

# An Indian student's guide to Study in Canada



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## Overview

Canada is one of the top destinations for students looking to study abroad apart from a number of world class institutions, Canada offers a High quality standard of living and growing career opportunity in almost every field. It's no surprise then that year after year, the number of Indian Students going to Canada has increased exponentially. In 2020, the country issued over 1.3 lakh study permits to Indian students! Safe to say, if you're looking to do your masters degree abroad, Canada is one of the best places to be.




## Why study in Canada?

### World-class universities & colleges

The quality of a Canadian education is more than comparable to that in the United States, United Kingdom or Europe.

3 Canadian universities - feature in the **Top50** of the QS World Universities Rankings 2020.

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| <br>University of Toronto | <br>McGill University | <br>University of British<br>Columbia |
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Additionally 14 more Canadian universities feature in the **Top 500** World Universities.

The Canadian government places great emphasis on education, which can be seen in the quality of both public and private institutions in the country. Cutting-edge research in fields such as medicine, artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals attracts some of the world's best researchers and faculty.

## Affordable tuition fees and living expenses

The cost of tuition and living expenses are considerably lower in Canada than the United States, Australia or United Kingdom.

| Program               | Canada                    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 Years Diploma       | 9-12 Lakhs INR            |
| 3 Years Adv. Diploma  | 10-12 Lakhs INR           |
| 2 Years Master        | 15- 18 Lakhs INR          |
| 1 Year PG Diploma     | 11-12 Lakhs INR           |
| Living Exp. In Canada | Approx: 700-800 CAD/Month |

## Work while you study

The ability to work while studying is one of Canada's biggest selling points to international students.

| During School                | During Holidays                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 20 hours / week<br>Part time | 40 hours / week<br>Full - time |



If you work while studying in Canada, you can easily pay for your own living expenses - and most Indian students in Canada work alongside college.

## Multicultural society with high quality of life



Canada has a unique culture that embraces diversity and the multiculturalism. The Canadian people and government are very welcoming to immigrants. Canada is also consistently ranked #1 in the world for Quality of Life. It is a safe, peaceful country with a vibrant culture.

## Pathway to Permanent Residency (PR)

Canadian policies for international students are very pro-immigration. Students are awarded a Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) for up to 3 years. They can use this work experience to qualify for permanent residency in Canada. It has one of the most welcoming immigration policies in the world.

## Types of courses in Canada and top institutions

While 'university' and 'college' are generally used interchangeably in most of the world, the two are very different types of educational institutions in Canada.

**90+ Universities**

**130+ Colleges**

**11,000+ Degree Programmes**

### Universities

Hir Education is partnered with all the top universities of Canada, such as University of Alberta, McGill University and University of Toronto. International students can apply for both Bachelors degree and Masters degree at these universities. Bachelors programs are typically of three or four years duration, and Masters programs are typically of two years duration.



### Colleges

Canada has over 130 colleges. They focus more on applied and technical education. Students who complete programs at colleges receive a diploma, not a degree. After completing Bachelors degrees, international students can apply for postgraduate diplomas at Canadian colleges, which can be one to two years in duration. Hir Education has the largest partner network of over 100+ Canadian colleges, including Seneca College, Centennial College and Bow Valley College.

The Canadian education system is flexible after completion of one postgraduate diploma, students can opt for another one-year diploma. The fees at colleges are generally lower than universities in Canada. Moreover, students do not need to submit a Statement of Purpose (SoP) or Letters of Recommendation (LOR) for application to colleges. The postgraduate diploma program is extremely popular among international students in Canada.

