

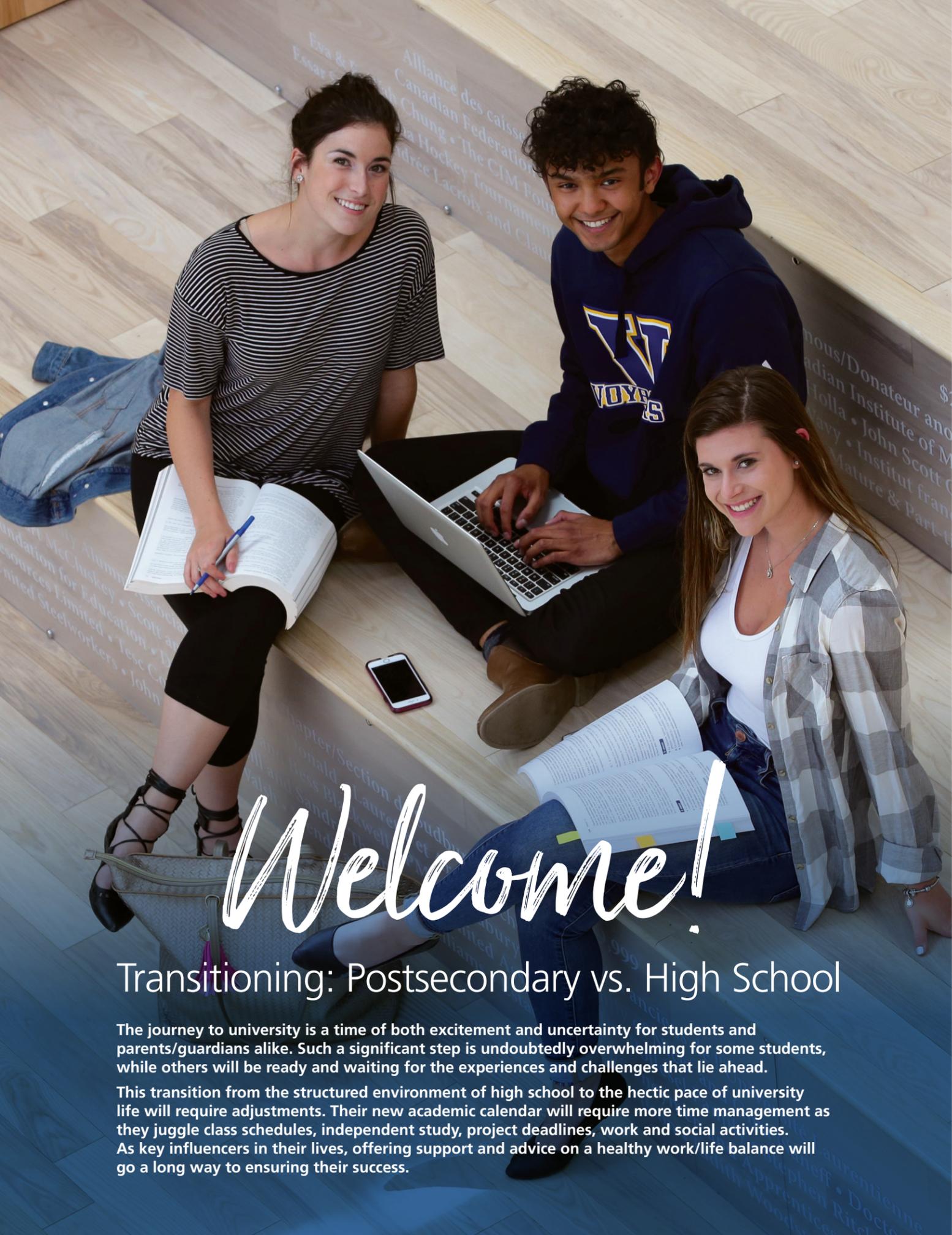
# University Bound

TRANSITIONING TO THE POSTSECONDARY JOURNEY



**Laurentian**University  
Université **Laurentienne**

SUDBURY | ONTARIO | CANADA



# Welcome!

## Transitioning: Postsecondary vs. High School

The journey to university is a time of both excitement and uncertainty for students and parents/guardians alike. Such a significant step is undoubtedly overwhelming for some students, while others will be ready and waiting for the experiences and challenges that lie ahead.

