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Ridgeback Report



- Join the Indigenous Education and Cultural Services team for [Treaties Recognition Week](#). These events aim to provide insights into the significance of treaty rights across Turtle Island. This annual week serves as a platform for acknowledging the spirit and intent of treaties, fostering understanding among students, and educating the Ontario Tech campus community about treaty rights and relationships. [Register for the events](#) taking place the week of **November 5 to 11**.

Academic Support



- November is Academic Writing Month! The [Student Learning Centre](#) is offering a number of events to help improve your academic writing and assignments. [Learn more and register for the events](#).
- 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



- **The Ontario Tech Student Union (OTSU) First Impressions is this week!**
The OTSU is holding its pop-up professional attire upcycling event this **Wednesday, November 8**, and is seeking good-quality interview clothes (particularly men's attire) to be donated. [Learn more](#).
- 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 **November**.
- Join us for the [Transferable Skills workshop](#) virtually on **Tuesday, November 28 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** You will learn why transferable skills are important, how to identify the transferable skills you have developed and how to communicate these skills on your resumé.
- The [Employment Readiness Program](#), running **Tuesdays until November 28**, is a series of workshops designed to teach students practical job readiness skills and skills for navigating the workplace with success. Students who attend the workshop series will have access to additional one-on-one peer support with an Employment Peer Coach who can help address career-related concerns. [Learn more and register](#).
- Explore your employment identity with our Dungeons and Dragons Employment workshops! This five-week workshop, from **October 25 to November 22**, gives

you the opportunity to build your own Dungeons and Dragons character and journey through quests that explore skills related to employment and employment identity. [Learn more and register on the Student Life Portal.](#)

- 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



- Join the Health Promotions team for [Paint Night](#) on **Wednesday, November 15** in **Shawenjigewining Hall, Mitch Frazer Atrium from 4 to 6 p.m.** Art is a great outlet for stress and anxiety, and provides us with the opportunity to make connections. You're welcome to paint a flowerpot or canvas, enjoy some snacks and drinks, and visit the display created by our Peer Wellness Educators. [Register in advance](#) or drop in!
- Attention future innovators! Mark your calendars for **November 17 to 19** for the much-anticipated **Engineering Startup Weekend**. Whether you have the next ground-breaking startup idea or simply want to immerse yourself in a learning experience, this event is tailor-made for you. You'll have the chance to network with industry professionals and fellow students, attend in-depth workshops, take advantage of expert guidance, and win cash prizes! The deadline to register is **Thursday, November 9**. [Register now](#) to secure your spot.
- Whether you're an industry expert or simply passionate about technology and engineering, join us on **Saturday, December 2** for [STEM Hacks!](#) This event gives students in grades 9 to 11 the opportunity to compete in an autonomous

vehicle challenge. We're looking for students in **Engineering, Science and Math related courses** to be a judge, mentor or volunteer at the event. If you're interested, [visit the mathstronauts website to sign up and learn more.](#)

Student Leadership Awards

- Nominations for the [Student Leadership Awards](#) open on **Monday, November 13**. 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, 2024**.
- Bannock and Books is back with a new book: **You Are the Medicine: 13 Moons of Indigenous Wisdom, Ancestral Connection, and Animal Spirit Guidance** by Asha Frost. [Register to join us for the Sharing Circle](#) on **Monday, December 4 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** Asha Frost will be joining virtually to answer questions and engage in our discussion!

- 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



- Equity Awareness Week is coming up **November 13 to 16!** Stop by the information booths in the **Shawenjigewining Hall and Charles Hall, Atriums** all week long from **11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Join us as we spread awareness about equity-related topics such as 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusion, Anti-Ableism, Anti-Islamophobia, Anti Racism, Classism, Health Equity, Feminism and First Generation Student Support. [Learn more.](#)
- Afternoons with SEE runs weekly on **Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. in Shawenjigewining Hall, Room 210.** All students are welcome to drop in and join the Student Engagement and Equity team to hang out, play games, meet others and enjoy refreshments.
- **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.](#)
- **Student Centred Spaces** are running throughout the fall semester. [Pride Space](#) offers a safe place where 2SLGBTQ+ students and allies can unite, support each other and participate in fun activities. This safe gathering allows you to build connections, explore vital topics and engage in fun activities. Our

[Trans and Non-Binary Student-Centered Space](#) offers a unique opportunity for trans and non-binary students to connect and strengthen community bonds. Join us in fostering understanding, unity and support this semester bi-weekly on **Wednesdays until November 29.**

Athletics and Wellness



- [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.](#)
- For the tenth semester, Student Mental Health Services has collaborated with Ontario Shores to offer the [Recovery College program](#). Discover mental health, wellness and your passions with us. We blend lived experiences and professional expertise to empower you in managing challenges and pursuing your dreams. [Learn more and register](#) for a journey of hope, empowerment and meaningful connections.
- **Campus Connected** is a workshop for students, staff and faculty to learn how to engage with others with an attitude of caring and kindness, as well as listen with empathy and without judgement. [Learn more and register for a workshop.](#)

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



Library workshops:

- Join us for [Library 101: Introduction to the Library](#) on **Wednesday, November 8 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](#).
- Have you ever seen a great presentation of data and thought, "I want to do that?" You should attend the [Data, We Love to See It: A Brief Introduction to Data Visualization workshop](#). On **Wednesday, November 22 from 2:10 to 3 p.m.**, we will look at the what, why and how of data visualization through library resources and open source data visualization tools. [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 **Monday, November 20 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](#).
- The Library is hosting hands-on introductions to 3D printing workshops! You'll learn how to find free 3D design files, customize them using free software and get your file ready printing. [Learn more and register](#) for the workshop on **Tuesday, November 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.**



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