

# Ridgeback Report



## Undergraduate Student Course Feedback Surveys

[Surveys](#) for the fall semester will be available from **November 22 to December 6**.

Do you have comments or concerns about your courses? [Share your feedback](#) with us and help improve your student experience.

By completing the survey(s), you'll be entered into a draw for a chance to win 1 of 5 \$75 gift cards.

## Academic Support



- Papers are due and finals are quickly approaching! No need to stress—the Student Learning Centre is hosting **Anti-Procrastination Week** from **November 8 to 12**. Join throughout the week for a series of virtual workshops that will help you prepare for the end-of-term crunch! Workshops will cover a variety of topics, including strategies to avoid cramming, effective study strategies, planning for final exams, preventing procrastination, increasing motivation, finding and reading peer-reviewed journal articles, using the APA style guide, and more. To view the full workshop schedule—including dates and times, and registration links—[visit the Anti-Procrastination Week web page](#).
- During Anti-Procrastination Week, the Student Learning Centre will be holding its bi-annual **Long Night Against Procrastination** event on **Tuesday, November 9 from 3 to 6 p.m.**, both **in-person and online**. You can sign up for in-person or online appointments to learn some helpful tips on writing, citations and preparing for exams, as well as get tips for studying and time management, and ask a Reference Librarian for help with specific research topics or research skills; the library appointments are online only. **Please note:** Masks are required for the in-person activities and all refreshments will be to take away to a designated eating space on campus. If you are interested in registering for this event, contact [studentlearning@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:studentlearning@ontariotechu.ca).
- The Student Learning Centre will be holding **Study Together sessions** throughout the week of **November 8 to 12**. Stay accountable and on track by studying with other students in a quiet virtual space. We will be using a structured study time and break system to stay focused, and will begin each study session with some helpful study tips; webcams are encouraged but not required. Check out the [Study Together schedule!](#) To register for these workshops and virtual study sessions, [visit the Student Life Portal](#).
- The **Stride Learning program** provides a variety of online learning skill workshops, offered at critical times throughout the year. You'll be introduced to learning strategies that will contribute to your academic success—time management skills, memory strategies, note-taking, goal setting and more. We also offer study sessions, one-on-one appointments, and small group appointments for individual students, peer groups and student clubs. For more information, [visit the Stride web page](#).
- The Student Learning Centre offers a variety of **peer learning programs**. If you're looking for academic support, you can access **Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)** that occur weekly for help in reviewing courses that are historically challenging. For the schedule, [visit the PASS web page](#). If you're looking for extra support, [one-on-one peer tutoring sessions](#) are also available. Both programs are offered fully online via Google Meet.
- Note-taking is an essential service to support some students with long- or short-term disabilities. Student Accessibility Services invites you to get involved with this rewarding opportunity; submissions are anonymous and note-taking can be included on your [Student Experience Record](#). For more information, [visit the volunteer note-takers web page](#).

# Career Readiness



- The Faculty of Business and Information Technology is now offering a new program— the Master of Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence (MBAI), commencing fall 2022. This program will provide a theoretical knowledge base and practical experience working with data, and people, in decision making. For more information, [visit the MBAI program page](#).
- **International students:** The Career Centre's virtual drop-in sessions happen on **Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.** These sessions are designed to support career development and your employment journey; no appointment is necessary. For more information and for the meeting link, [visit the Student Life Portal](#).
- International students, you're invited to bring your existing resumé to the **Job Prep: Resumé and Cover Letter Writing** workshop on **Tuesday, November 23 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** You'll learn how to update your resumé so that it reflects your accomplishments and is tailored to the job you'll be applying for. Registration is required through the [Student Life Portal](#).
- International students, you're invited to attend the **Job Prep: Strategies** workshop on **Monday, November 29 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.** You'll learn how to navigate the pandemic work environment and how to succeed in an uncertain job market using a strategic job search action plan. Registration is required through the [Student Life Portal](#).
- **Career Chats** is an initiative that takes place on the **last Tuesday and Thursday of each month**. They provide you with an opportunity to talk directly with human resource professionals to receive resumé, LinkedIn, interview or job-searching advice from industry-leading employers. [Register through the Student Life Portal](#).
- Do you have an interview coming up? The Career Centre offers practice interviews with an Employment Advisor. To book an appointment, [visit the Student Life Portal](#).

