

# Ridgeback Report



- [Student Course Feedback Surveys](#) for the Winter term are available **March 27 to April 10**. 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**.

## Academic Support



- Registration for Spring/Summer courses will open on **Wednesday, April 5**. View the [course registration guide](#) for details on:

- Registration start times
- Previewing available courses
- Checking your earned hours
- Important dates and deadlines
- Additional resources

**Please note:** If you are an eligible Student Accessibility Services (SAS) student, and early registration is listed as one of your accommodations, registration will open on **Tuesday, April 4**. Please confirm with the [SAS department](#).

- The [Student Learning Centre](#) is offering [PASS](#)—weekly review sessions available for historically challenging courses. These sessions are led by your peers, who have previously taken these courses and have achieved an **A grade** or higher. They attend the class all over again and go over the difficult concepts with you in an interactive learning environment! View the [PASS schedule](#) to see if your course is being covered this semester.
- Are you looking for assistance with time management and general study skills? The Student Learning Centre's **STRIDE** program provides workshops and appointments for you to learn strategies, and success tips! [Learn more](#).

- Have you heard of the **Student Experience Record (SER)**? [SER](#) is a comprehensive record of your involvement in co-curricular experiences throughout your Ridgeback journey. It's used to highlight your diverse university experiences, and showcases your personal involvement and commitment to growing outside of the classroom. As you apply for jobs, future education or volunteer experiences, your **SER** will be a great tool to showcase soft skills that are important to employers in today's market! The deadline to add positions to your SER is **Monday, May 1**. [Access your SER and learn more.](#)

## Career Readiness



- If you're looking for summer employment, the Career Centre is hosting the **Summer Job Fair** on **Tuesday, March 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Atrium**. Get the chance to meet and connect with employers and apply for jobs on the spot! [Learn more.](#)
- Get suited up for your future! Durham College (DC) has invited you to the **Social and Community Services Fair** on **Thursday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Campus Recreation and Wellness Centre, Gym 3 and 4**. This event is an ideal networking opportunity for both students and employers to meet one another, and discuss future employment opportunities.
- Looking to level up your skills this winter semester and enhance your resume for Spring/Summer job opportunities? Join [Wavemakers](#)! It is a free, part-time, eight-session, virtual reality work-integrated learning program designed for post-secondary students that fits into your schedule. The program includes a virtual Career Fair that connects you with employer partners like Deloitte, IBM, BMO and more! [Sign up for an upcoming cohort.](#)
- 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 April.
- The [Career Centre](#) has updated their MyStart activities on Canvas! For anyone who is looking for resumé, interview, or job search help, make sure you check out the new modules. You can participate in a monthly activity challenge to be entered into a draw to win a **gift card**! [Sign into Canvas](#) for all the details.
- **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 winter workshop today! You can

also book an appointment on the [Student Life Portal](#) for any of our [one-on-one supports](#).

## Community



- **Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) are coming to 2200 North!** On **Friday, March 31 from 7 p.m. and onward**, The Ontario Tech Student Union is hosting a rare opportunity for students to speak directly with local MPPs—Todd McCarthy and Jennifer French—in a social setting with appetizers provided while supplies last. [Learn more](#).
- We're revamping our current student-run blog and want your valued input! Participants will have the option of entering a draw for a chance to win a **\$50 Amazon eGift card!** [Complete the Digital Community Feedback Survey](#).
- The free, online [Including Disability Global Summit \(IDGS\)](#) is taking place this year from **April 25 to 27**. The theme for the 2023 summit is **HopePunk: preserving, building community and chasing hope**—what can we do now so that the future is far better than the present for people with disabilities? Registration for the summit will be released soon; in the interim, [join the IDGS listserv](#) and receive pertinent updates. IDGS is also enlisting the help of [summit volunteers](#).
- **Conversation Café** runs on **Thursday's from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 223**. This is an opportunity to meet international students and learn about other cultures as well as a chance to practice English speaking and listening skills. Visit the [Student Life Portal](#) to view the schedule, register in advance if possible, or sign in before you join.
- **Student Mental Health Services** continues to offer a range of groups, workshops and events to support your mental health. If you would like to participate in one or more groups you can [register](#) now.

## Equity and Inclusion



- In collaboration with Ontario Tech EngiQueers, Student Engagement and Equity will be hosting **Study with Pride!** All 2SLGBTQ+ students and allies can come together, support each other and create a community of belonging. Snacks will

be provided. For more information, [visit the equity groups and workshops web page](#).

- On **Tuesday, April 4** from **2 to 4 p.m.** Student Engagement and Equity have partnered with the Ontario Tech Student Union and the Student Learning Centre for a special **Afternoons with SEE: Exam Prep Edition**. Join the team in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Atrium** and **Charles Hall, Atrium** to give out exam fuel snack bags, provide board games, music, and exam prep/study skills support.
- A new episode of the [Road to Equity podcast](#) is out now! The latest episode is all about celebrating culture and how as student leaders, each of the panelists takes the lead in their respective groups to create safe spaces for other students on campus. [Listen to the episode on Spotify](#).
- **RISE** (Respecting Individuals, Supporting Equity) sessions are scheduled throughout the winter 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](#).
- **Student Centred Spaces** are running throughout the winter term. Learn about equity topics in open discussion groups or discuss your experiences with those who may share them in a closed Student Centred Space. [View the available groups and register for sessions](#).

## Athletics and Wellness



- The Ontario Tech dance team will be hosting their annual Ridgeback Dance Showcase on **Tuesday, April 4 at the Regent Theatre Downtown Oshawa**. Doors will be opening at **7 p.m.** with a scheduled start time of **7:30 p.m.** **Tickets for the show will be \$5 at the door.** Come out and support your fellow Ridgeback dancers!
- Get moving, get grounded and get lifted! **Wellness Walks** is a free and fun opportunity that promotes physical and mental health by getting mindful walking breaks during the busy school, and workday. [Learn more](#).
- As part of **Health Promotions programming**, there are a number of events and workshops that you can attend to learn skills and tips on how to improve your health and well-being. [Learn more and register on the Health Promotions events and workshops web page](#).

# Money Matters



## Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

- If you are an [OSAP](#) student planning to take full time classes in the Spring/Summer term(s) (three classes in total), you will need to complete an **OSAP Extension Form** once you are officially registered for your classes. Information will be available on [MyOntarioTech](#) beginning of April. **Do not** apply through the OSAP website.
- If you're planning to study part time during the spring/summer months, please apply for **part time OSAP funding** via the [OSAP website](#).

## Student Awards

- The 2023 Summer University Works application is now available for full-time undergraduate students. To apply, please visit [MyOntarioTech](#) under the current student section. Click on the student awards and financial aids tab, navigate down to the student awards and financial aid box and select **Apply for University Works**.
- Please note the International University Works program is highly competitive, with a large number of applicants and a limited number of positions. Therefore, acceptance into the program is not guaranteed. **In the event the maximum number of applicants has been reached, the application may close prior to the deadline.**

# Other News



- **Class of 2023 graduates only:** Please check your student (ontariotechu.net) email inbox for important, personalized updates regarding the June 7 to 9, 2023 Convocation ceremonies! [Visit the Convocation website](#) for information for graduates and guests, and FAQs.
- Visit any of our campus libraries for this year's [Seed Exchange](#). Choose up to five packets of seeds and plant, grow, enjoy, and share! Seed variety differs in each location and may change on availability. Donations are always welcome, however we do not accept corn, soy, canola, or rose seeds. Any controlled substances are unacceptable.



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