

Ridgeback Report



- The [Part-Time Job Fair](#) gives you an opportunity to meet organizations looking to recruit students for part-time employment. Stop by **Shawenjigewining Hall, Atrium** on **Thursday, September 7** between **10 a.m. and 2 p.m.**, bring your resumé and be prepared to network! For more information, contact careercentre@ontariotechu.ca.

Academic Support



- Join us for [Ted Talk Tuesdays!](#) Come together with your fellow peers to watch and discuss a variety of Ted Talks on **Tuesdays from 2 to 3 p.m.** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 223**. By attending, you'll be able to:
 - Develop academic speaking and listening skills.
 - Encourage critical thinking and speaking with confidence.
 - Share ideas and opinions in a friendly and relaxed environment.
- Looking for writing support? The [Student Learning Centre](#) has one-on-one consultations, peer tutoring, same-day appointments and workshops. We can help with essays, final projects, literature reviews, referencing, thesis statements and more! Book an appointment by visiting the [Student Life Portal](#).
- Visit the [Information Technology Services](#) website and learn how to [download course-specific software](#) for the upcoming fall and winter terms.
- The [Student Learning Centre](#) offers services throughout the fall semester, including peer tutoring, math, science and writing support. You can book an appointment on the [Student Life Portal](#) or visit the [website to find drop-in times](#).

Career Readiness



- The Career Centre and Devant have joined together to provide career supports for international students. [Check it out, and register](#) for all the great workshops that are happening in September.
- **The Career Centre** has a variety of workshops that are designed to help students who are job searching, going to work for the first time, or entering a new workplace. [Learn more and register](#) for a workshop today! You can also book an appointment on the [Student Life Portal](#) for any of our [one-on-one supports](#).

RBC workshops:

- Do you need help navigating the world of finances? Join us for the [International Student workshop](#) on **Wednesday, September 20** from **1 to 3 p.m.** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 024**. Here you'll learn information on banking in Canada, understanding and building credit, and fraud risk and prevention.
- On **Wednesday, September 27** attend the [It All Adds Up to Savings workshop](#) from **1 to 3 p.m.** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 024**. Learn skills that will help you achieve your financial goals like budgeting, basic banking, how credit works, debt repayment, building a credit history and savings.

Community



- **The Ontario Tech Student Union's O-week is coming up!** Two weeks of fabulously fun events that are **free** for all students (monster obstacle course and Y2K Night at The Biltmore excepted), including dance parties, video games, free food and more! [View the full calendar of events](#).
- Earn \$325 to ignite your passion for entrepreneurship and make a real impact with the **Catalyst Challenge!** Join our [annual challenge](#) from **September 18 to 29**, where students from all disciplines come together to tackle pressing real-world issues using entrepreneurial thinking. This years focus is on accelerating climate action and advancing the United Nations sustainable development goals. [Learn more and secure your spot and register on the waitlist today!](#)

- Bannock and Books is back! The September book club feature is **Five Little Indians** by Michelle Good. Join us in person or virtually for the Sharing Circle on **Thursday, September 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.** We will be serving Bannock! [Register to secure your spot.](#)
- Are you interested in meeting students from different cultures? Or looking to improve your English speaking and listening skills? You should attend Conversation Café! You can drop in on **Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 223** for the opportunity to meet students and learn about other cultures. [Learn more on the Conversation Café web page.](#)

Equity and Inclusion



- **RISE** (Respecting Individuals, Supporting Equity) sessions are back for the fall semester. The RISE Program is a suite of workshops that provide training and education on what participants can do on an individual level, to foster a safer and more inclusive community at Ontario Tech. [Learn more and register on the RISE web page.](#)

Athletics and Wellness



- The biggest soccer games of the year take place on **Wednesday, September 6 starting at 6 p.m. at Vaso's Field**. Join us to cheer on our Ontario Tech Ridgebacks as they take on the Durham Lords in our annual Campus Cup match.

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Check out [Ontario Tech's Health and Wellness Recipes book](#). Have a recipe you want to share with the university community? [Submit it to us](#) to have it featured in upcoming promotional materials!

Money Matters



Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

2023-2024 Fall semester OSAP is now available - [Apply now](#)

- Confirmation of enrolment began the week of **August 21**. Check your status on the [OSAP website](#) to see if your funding has been released.
- Check [MyOntarioTech](#) for your tuition account balance and for your net cost view by term. This will show if you owe any tuition fees after your OSAP funds are applied.
- Your course load, program and year of study reported on your OSAP application must match your Ontario Tech course registration for OSAP to be released per semester. If these details **do not** match, there will be a delay in your funding. Contact us if you need to make updates.
- Once your enrolment is confirmed, it takes **up to 10 working days** for the funds to reach the university and/or your bank account.
- Continually monitor the status of your 2023-2024 OSAP application and remember to make all necessary updates with the [Student Awards and Financial Aid office](#).

Student Awards

2023-2024 fall General Bursary application is now open

- The General Bursary application for the fall is now available for students on [MyOntarioTech](#). To apply, navigate to **current students** and the **student awards and financial aid tab**, and scroll down to the **student awards and financial aid box**. Select **apply for bursaries and donor awards** to proceed. Be sure to check your fall term payment deadlines on [MyOntarioTech](#) as well.

Other News



- If you're looking for locally grown produce this summer, Durham College is hosting a Farmers Market at **South Village Courtyard on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** All students are welcome and encouraged to stop by!

Ontario Tech Ucard:

- If you have not submitted your photo for use for your digital Ucard, visit the [Ontario Tech Ucard web page](#) for instructions. Follow our [photo upload requirements](#) to

avoid having your photo rejected.

- Without a photo, your digital Ucard is invalid and **will not** be considered an acceptable ID for exams, tests, etc.
- To access your digital Ucard, download and sign into the [Ontario Tech Mobile app](#).

Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass):

- The U-Pass fee will be charged each semester to eligible, full-time students.
- The fall U-Pass is valid from **September 1 to December 31**, and is accessible through the [PRESTO E-Tickets app](#). Once distributed, an email will be sent to eligible students' ontariotechu.net email account.
- For more information, visit our [U-Pass web page](#).

Please note: Official university communication to your student ([ontariotechu.net](#)) email account **cannot** be unsubscribed from.



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