## Top Universities in Canada

|                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| University of Toronto          | McMaster University    |
| McGill University              | University of Waterloo |
| University of British Columbia | Western University     |
| Universite de Montreal         | Queen's University     |
| University of Alberta          | University of Calgary  |

## Top Colleges in Canada

|                       |                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Humber College        | Vanier College                     |
| Seneca College        | Southern Alberta Technology Center |
| George Brown College  | Bow Valley College                 |
| The Algonquin College | Red River College                  |
| Centennial College    | Nova Scotia Community College      |
| Selkirk College       | College of New Caledonia           |
| Fanshawe College      |                                    |

**Hir Education** is partnered with all the top Canadian colleges and universities, and can help in your applications to these institutions.



## Requirements for studying in Canada

A student must have completed 12th grade in India to be eligible for admission to a three or four year Bachelor's degree program in Canada. There are no centralized Canada wide entrance tests, institute sets its own admission standards and assesses the qualifications of each applicant individually. The main factors that the admissions committee focuses on are past academic performance & proficiency in English. In case you want to pursue a specialised course such as engineering you may be required to have taken related subjects in your 12th grade. Depending on whether you want to study a Masters program or a Postgraduate Diploma, the entry requirements can vary. 16 years of education is a must for Masters, and for both the courses IELTS results are very important. Hir Education guides the students wishing to pursue any course in Canada to pick the right university/college suited to their profile and needs.

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### Academic Requirements

| Programs                                | Entry Requirements   |
|---|--|
| Bachelor's Degree/Undergraduate Diploma | 12 years of full-time education<br>Good academic performance             |
| Masters Degree                          | 16 years of full-time education<br>65% and above in Bachelor's degree    |
| Postgraduate Diploma                    | 15 years of full-time education<br>50-55% and above in Bachelor's degree |

### English Language Requirements

In order to get an admit to a university/college, and also for the student visa, it is compulsory to give an English language proficiency test such as IELTS or TOEFL or DuoLingo.

However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, several Canadian universities and colleges have made an exception - they are giving conditional admission offers on the basis of the Duolingo test. This is an online English test, it only costs \$49 and you get the results within 2 days. Hir Education can help you with which universities are accepting Duolingo tests, and guide you with applying for these courses.

| For Degree and Diploma Programs |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| IELTS                           | Minimum overall score of 6.5, with no individual band less than 6.0 |
| TOEFL                           | Minimum score is between 70-90 based on institute                   |



## Canadian student visa

To gain entry into Canada and study there, each international student requires a study permit and student visa. You can apply for the study permit and visa once you have received an offer admission from a Canadian university/college and paid the tuition deposit. Hir Education offers end-to-end support to all students for the student permit and visa procedure.

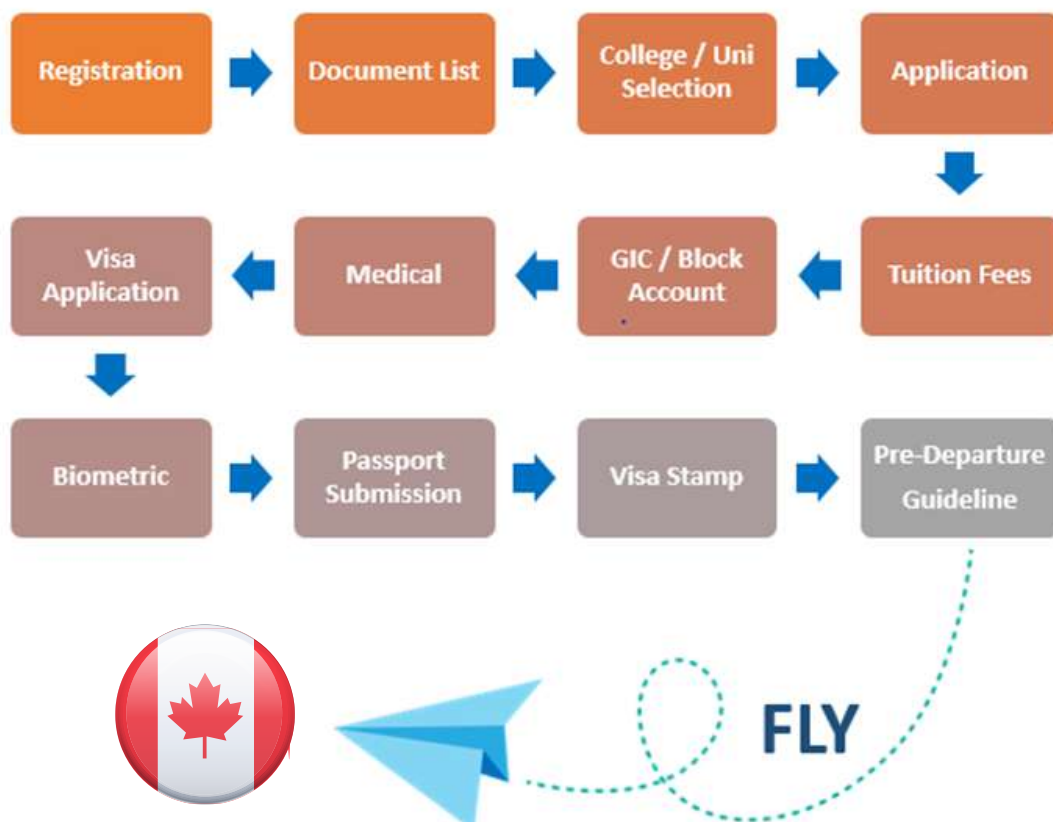
### Student Direct Stream (SDS)

