

Further Education Support Series: Selecting a Post-Grad Program

Taking the time to really think through your priorities, expectations, and other factors related to your unique situation before you commit to a post grad program greatly increases the likelihood you will choose the right option for you!

Circle the level of importance each of these considerations has for you. As you are researching possible schools, rank each one in terms of its strength relative your preferences.

		School:	School:	School:	School:
RELEVANT TO MY CAREER	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
RELEVANT TO MY INTERESTS	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
DURATION	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
COST	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				

		School:	School:	School:	School:
GUARANTEED FUNDING	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
HANDS-ON LEARNING	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
LOCATION	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				
REPUTATION OF SCHOOL OR PROGRAM	Deal breaker				
	Preferable				
	Don't care				

Other Considerations:

Online Resources

Universities Canada

This site provides a searchable database of university programs facts and stats about these programs and scholarships.

<http://www.univcan.ca/universities/>

Scholarships Canada

ScholarshipsCanada.com is an educational site for students to find scholarships, student awards, bursaries and grants. Students can search for scholarships by name, school, field of study and scholarship provider. Free, online registration required.

<http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/about/index.asp>

Career Cruising

Remember this site from high school? It's still one of the best Canadian resources available for finding education related to particular career interests.

<http://www.yorku.ca/careers/students/onlineresources.htm> (scroll down to link)

Ontario Private College Search Service

A comprehensive list of independently owned colleges that are not funded by OSAP or inspected by the AUCC.

http://www.ontario.ca/en/services_for_residents/053263

Ontario College Key Performance Indicators

These Web sites contain OSAP Performance Program Indicator information. This includes the Ontario Student Loan Default Rates, Graduate Employment Rates, and Graduation Rates by program

<http://www.collegesontario.org/outcomes/key-performance-indicators.html>

Common University Data Ontario (CUDO)

Ontario's universities have worked together to develop and compile data to create CUDO, and to let students, parents and the public have ready access to information about each university.

<http://www.ouac.on.ca/news/story/common-university-data-ontario-cudo-revamped/>