choose.

Guidance counsellors are excellent resources and will make recommendations about the types of courses your child should take related to their future goals. Encourage your child to be open to different options and to challenge themselves, and to discuss all of the different options with their guidance counsellor.

For admission to the University of Regina, there are faculty-specific courses your student will need depending on the program they apply to (see our Admissions-at-a-Glance handout for specific courses). Here is a basic summary of what is needed for admission directly from high school:

- All faculties require two Grade 12 English courses for final admission.
- Many faculties require one or more Grade 12 language, social science, or fine arts course.
- The most specific requirements are the math and science requirements. Every faculty is different in this regard, and in many cases the requirements are very specific. For example, students applying to Engineering require Grade 12 Pre-Calculus or Calculus as well as Grade 12 Chemistry and Physics.

LIVING & LEARNING

Students who live in on-campus housing are provided a safe and supportive environment where they can pursue their goals. Knowing this can help you feel confident and ready to help your student adjust to university life. In addition, according to a recent Canadian study, students who live on campus have a higher GPA and a greater chance of graduation than those who do not².

Learn about all of the different options and benefits of campus Housing at www.uregina.ca/housing.

² Academica Group



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INSIDER TIPS

- We can't use modified classes for admission (these are courses numbered “21” or “31”).
- When in doubt, students should take Pre-Calculus... especially if there is any chance they will apply to Science, Engineering, Kinesiology, or Nursing.
- Grade 11 marks are important because we use them for “early conditional admission”, meaning admission while your student is still completing grade 12. FYI: we also use the early conditional admission average for assessing scholarships and awards.
- Many Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses taken in high school can receive transfer credit for University-level courses which will save you and your student time and money once they arrive at University. However, AP and IB courses are never required for University of Regina admissions.
- Your student can also start early on university courses through our High School Accelerated Program. Learn more at uregina.ca/cce.



759

In 2020, the **Co-op Program** helped **759 students** access career-related placements



\$13.3 M

Co-op/Internship students **earned over \$13.3 million** in wages last year



3,996

In 2020, the University of Regina offered **3,996 scholarships** to students

MONEY MATTERS

University education requires your family to make a significant investment. We understand that all of the options can be daunting, and are committed to working with you and your family from the beginning of your exploration into the University of Regina. Financing an education can be one of the biggest investments in your lives.



FUNDING OPTIONS

When it comes to saving for your child's university education, we advise you to start planning as early as possible and to look at all of the available options. Some of the avenues you may consider include:

- **Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)** – a government approved investment
- **Canada Education Savings Grant** – the federal government will match a portion of your RESP
- **Government Student Loans** – The Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan work together to provide financial assistance to help eligible students pay for post-secondary education. When students apply, the government will assess their financial situation and offer grants and loans based on students' needs.
- **Private student loans and lines of credit**
- **Scholarships, bursaries, and awards** – the University of Regina offers many awards based on different requirements. Some are based on program of study while others look at activities and financial need.

APPROXIMATE COSTS: UNIVERSITY OF REGINA TUITION AND FEES

COST OF ATTENDANCE	LIVING ON CAMPUS	LIVING AT HOME
Tuition (based on 3 credit hours)	\$960.45 - 1,086.45 per course	\$960.45 - 1,086.45 per course
Books and Supplies	\$0 - 250 per course	\$0 - 250 per course
On-Campus Housing	Dorms - \$819 per month Four-bedroom apartment - \$870.50 per month	\$0

All fees listed are based on the 2021-2022 academic school year and are subject to change.

UR GUARANTEE PROGRAM

A unique advantage that University of Regina students have is the UR Guarantee Program. UR Guarantee students have an advisor that can help with ALL aspects of University life. Students that complete all elements of the UR Guarantee program and do not secure career-related employment within six months of graduation will be eligible to come back for another year of undergraduate classes, free of charge! That's the UR Guarantee.



INSIDER TIPS:

- For students, having a part-time job while they are in university is a great way to gain experience and transferable skills, and for many is a financial necessity. However, we recommend that students limit the number of hours they work as attending University could be considered a full-time job!
- The Co-op Program is a great way for students to help finance their education and gain valuable experience. It alternates practical, career-related, paid work terms with semesters in class, giving students 12-16 months of supervised work experience by the time they graduate.
- Last year the University of Regina gave our students over 5.9 million dollars in award funding. Encourage your students to apply for awards!
- In order to help your student succeed in money matters, talk to them now about their financial plan and help them set a budget.



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Only 5 students in the **UR Guarantee Program** have returned for free tuition since 2009

THE JOURNEY OF AN APPLICATION

Whether your student is just starting high school, or is ready to start applying to university, it is useful to understand the steps to becoming a student. Keep in mind that deadlines may change over the years and the dates listed are for the 2021-22 school year.

1. APPLY FOR ADMISSION

The early application period is between October 1 and March 15 of a student's grade 12 year. This is the time when they can apply and be admitted, apply for entrance scholarships and be eligible for automatic entrance awards, and apply for housing to guarantee a spot and select their own room.

Students can apply during our early admission events in October and other admission events throughout the year.



2. WAIT TO HEAR BACK (OR NOT!)

Students applying at our virtual admission events will find out if they are admitted and if they are eligible for automatic entrance scholarships within a short time period. Students applying online can expect to hear back from the University in one to three weeks.

During the rest of the year, students applying directly from high school will be admitted conditionally, meaning that we will need to see their Grade 12 marks in July before they can be fully admitted. However, conditional admission allows them to apply for scholarships and register for classes.

3. ACCEPT THE OFFER OF ADMISSION

We ask that students let us know that they plan to attend University of Regina, and they must do this before they register for courses in April. This can be done online and no deposit is required.



3. REQUEST FINAL TRANSCRIPT

Students are required to have their final high school transcripts sent directly to us by August 1 in order to complete the admission process.



VISIT US!

Come see why your student belongs here! From our campus-wide open houses to faculty specific events, there are many opportunities to see what the U of R has to offer. Your family can also meet with an Enrolment Counsellor to get all your questions answered.

Book your tour or enrolment counselling session and find out about events at urconnected.uregina.ca.

QUESTIONS? WE'D LOVE TO HELP!

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