This transition from the structured environment of high school to the hectic pace of university life will require adjustments. Their new academic calendar will require more time management as they juggle class schedules, independent study, project deadlines, work and social activities. As key influencers in their lives, offering support and advice on a healthy work/life balance will go a long way to ensuring their success.

## We're glad to see Laurentian University is part of your selection process.

As a parent or guardian, you play a vital role in your young adult's educational journey towards a rewarding career. Having the right tools in hand allows you to offer guidance and support as they choose the postsecondary program and institution that will shape their academic future.

This short handbook provides resources you will need to help make informed decisions. From information on upcoming events and submission deadlines, to tips on supporting your young adult... we've got you covered.

Read on and find out what it's like to  
*choose a future that begins at Laurentian.*



### *In this guide...*

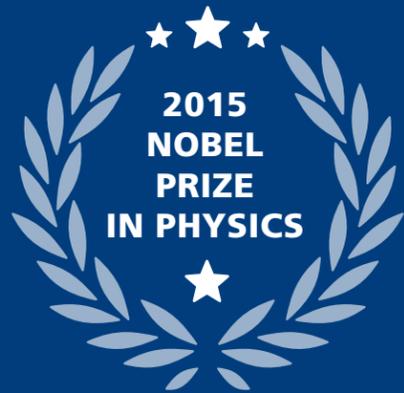
Reasons to Choose Laurentian	4
Postsecondary Preparation Cycle	6
Selecting a Program	7
Applying for Admission	8
The Liaison Team/Campus Tours	9
Advice for Parents	10
Important Dates/Contact Us	11



 **2<sup>nd</sup> HIGHEST**  
**post-graduation earnings** among Ontario universities

# UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE

**#1 TOP-RANKED** in Ontario for the past decade!

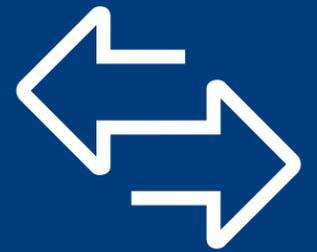


Laurentian is one of five university collaborators in prize-winning neutrino research led by Dr. Arthur McDonald at the Sudbury SNOLAB.

**83%**  
average entry grade of our 2018-2019 cohort



**N°1 IN CANADA** IN TOTAL SPONSORED RESEARCH INCOME GROWTH in the undergraduate category



**ENHANCED** STUDENT PATHWAYS WITH COLLEGES

**92%** 

**Post-graduation employment rate after just six months! Best cumulative results in the province**



**NEW** Cliff Fielding Research, Innovation and Engineering Building

 **Laurentian University**  
Université **Laurentienne**  
**BHARTI** School of Engineering  
École de génie

 **Laurentian University**  
Université **Laurentienne**  
**GOODMAN** School of Mines  
École des mines

 **Laurentian University**  
Université **Laurentienne**  
**HARQUAIL** School of Earth Sciences  
École des sciences de la Terre

 **Laurentian University**  
Université **Laurentienne**  
**McEWEN** School of Architecture  
École d'architecture

# The Postsecondary Preparation Cycle

## GRADE 12

After attending fairs and in-school visits, students will have gathered materials from Laurentian that list the admission requirements for their program(s) of interest. You may want to offer to review your young adult's transcript for all 4U/M courses or equivalents, ensuring they will be taking the prerequisite courses required for their program(s) of choice.

