

The central part of the slide features a horizontal collage of three images. The left image shows several autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. The middle image shows a group of four diverse young people (two men and two women) looking towards the camera. The right image is a stylized map of the world with a focus on North America, overlaid on a textured background.

**CANADA**

Where the World  
Comes to Study



# OVERVIEW

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# WHY CANADA?



- **Standard of living among best in the world**
  - Canada ranked in Top 3 places to live in the world for seven years running (UN Quality of Life Index)
  - Safe, clean, welcoming, multicultural country
  - Chose from smaller university towns to large cosmopolitan cities
  - Vancouver and Toronto consistently ranked in the top ten cities in the world (Mercer)
- **Beautiful environment**
  - Nature at its best: majestic mountains in the west to picturesque shores in the east, wide prairies and numerous National Parks

# WHY CANADA?



- **Very high academic standards**

- **Seven universities ranked in the top 200 in the world** (Institute of Higher Education Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2007)
- **Devotes 2.4% of GDP to tertiary education** (only USA and Korea higher)
- **Publicly funded means identical high standards across the country**

- **Cost-effective**

- **Tuition fees in Canada generally the least expensive compared to NZ, Australia, UK and USA** (Deloitte “Comparative Costs to International Students” 2007)
- **Cost of living is far lower than in the US or the UK**
- **Wide range of graduate scholarships available**

# CANADA'S INNOVATION STRATEGY



- Recognizes that Canada's ability to generate research and development is crucial to quality of life and success in the global competitive economy
- National goal: to rank among the top 5 countries in the world in R&D performance by 2010
- University research to play a strategic role
- Federal funding for R&D to double by 2010
- Federal Research Councils (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)
  - Grants awarded through independent, national, peer-review process
- Canada Foundation for Innovation
  - Mandate to invest in Canada's research infrastructure
- Canada Research Chairs Program
  - C\$300 million per year to attract and retain the world's best researchers

[www.innovationcanada.ca](http://www.innovationcanada.ca)

[www.chairs.gc.ca](http://www.chairs.gc.ca)

# WORLDWIDE ACADEMIC RANKINGS



CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES	AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITIES
<b>Top 50 Worldwide</b> University of Toronto #23 University of British Columbia #36	
<b>Top 51-101 Worldwide</b> McGill University #63 McMaster University #87	<b>Top 51-101 Worldwide</b> Australian National University #57 University of Melbourne #79
<b>Top 102-150 Worldwide</b> University of Alberta	<b>Top 102-150 Worldwide</b> University of Queensland University of Sydney University of Western Australia
<b>Top 151-202 Worldwide</b> Université de Montréal University of Waterloo	<b>Top 151-202 Worldwide</b> University of Adelaide University of New South Wales
<b>Top 203-304 Worldwide</b> Dalhousie University; Queen's University University of Calgary; University of Guelph University of Laval; University of Manitoba University of Ottawa; University of Saskatchewan; University of Victoria; University of Western Ontario	<b>Top 203-304 Worldwide</b> Macquarie University Monash University

# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO



- Established 1827
- Located in downtown Toronto
- One of the strongest research and teaching faculties in North America
- Approximately 4,400 graduate faculty
- Over 12,000 full & part-time graduate students
- Over 80 graduate departments and over 35 collaborative (interdisciplinary) programs
- Birthplace of major research achievements
  - **Discovery of insulin; first electronic pacemaker; development of the laser (John Polanyi, 1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry); hypersonic flight; LINK (global economic modelling)**

[www.utoronto.ca](http://www.utoronto.ca)

# UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



- Established 1908
- Main campus located in downtown Vancouver
- International reputation for excellence in advanced research
- 12 faculties
  - Applied science, Arts, Dentistry, Education, Forestry, Graduate Studies, Land and Food systems, Law, Medicine, Pharmaceutical sciences, Science, Social Work and Family Studies
- Leading programs in
  - Physical and life sciences; Asian studies; environmental programs
- Eminent UBC researchers (past and present)
  - Robert Mundell (Nobel Prize in Economic Science 1999); Michael Smith (Nobel Prize for Chemistry 1993); Carl Wieman (Nobel Physics Laureate) now heads UBC initiative to enhance teaching and learning in Science

