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# Ridgeback Report



- Exam season is here! The [North Oshawa Library](#) will be open late **Monday to Friday from 7:45 a.m. to midnight** (the Service Desk will close at 9 p.m.) **and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m December 4 to 15**. Get exam ready and come study with us!

## Academic Support



- [Student Course Feedback Surveys](#) for the fall term are available **November 20 to December 4**. Do you have comments or concerns about your courses? [Share your feedback with us](#) and help improve your student experience. You will be entered into a draw for a chance to win **1 of 5 \$75 gift cards**.
- Do you have a 60% or lower in a class? Protect your GPA by checking out the [Student Learning Centre](#) resources, they have one-on-one tutoring, study halls, time management workshops and more. You should also book an appointment with your [Academic Advisor](#) to see what your best path for success is. The deadline for dropping a class has been extended to **Monday, December 4** - take advantage of this time to reach out for 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](#).

## Career Readiness



- Embrace digital wellness with [Wavemakers](#)! Wavemakers is a free virtual career building program that gives you a head start to your career. Sharpen your skills, build your network and meet with top Canadian employers. Each student that participates has the chance to win a \$2000 scholarship. Don't miss out on this great opportunity and [apply today!](#)

## Community



### Student Leadership Awards

- Nominations for the [Student Leadership Awards](#) are now open. These awards acknowledge and celebrate students for their achievements and contributions, and for demonstrating excellence in leadership practices within the Ontario Tech community.

- You can nominate a student for a **Student Leadership Award** in one or more of the following award categories:
  - Accountability (Ethics)
  - Community Building
  - Innovation
  - Respect
- Or nominate a student for a **President's Award of Excellence in Student Leadership**:
  - The Undergraduate President's Award
  - The Graduate President's Awards
- The deadline for nominations is **Friday, January 19**.
- 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



- The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign is running **November 25 to December 10**. Follow [@otstudentlife](#) on Instagram to learn more and be part of the discussion.

## Athletics and Wellness



- Need to talk? Our Mental Health Peer Mentors are now offering virtual same-day appointments. If you're experiencing academic stressors, feelings of anxiety or more, we are here to help. [Learn more and book an appointment on the Mental Health Peer Mentor web page.](#)
- Join us at the [Carriage Cup](#) on **Thursday, January 11 at 7 p.m.** as the Ridgebacks take over the **Tribute Community Centre!** Cheer on the men's hockey team as they face-off against the York Lions. Proceeds from the event will help raise financial support for the Ontario Tech Student Relief Fund. [Get your tickets now!](#) For more information and details about the pre-party at Charles Hall, [visit the website.](#)
- [The LivingRoom Community Art Studio](#) has partnered with the university to give you a creative break and enjoy some self-care. The Creative Wellness Hive is a chance for you to make and share art for free! If you see the blue bus on campus, stop by for some well-deserved fun and to learn more about our campus supports and services. [Visit the mental health events web page for more information.](#)

## Money Matters



## Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- [Apply to OSAP](#), if you haven't done so already for this academic year.
- Ensure that your winter semester course load (number of classes) matches with your OSAP application. If it does not, this will delay the release of your winter funding in **January**.
- Continually monitor the status of your OSAP application and remember to make all necessary updates with the [Student Awards and Financial Aid Office](#).

## Student Awards

- Check [MyOntarioTech](#) for winter term payment deadlines and your tuition account balance.

# Other News



- Send and share a [motivation e-card](#) to your fellow classmates and friends! [Fill out the form](#) and send a personalized message for that extra study boost.
- Get your laptop ready for exams with IT Services' [six easy steps](#).

## Library workshops:

- Join us for [Library 101: Introduction to the Library](#) on **Thursday, December 7 from 11 a.m. to noon**. Learn how to easily access journal articles and books online, the benefits of an online research consultation with your subject librarian and how to access specialized digital resources like datasets, cases, patents, and standards. [Learn more and register](#).

- Don't know how long you should hold onto your research data for? Not sure if putting your research data on an external hard drive is data management? Attend the [RDM: What's the Deal with Data Management workshop](#) on **Thursday, December 14 from 10:10 to 11 a.m.** You'll learn about best practices for research data management, how effective research data management relates to grants and funding, and how to get started on creating a research data management plan. [Learn more and register.](#)



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