**Please note: Once students have applied to Laurentian, they should be monitoring their applicant portal weekly.**

## DECEMBER 2019

Prior to the second semester in this final year of high school, students should review their courses to ensure they are on track for graduation with the required courses for their program(s) of interest. Your young adult may need to retake a course in which they were not successful during their previous studies, or add a course to apply for a new program of choice. Speaking with their guidance office will help determine which classes can be taken in the second semester.

**Please note: Students who apply to certain programs may receive early offers of admission prior to the new year.**



## SPRING 2020

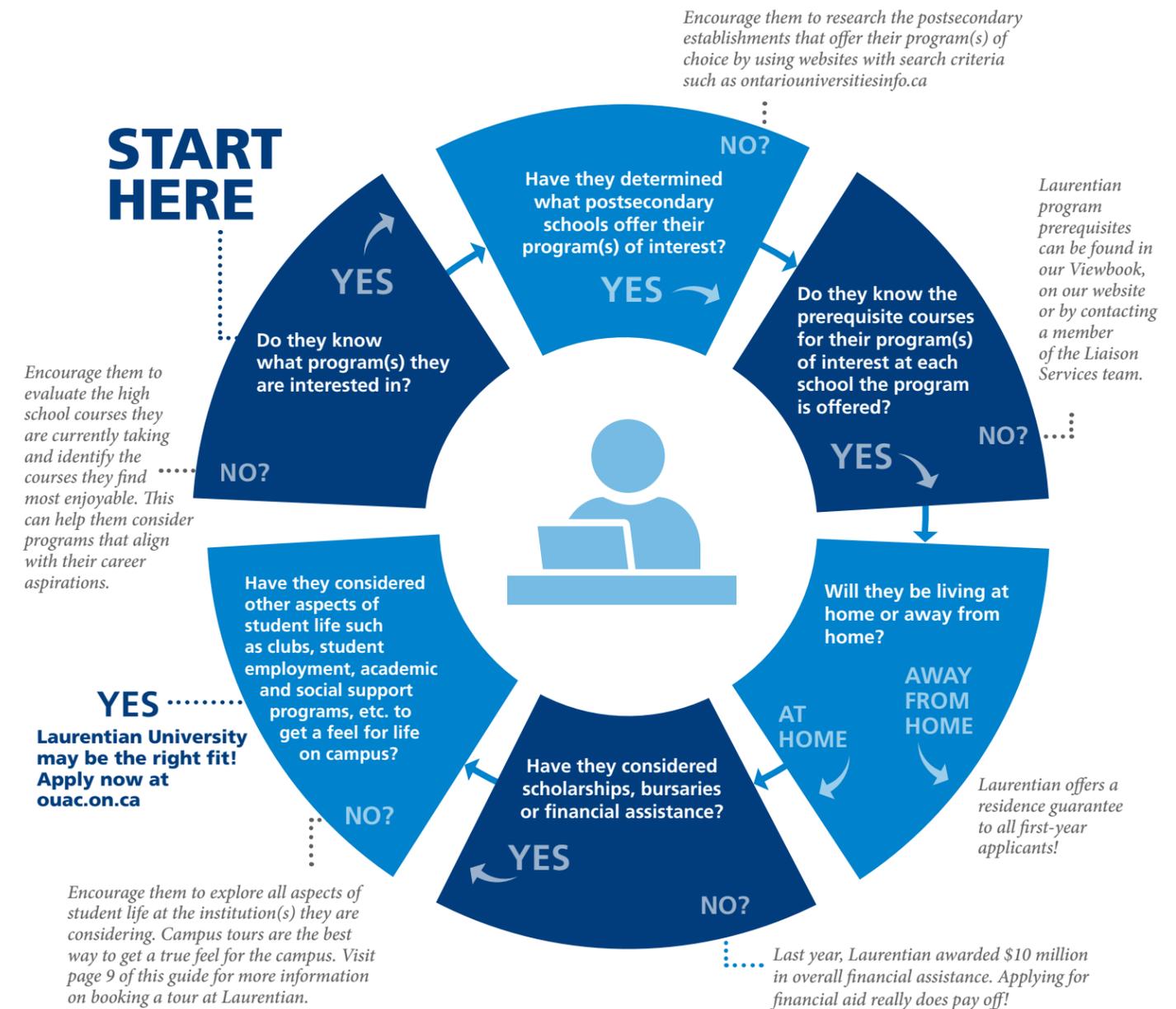
By early spring, many students will have received conditional offers. Be sure to encourage your young adult to continue working hard in their studies as offers can be rescinded if the average entry requirement for their program of choice is not achieved.

