At Carleton University, we recognize the important roles that parents and other family members play in the lives of students. We provide the information you need to help your child make the transition to university life and find their path to a bright future. The Future CU Parents newsletter aims to keep parents informed, and supplements the information about Carleton found in our Viewbook and on our website at admissions.carleton.ca/futureparents.

Choosing a program

Don’t be overly concerned if your child does not yet know exactly what to study or what kind of career to pursue. Your student’s first year at Carleton is all about discovering which program is the best fit. Here are five tips to share:

- **Go with your interests and strengths.** Encourage your student to choose an area that is of real interest and makes use of known strengths. Students tend to do best in subjects they enjoy.

- **Ask for advice.** Our Student Registration Assistance Team can provide valuable registration guidance. Once your student is registered, there are many people on campus who are ready to help. Both your student’s faculty advisor and the Academic Advising Centre are good places to start. carleton.ca/academicadvising

- **Visit co-op and career services.** Carleton offers many services and workshops for registered students to help identify and explore skills, needs, motivations and career options. carleton.ca/co-op

- **Leave your options open.** Taking a broad arts or science program can be a good strategy. All areas of study promote critical thinking, writing and communication skills and sound judgment—skills that are valued by employers and last a lifetime. Bachelor of Arts (BA) students who need time to decide on their future path can take advantage of our BA Undeclared option.

- **Find the right fit.** Some students change majors once, twice and even three times before they find the right fit. Be sure to visit admissions.carleton.ca/programs for a full listing of all undergraduate programs available at Carleton. For more on how to choose a major, visit admissions.carleton.ca/how-to-choose-a-major/.

Graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Mental Health, Thomas Ritchie, and his family at convocation. Thomas was chosen to receive the Chancellor’s Medal – given to an undergraduate student with outstanding academic achievement.

“As parents we are immensely proud of Thomas, but we also know that many other factors contributed to his success,” said his parents, Denise DeLaat and Phil Ritchie. “Carleton University has provided endless opportunities for Thomas. There has been exceptional teaching, research opportunities and ongoing support every step of the way.”
Prepping for a profession

Most professional degree programs require an undergraduate degree for entry. If your child has an interest in pursuing professional studies in accounting, law, medicine or veterinary medicine, or teaching, Carleton is a great place to start.

Accounting: For those with an interest in the accounting profession, Carleton’s Commerce program offers a concentration in Accounting. By taking this concentration as part of their BCom degree, students can complete all of the academic courses required to enter the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) Professional Education Program. Co-op hours in an approved placement can be counted towards the practical experience requirements to become a CPA. Sprott also offers a Master of Accounting program; MAcc graduates can proceed directly to the CPA Common Final Exam.

Law: For students who would like to develop a solid understanding of law and legal studies before applying to law school, the Department of Law and Legal Studies at Carleton offers the most comprehensive Bachelor of Arts in Law in the country. In addition, Carleton’s proximity to important legal institutions such as the Supreme Court of Canada, Parliament and the Department of Justice provides Carleton students with excellent employment opportunities and unique access to important research holdings.

Teaching: For the aspiring teacher, Carleton offers a comprehensive array of programs that provide all the necessary “teaching subjects” needed to apply to teachers’ college. Students can also take part in important volunteer and paid work experiences that will help strengthen their applications and improve their resumes.

For more information, visit the Professional Degrees section at admissions.carleton.ca/how-to-choose-a-major/.

Medicine and veterinary medicine: Many Carleton students pursue medical or veterinary medicine studies after graduation. Our science programs provide a rigorous science education with small classes, personalized interactions with professors, and lots of lab experience. Biology, Biochemistry, Neuroscience, and Neuroscience and Mental Health, as well as Biomedical Engineering, our combined program in Humanities and Biology, and our Bachelor of Health Sciences are all excellent choices as pre-medical programs. Our Science Student Success Centre can help students choose their courses to reflect current medical school prerequisites.

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Carleton’s Bachelor of Health Sciences program offers a broad-based foundation in health science, preparing you for the graduate and other postgraduate education required for a wide range of professional health-related careers. Find out more at carleton.ca/healthsciences.

Deadlines

In general, applications are due no later than June 1 for September admission, except for the following programs. Please note that some programs also require supplementary information.

Program

Architectural Studies
Application deadline February 1
Portfolio deadline April 1

Humanities
Application deadline March 1
Portfolio deadline March 1

Industrial Design
Application deadline March 1
Portfolio deadline April 1

Information Technology (Interactive Multimedia and Design)
Application deadline March 1
Portfolio deadline March 1

Journalism
Application deadline March 1

Journalism and Humanities
Application deadline March 1

Music
Application deadline March 1
Audition arrangements (for guaranteed auditions) March 1

Social Work
Application deadline February 1
Additional deadline Supplementary application due March 1
Campus Safety

Campus takes personal safety and security on campus very seriously and endeavors to provide a safe environment for those who study, live and work on our campus. The Department of University Safety is responsible for the campus’s more than 600 closed-circuit television cameras and some 300 emergency phones. Carleton maintains a “safe path” system with enhanced lighting and emergency phones across the most commonly travelled areas.