It can take 90-120 days to receive a Canadian student visa. However, for Indian students, there is a special visa application process called **Student Direct Stream (SDS)**. Under the SDS, visa processing time is only 20 days. Students applying for SDS must meet the following eligibility criteria:



- Admission to a full-time study program at a Designated Learning Institute (DLI).
- IELTS score of 6.5 overall with a minimum band of 6 for each individual ability (Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking), taken within the last two years.
- Purchase of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) of \$10,000 CAD to cover living expenses for first year of stay in Canada.
- Proof of payment of tuition fee for one year.
- Medical exam at least one week before submission of the visa application.

**Hir Education** offers guidance to all their students for obtaining a visa under the SDS scheme.





## Work while studying in Canada

Canada has extremely student-friendly work policies. Working while you're studying not only gives you an additional income, it also gives you exposure to Canadian corporate life and adds to your professional growth. Any international student holding a study permit and pursuing an education course at a Designated Learning Institute (DLI) is permitted to work in Canada.

Students can work part-time for up to 20 hours per week during regular academic sessions, and full-time in the holidays such as summer break, and Christmas holidays etc. Students can get on-campus employment, off-campus jobs, co-op programs and internships.

### On-campus Employment

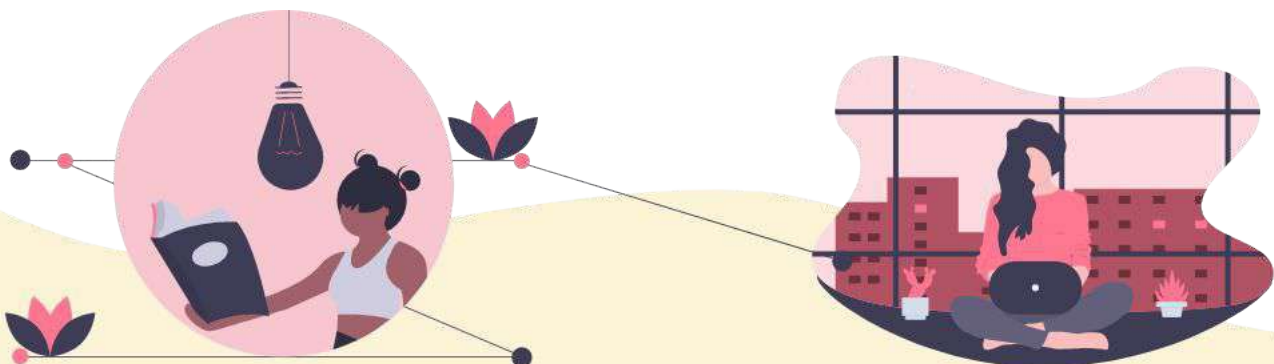
International students can work on-campus in any of the various buildings and offices on their university/college premises.