## END OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL YEAR

Students who have applied to an open enrollment program at Laurentian and have received a conditional offer can take summer high school courses that count toward their admission average.

# How to Help Your Young Adult Select a Program

Selecting a postsecondary program is one of the most important decisions your young adult will make on their journey towards a great career. For most, this choice can be overwhelming. Though the decision is personal and unique to their career goals, we've created a conversation tool to assist you in guiding your young adult through the decision-making process.



### Other considerations:

**Athletics** – What are the athletic opportunities?  
**Co-op and Experiential Learning** – What opportunities exist?  
**Recreation** – What recreational services are available?

**Student Associations** – What are the extracurriculars like?  
**Study Abroad** – Are there opportunities to travel?  
**Transportation** – What are the transportation services like?

# Applying for Admission to Laurentian

Applying to Laurentian is relatively simple and our staff is here to offer help should your young adult require it. Whether you have questions relating to program requirements, deadlines, or even transferring credits from prior learning experiences, our team is available, ready and willing to assist.



Applicant portal: [www.my.laurentian.ca](http://www.my.laurentian.ca)

- 1 CHECKING PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS** – Admission criteria and supplemental documentation requirements can be found on our website at [laurentian.ca/undergraduate-programs](http://laurentian.ca/undergraduate-programs) for each individual program. It is important to review these before applying.
- 2 APPLYING ONLINE** – To be admitted for full-time studies to an Ontario university, one must apply online through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) at [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca).  
*\*Students who are currently enrolled in an Ontario secondary school will receive a "P.I.N." (personal identification number) from their guidance counsellor to access the OUAC site and application process. All other applicants will be required to create a user profile on the OUAC 105 application form.*
- 3 RECEIVING AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT EMAIL** – Once your young adult has applied, he/she will receive an important email from Laurentian's Office of Admissions with information on accessing their myLaurentian Applicant Portal. They should receive this email within two business days of submitting their application to OUAC.  
**Didn't receive the email?** They will need to check their email spam folder or contact [info@laurentian.ca](mailto:info@laurentian.ca).
- 4 ACCESSING UNIQUE PROFILE ON THE MYLAURENTIAN APPLICANT PORTAL** – Once your young adult is being considered for admission to Laurentian, there will be a waiting period during which the Admissions Office is reviewing grades and requirements. During this time, it is recommended that your young adult access his/her account on the Applicant Portal to ensure that no additional requirements or missing documents have been flagged.  
**What is the Applicant Portal?** The Applicant Portal is an online resource for students who have applied for admission. It allows them to interact with the Office of Admissions, to access any supplemental forms required to process their application, to apply for a spot in residence, to receive information on fees, scholarships and bursaries, and much more! The Applicant Portal can be accessed at [my.laurentian.ca](http://my.laurentian.ca).
- 5 APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES** – Exploring the numerous scholarship and bursary opportunities available to students is an important step. These are featured within the Applicant Portal. The deadline to apply for scholarships and bursaries is March 1, 2020.
- 6 APPLYING FOR RESIDENCE** – It is possible to apply for residence accommodations before receiving an offer. At Laurentian, first-year high school applicants are guaranteed a spot in a residence when they apply to University College or Single Student Residences before June 1, 2020. Once again, the application information resides on the Applicant Portal.
- 7 ACCEPTING THE OFFER!** – Your young adult has received an offer from Laurentian. Congratulations! The Offer of Admission will be posted in the Documents folder on the Applicant Portal. Applicants must carefully review the details and conditions of the offer. To accept the offer, applicants must visit [ouac.on.ca](http://ouac.on.ca), log into their account, and follow the instructions to accept. OUAC will send the response to our Office of Admissions.  
**Early Conditional Offers** – Your young adult may receive an Early Conditional Offer of Admission in the Fall, based on their grade 11 average. The final decision will depend upon their best six grade 12 U or M courses, successful completion of the required courses and the obtention of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).  
**Alternate Offers** – Your young adult may receive an Alternate Offer from our Office of Admissions. He/she must take the time to review the offer and learn more about the suggested program(s) by consulting our website or speaking with one of our Liaison staff. Should they wish to be considered for an alternate open-enrolment program offered at Laurentian, they will need to contact the Office of Admissions at [info@laurentian.ca](mailto:info@laurentian.ca).  
**We really look forward to welcoming your young adult to the Laurentian community. Should you require additional information, don't hesitate to contact us at [info@laurentian.ca](mailto:info@laurentian.ca) or 1-800-263-4188.**