[www.ubc.ca](http://www.ubc.ca)

# MCGILL UNIVERSITY



- Established 1821
- Main campus located in the heart of downtown Montréal
- Research intensive: Highest ratio of competitive research funding dollars per professor in Canada
- 21 Faculties and Professional Schools
- Degrees in more than 300 disciplines
- International students from more than 150 countries, representing almost 20% of student population
- Areas of research excellence include
  - Neuroscience, ethics, aging, cancer, water resources management, bioinformatics, nanoscience, climate change, astrophysics, comparative law, Canadian studies, entrepreneurship, affordable housing

[www.mcgill.ca](http://www.mcgill.ca)

# MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY



- Established 1887
- Located in Hamilton, Ontario
- Research intensive: leading faculty members, well-funded programs, and state-of-the-art research facilities
- 6 Faculties and Professional Schools
  - Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Humanities, Science, Social Science
- **Innovative graduate programs and unique learning environment**
- **Award-Winning Professors**
  - Bertram Brockhouse (1994 Nobel Prize for Physics); More than 24 national and provincial teaching awards; Petro-Canada Young Innovators Awards

[www.mcmaster.ca](http://www.mcmaster.ca)

# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA



- Established 1908
- Located in Edmonton, vibrant cosmopolitan capital of Alberta
- Research intensive
  - External research funding more than C\$480 million
- More than 36,000 students in more than 200 undergraduate and 170 graduate programs
- International students from more than 100 countries
- Areas of research excellence include
  - World-class nanotechnology; diabetes; drug discover and development; agri-food; petroleum engineering

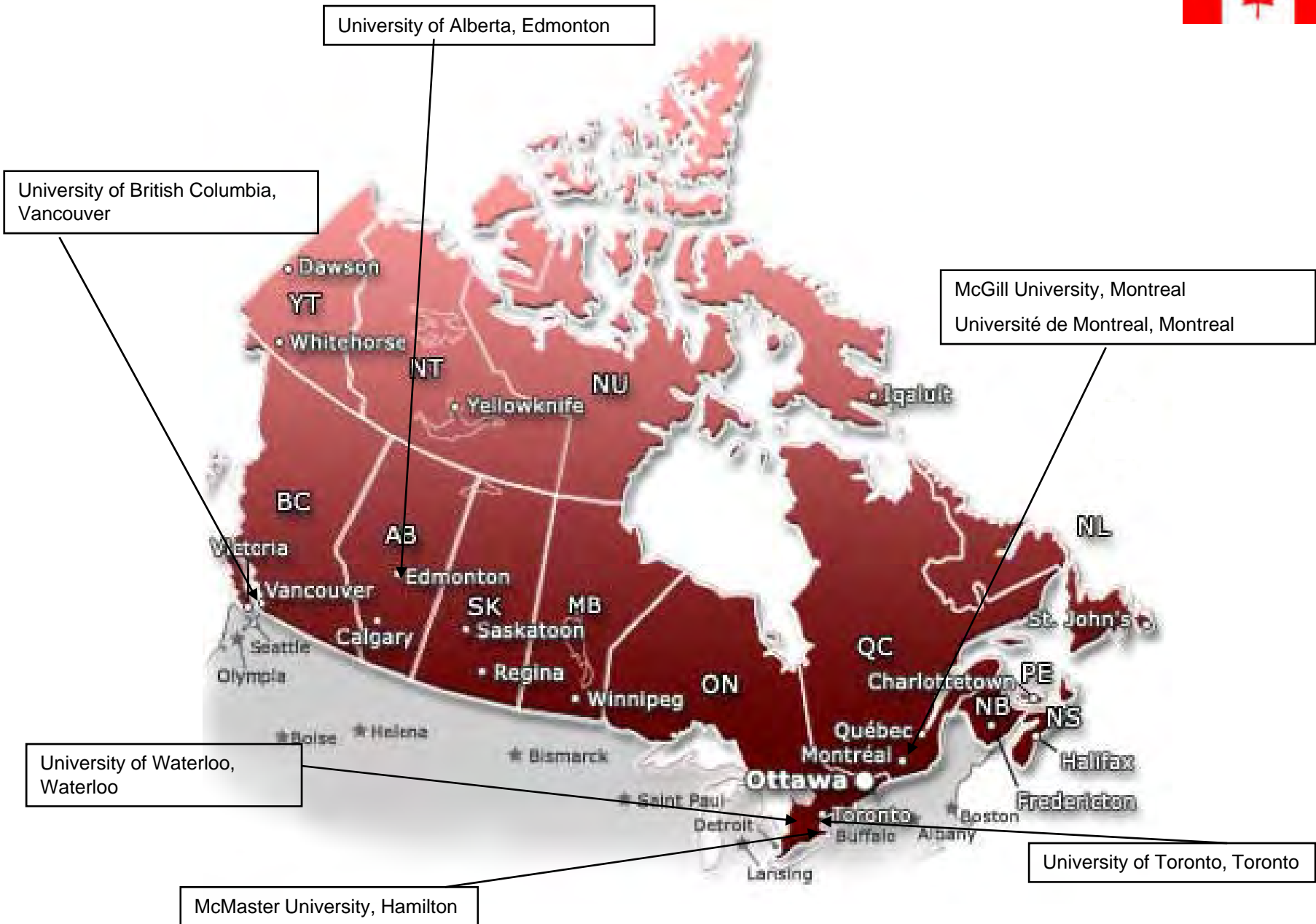
[www.ualberta.ca](http://www.ualberta.ca)

# UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO



- Established 1957
- Located in heart of southwestern Ontario
- Research intensive: 950 full-time faculty members and 3,600 graduate students
- 1/4 of all graduate students are international, from 90 nations around the world
- 6 Faculties
  - **Applied health sciences, Arts, Engineering, Environmental Studies, Mathematics, Science**
- 5 Professional Schools
  - **Accountancy, Architecture, Computer Science, Optometry, Planning**
- National leader in high-tech innovation

[www.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.uwaterloo.ca)





# SCHOLARSHIPS

- Most universities offer some form of financial assistance for graduate study
- International students may be eligible for standard internal funding opportunities, specific international awards and/or external scholarships
- Scholarships/awards may be in the form of:
  - Internal Scholarships or Entrance Awards
  - Teaching/Department Assistantships
  - Research Associateships or Grants
  - External Scholarships
  - Bursaries
- The value of awards and eligibility criteria vary by university and by department/faculty
- Visit the university and faculty website for more information



# Georges Vanier Scholarships

- Newly announced in February 2008
- High profile - similar in stature to the Rhodes and Fulbright programs
- Available to 500 international and domestic doctoral students each year
- Value is \$50,000 a year for a maximum of three years
- Further information will be announced as it becomes available

# Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships



- To promote outstanding research in the humanities and social sciences
- Research in one of four themes
  - Human Rights & Social Justice
  - Responsible Citizenship
  - Canada and the World
  - Humans and their Natural Environment
- Highly competitive program
- Only 15 awarded each year
- Limited number available to foreign students (preference to candidates from developing countries)

[www.trudeaufoundation.ca](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca)

# Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships



- Candidates must be nominated by their university in their 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of doctoral studies
- Assessment criteria include:
  - Academic achievement (at the level of the most competitive world scholarships)
  - Outstanding ability to engage in lively exchange with other researchers and scholars
  - Intention to work in one or more of the themes and a desire to contribute to public dialogue
- Tenable for 3 years
- Annual stipend of up to C\$35,000
- Annual travel allowance of up to C\$15,000
- 2009 application available in August 2008

[www.trudeaufoundation.ca](http://www.trudeaufoundation.ca)



# Sauvé Scholars

- 8 month leadership program at McGill University
  - Provides access to all McGill courses and resources
  - Weekly seminars by leaders in politics, journalism, the arts, etc.
  - Group excursions
  - Scholars are encouraged to produce material (e.g. written text, photo essays or videos)
- Eligibility:
  - Must be under 30, with demonstrated leadership potential
  - Must have undergraduate degree (any discipline – past scholars have had degrees in journalism, communications, the arts, economics, community and social development)
- Stipend C\$30,000
- Applications close December 31

[www.sauvescholars.org](http://www.sauvescholars.org)

# GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS



- **Canadian Commonwealth Scholarships & Government of Canada Awards**
  - Graduate and Undergraduate Students' Exchange Programs
    - Available only to citizens enrolled full-time in selected countries for research in Canada
    - Eligible countries are Commonwealth Caribbean (full list on website), Haiti and Suriname
  - Post-Doctoral Research Fellowships
    - Awards available to Post-Doctoral Level students to pursue research in Canada
    - Only available to citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Russia, South Korea and Switzerland
  - Government of Canada Awards: Mexico
    - Awards available to Mexican citizens for graduate study/research in Canada
- **Organization of American States Fellowships Programs**
  - Awards available to students from other OAS member states for graduate study or research in Canada

[www.scholarships.gc.ca](http://www.scholarships.gc.ca)

# PROVINCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



- **Ontario Graduate Scholarship Program**
  - Ontario Government reserves 60 of its Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) for international students with high academic standing
- **Alberta Scholarships**
  - *iCore Graduate Scholarships*
  - For information & communications technology or nanotechnology at Alberta universities
  - *Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research*
  - Postdoctoral fellowships, graduate scholarships and undergraduate summer programs in biomedical and health research in the province of Alberta
  - *Alberta Ingenuity Fund*
  - Graduate scholarships for top masters or doctoral students in the natural sciences or engineering at Alberta universities
- **Québec Scholarships**
  - *Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students (Québec)*
  - Doctoral, post doctoral and short term research or professional development scholarships available in the province of Québec



# ADMISSION

- **Universities' criteria may differ**
- **Masters:**
  - Equivalent of four year bachelor's degree
  - B/B+ average (GPA 3.0 in 4.0 grading)
  - Subjects relevant to postgraduate study
- **PhD:**
  - Equivalent of Masters degree
  - B/B+ (credit average)
  - Subjects relevant to doctoral study
- **Some departments impose further criteria**
  - Letters of reference from academics
  - Work experience (2 – 3 years)
  - Personal letter detailing proposed study
  - Specific tests e.g.
    - GMAT [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)
    - GRE [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org)
    - MCAT - for medical studies [www.aamc.org/students/mcat/](http://www.aamc.org/students/mcat/)



# GRADUATE DEGREES

- **Masters**
  - Usually 2 years
  - Some MBAs 15 months
- **PhD**
  - Maximum 6 years
  - 2-3 years full-time residency required
- **Deadline for applications**
  - Between December & March for September start
  - Research degrees may apply anytime
  - Check with university





# FAQ: How much will it cost?

Destination	Tuition* \$US	Costs of Living# \$US	Per Annum Costs \$US
<b>Canada</b>	<b>\$7,801</b>	<b>\$11,825</b>	<b>\$19,626</b>
United Kingdom	\$18,104	\$20,181	\$38,285
United States (public)	\$18,731	\$12,362	\$31,093
Australia	\$14,648	\$11,322	\$25,970

\* Based on median tuition fees for Master of Art degrees

# For an average academic year

Source: Deloitte: "Comparative Costs for International Students in New Zealand, Australia,, Canada, UK and the USA"; June 2007

# FAQ



- **How is the academic year structured?**
  - Semesters run September-December, January-April, May-August
- **What are the accommodation options?**
  - Your choice of university residence, home-stay or renting privately
  - Graduate residences are typically the simplest, most convenient and a great way to make friends
- **Can I work while I study in Canada?**
  - you can work **on-campus** in all provinces (20 hrs/wk and full time during vacations)
  - eligible\* international students at public post-secondary institutions can work **off-campus** for up to 20 hours a week during the school year and full-time during study breaks.
    - \*Students must have studied full time for 6 months before being eligible.

Visit [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca) for more information and eligibility criteria

# FAQ - *NEW*



- **Can I work in Canada after I graduate?**
  - **YES - for up to THREE YEARS**
  - Under the *Post-Graduation Work Permit Program* students who graduate from eligible programs at certain Canadian post-secondary institutions are able to obtain an open work permit to work for up to three years at any location in Canada with:
    - ✓ No restrictions on type of employment
    - ✓ No requirements for job offer

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/work-postgrad-who.asp>

# Where to Study?



Search [www.canada.org.au](http://www.canada.org.au)

- Follow the “**Study in Canada**” link for a one-stop shop about studying & living in Canada





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