# Community



- If you or your family have been affected by the legacy of residential schools in Canada, support is available. The Indigenous Cultural Advisor is available for traditional counselling support. Contact [Indigenous@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:Indigenous@ontariotechu.ca) to make an appointment. If you are in crisis or need immediate support, contact the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line (24 hours) at 1.866.925.4419.
- **Student Mental Health Services** offers a range of groups and workshops to support your mental health. [Register online](#) if you'd like to participate.
- **Student Mental Health Peer Mentors** are undergraduate or graduate students at the university, who listen and provide social and emotional support to students in a one-on-one setting. To learn more about the program and Peer Mentors—and to book an appointment—[visit the Mental Health Peer Mentors web page](#).
- **Conversation Café** runs on **Thursdays' from 3 to 4 p.m.** 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 begin.

# Equity and Inclusion



- **Respecting Individuals, Supporting Equity (RISE):** The RISE program is a suite of workshops scheduled throughout the fall, that provides training and education on what participants can do on an individual level to foster a safer, and more inclusive campus community. [Learn more and register.](#)
- **Equity discussion groups and student-centred spaces** are running throughout the fall. Learn about equity topics in open discussion groups or discuss your experiences with those who may share them in a closed, student-centred space. To see which groups are available and register, [visit the equity groups and workshops web page.](#)
- **Campus Connected** is about caring and kindness, and listening for understanding, empathy and without judgment. The session is two hours long and is offered on many different dates, in hopes that you can find one that suits your busy schedule. [Register on the Student Life Portal.](#)
- In response to student feedback provided to the Student Sexual Violence Prevention and Support Committee, Student Life has invited the Aids Committee of Durham Region to deliver some **#Let'sTalkSex workshops** to provide education and destigmatization around topics of sex, and sexuality. Part of building a culture of consent and respect on campus is providing space for conversations like these. To view the schedule and register, [visit the equity groups and workshops web page.](#)
- **Pride study space** is a drop-in program for 2SLGBTQ<sup>+</sup> students and allies to study together virtually in a quiet environment, and take breaks together. This programming takes place **every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** until Monday, November 29. For more information and to access the meeting links, [visit the equity groups and workshops web page.](#)

# Athletics and Wellness



- The men's varsity hockey team is looking for an emergency back-up goaltender for any games and/or practices where there may be a need due to sickness or an injury. If you're interested in the position and the potential to possibly dress in a varsity hockey game, contact head coach Curtis Hodgins at [curtis.hodgins@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:curtis.hodgins@ontariotechu.ca).
- The [Ridgebacks' varsity teams](#) will be playing in many home games throughout November. Come out and cheer them on and have a chance at winning great prizes. Also, keep a look out for our promo team across the university to get a dinner on us!
- Need the latest news on what's happening in Athletics? Make sure to [follow them on Instagram](#) (@ot\_ridgebacks).
- [Follow Campus Rec on Instagram](#) (@dcotcampusrec) for the latest updates on recreational opportunities.

# Money Matters



## OSAP

- OSAP for the 2021-2022 academic year is now available. If you haven't already, [apply now.](#)
- Your course load, program, and year of study reported on your OSAP application **must match your Ontario Tech course registration** for your funding to be released each semester. If they don't match, there will be a delay in your funding. [Contact the Student Awards and Financial Aid \(SAFA\) team](#) 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.
- [Check MyCampus](#) for your tuition account balance and your net-cost view by semester. This will show if you owe any tuition fees after your OSAP funds are applied.
- Continue to monitor the status of your OSAP application and remember to make all necessary updates with the [SAFA team](#).

#### Student awards

- There are many different scholarship and bursary applications available on [MyCampus](#). Visit the **OT awards and financial aid** tab to see what's available for you.

#### Additional resources

- Don't forget to [check MyCampus](#) for important payment deadlines and to review your tuition account balance.
- For the most up-to-date financial information, [visit the SAFA website](#). Additionally, please ensure you're checking the **OT awards and financial aid** tab of [MyCampus](#) regularly. If you have any questions or concerns, contact us at [connect@ontariotechu.ca](mailto:connect@ontariotechu.ca).

## Other News



- In an effort to ensure our Academic Advising services align with the needs of our current students, we would like to receive your feedback related to your preferred hours of service. Your response to the survey questions will help us better understand student needs and how we can ensure we are providing the best services possible. The survey will take less than one minute to complete. [Take the survey](#).
- **MyCampus login:** Some users are currently experiencing login issues while trying to access self-service options in [MyCampus](#). If you're experiencing this issue, you will need to log in through either **Firefox or Safari**, as those are the only supporting browsers at this time.



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