Our highly trained University Safety Officers have Special Constable Status to provide an enhanced level of service to the Carleton community. Our officers patrol on foot, on bicycles and in vehicles 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Carleton University Student Emergency Response Team (CUSERT) provides emergency first aid services to campus during the academic year and the team is housed under the Department of University Safety.

Carleton offers a number of safety-related programs for students, faculty and staff like foot patrols/safe walks, working after hours and safety alerts. In addition, we offer a number of crime prevention programs aimed at helping students to protect their personal property and feel safe.

We strongly encourage students to take advantage of the safety programs available. We ask parents to help us keep students safe by discussing our programs and initiatives with your child. For more information, visit the Department of University Safety website at carleton.ca/safety.

Student support

At Carleton, we are proud of our wide range of support services for students, such as:

- An early warning initiative that identifies students who might benefit from additional support and academic improvement plans. A centralized registration assistance program that ensures students stay on track with program requirements.
- A Co-Curricular Record that formally documents the activities that students participate in, from volunteer work to internships.
- A Student Experience Office that offers orientation, leadership training, peer helper training, a community service learning program and a wide range of social activities for students outside the classroom.
- A Mentorship Network which looks to connect Peer Mentors and Mentees across campus. The Mentorship Network provides mentorship training, resources, and information for all Peer Mentors connected to the Network.
- Professionally trained staff in Student Academic and Career Development Services to help students gather information on career possibilities and develop the skills and understanding to succeed in the job market.

Visit students.carleton.ca for details.

Students with disabilities

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities co-ordinates academic and support services for students with disabilities. Services include academic accommodations, attendant services, alternate formats, adaptive technology, note-taking, sign language interpretation, learning support and services specific to educational-related disability needs. carleton.ca/pmc

Health and counselling

Carleton’s multidisciplinary on-campus healthcare facility provides medical, counselling and health education services to the university’s students. A resource centre and a student peer program are also provided.

Our staff believe that a caring and supportive environment enhances the educational process and influences student success and retention by modifying or removing health related barriers to learning. Healthy students are better able to concentrate on their studies and to reach their fullest potential. carleton.ca/health

What will it cost, and how do we pay?

For general information on fees and financial aid, as well as budgeting tips and estimates of additional expenses, visit admissions.carleton.ca/scholarships.

For detailed information on fees, visit carleton.ca/fees. You’ll also find important financial dates, accepted payment methods and a special section on student accounts for parents and guardians.

For detailed information on awards and financial aid, visit carleton.ca/awards. Learn about our scholarships and bursaries, along with details on how to apply for and receive Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) funding.

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Upcoming events

December 7, 2016
Ottawa Parents’ Evening
Parents and their students are invited to campus to learn more about Carleton programs, facilities and scholarships.

February 7, 2017
Toronto Parents’ Evening
Carleton staff travel to Toronto to meet with parents of students who want to learn more about Carleton and the City of Ottawa.

March 11, 13-18, 2017
March Break Program
This program attracts large numbers of participants who come to campus to see where they will be studying for the next four years.

Specialty Tours
Program-specific tours are offered at various times throughout the year.
carleton.ca/tours

Parent Orientation
Be sure to attend Parent Orientation! Carleton offers special parent sessions concurrently with Summer Orientation sessions for students. This is a great opportunity to speak with students, professors and staff members—and get answers to your many questions. It’s easy to sign up; simply register online with your student.

Come and visit Carleton
We encourage all prospective students and their families to visit our beautiful riverside campus. Book a tour online at carleton.ca/tours, by email at tours@carleton.ca, or by phone at 613-520-3663 or 1-888-354-4414 (toll-free in Canada). Pick up our Campus Map and Guide at 209 Robertson Hall to take a self-guided tour. If you can’t visit us in person, check out our ever-expanding video gallery. admissions.carleton.ca/videos

Parent Orientation

at Carleton
Carleton students can get on and off campus and around Ottawa easily. The city transit system, OC Transpo, provides direct bus routes that stop at several locations on campus only minutes away from all buildings. In addition Ottawa’s O-train runs right through campus, stopping at frequent intervals at a central station. The OC Transpo U-Pass is mandatory and included in student fees for 2017-18. carleton.ca/upass

Become a Page on Parliament Hill

Students can take advantage of Carleton’s capital location by participating in programs such as the House of Commons and Senate Page Programs and the Parliamentary Guide Program. These once-in-a-lifetime opportunities allow students to immerse themselves in Canada’s political culture, gain paid work experience, develop professional networks and form new friendships. Visit carleton.ca/parliamentarypages for more information.

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