### Off-campus jobs

Students can join the Canadian workforce as part-time employees, in keeping with the rules of their study permit.

### Co-op programs and internships

Many study programs in Canada include a semester or two of work experience in the course, which is known as co-op programs or internships. This allows students to gain valuable first-hand experience of working in their preferred industry. Co-op programs are mostly paid, while internships may be unpaid as well.



## After graduation - Pathways to permanent residency

After spending a few years studying in Canada, many international students decide that they want to move to Canada permanently. Thanks to Canada's pro-immigration policies, there are many pathways for international students to attain Permanent Residency(PR).

Students who have completed a one year Postgraduate Diploma in Canada, are eligible for a Post Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) of 1 year. They can also enroll for 2nd year of Post graduate Diploma, which offers them additional duration of the permit. Students who completed a 2 year program are eligible for a 3 year Post-Graduation Work Permit. Likewise, students who have to completed any course of a duration of more than 2 years are also eligible for a 3 year Post Graduation Work Permit.

### The duration of Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP)

| Program Duration | PGWP Duration   |
|------------------|---|
| 2 years or more  | 3 years   |
| 1 year           | 1 year  |
| 16 months        | 1 year (you can get a 3 year PGWP as well, it depends on the discretion of the immigration officer) |

### What happens after the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) expires?

A job holder in Canada is eligible to apply for an extension of PGWP. The application must be done at least 90 days prior to the expiration date and the applicant must also hold a valid passport for the same. You may refer to [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca) for the rules in details.

Also after the completion of PGWP, one may be eligible for Permanent Residency depending on the skills, job, and a few other factors. International students in Canada benefit when applying for Express Entry program for Canadian PR, they are eligible for up to 30 points thanks to their Canadian education.



# Get started on your application with Hir Education

Your dream of studying in Canada is within reach with Hir Education.

We at **Hir Education** provide end-to-end guidance to help make your Canadian dream come true. Our team of expert, experienced counsellors work along with successful student mentors currently studying in top Canadian universities to give you the best personalized counselling experience.

## The Hir Education Advantage



Understanding your requirements



Counselling you through the entire process



Guiding you on IELTS/Duolingo training



Ensuring you get a successful admission



Finding the right course and college



Providing you the best education loans, forex cards and bank accounts in Canada



Collecting all the necessary documents



Supporting you through the Visa application process



Filling in your college application



Preparing you for your move to Canada

## Our Counsellors



### Mr. Kiran Maradia

Head Counsellor

7 years of counselling experience

Certified Career Counsellor from University of California- Los Angeles, US

Kiran hails from Rajkot, Gujarat, loves to work and communicate with people from all backgrounds, listening to their problems individually and empathizing with them. Considering his experience and his interest in the field of education, He has started his profession as an educationalist and career guide. He has completed her Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) from a reputed University. He has nearly 20 years of working experience in renowned MNC's of India like Kotak, SBI Life, ICICI Pru, TATA AIG BAJA, etc. Apart from this, He holds a Certification in Global Career Counselling from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA Extension).

As a career counsellor, Kiran has counselled many students, working professionals, who are eager to upgrade themselves with the current competitive environment. By listening to them effectively and with full attention, He tries to understand their body language and other non-verbal communication. As He believes, people will often communicate far more non-verbally than verbally, so it is an important area of skill which as a consultant I should know. His ultimate aim of counselling is to enable clients to make their own decisions and act upon them. So far, Kiran has counselled around 10000+ students and most of them are pursuing their dream career or studying abroad. His academic background coupled with his rich experience makes him a perfect choice for those who seek counselling and professional help.