## A Guided Experience – Laurentian's Liaison Team

From the moment your young adult considers Laurentian, our Liaison team is engaged. As the university's frontline officers, the team is available to answer questions, to share the latest information on our programs and services, and to ensure a smooth transition for all students, whether they're coming from high school or transferring from another institution.

Campus Tours | School Visits | Career Fairs | Open House | Academic Counselling | General phone and email enquiries



### Campus Tours

Come and see what Laurentian has to offer!

Our Liaison team offers customized tours of our full campus, which can include contact with program faculty, classroom visits and more. Whether your tour is led by a member of Liaison Services or a representative from a specific program of study, our tour guides will show you all aspects of the University from athletic facilities to student spaces, dining locations, and everything in between.

While our team of friendly guides will customize your visit to include all the highlights and features of campus and program(s) of interest, we encourage you and your family unit to prepare and ask questions throughout the process to maximize your visit.

#### Before Your Campus Visit:

- Request a meeting with a faculty member from the program(s) of choice.
- Request a meeting with a service representative to discuss any special accommodations your young adult may require.
- To best experience university life, we encourage you to spend a night or two exploring the city and the campus.

#### During Your Visit:

- Take the time to note extracurricular areas and imagine how they will enhance their time at Laurentian. Encourage them to ask about clubs, teams, intramurals, and volunteer opportunities.
- Ask if your young adult's program(s) of interest offer(s) the ability for co-op or experiential learning.
- Ask if your young adult's program(s) of interest offer(s) degree flexibility to allow for double majors, minors, etc.
- We recommend taking pictures of the facilities, including residence, to capture highlights of your visit.

#### After Your Visit:

- We encourage you to follow-up with any questions you may still have about the campus or program(s) of choice.
- Comments and suggestions on how to continue enhancing the campus tour experience are always welcome.

Contact us today to book your guided tour at one of the following times:

**Monday – Friday:** 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
**Saturdays:** 12 p.m. (with the exception of those that fall on holiday weekends)

1-800-263-4188 [laurentian.ca/tour](http://laurentian.ca/tour) [info@laurentian.ca](mailto:info@laurentian.ca)

Please contact us directly prior to your visit to ensure your tour covers everything that's important to you!

# Transitions and Engagement

This team is in place to help new students transition to university studies at Laurentian. Your student can look forward to engaging, informative and accessible Orientation Programs that are designed to make their move to Laurentian as smooth as possible.



Recognizing that the transition to university is an adjustment for the whole family, the team also offers information and support for parents and guardians. For more information, contact [orientation@laurentian.ca](mailto:orientation@laurentian.ca).

## Advice from a fellow parent

“ **BE AVAILABLE** – Texts, calls, and quick check-ins will make a world of difference. So would care packages. All students in residence have access to a mailbox and a porter service notifies of any special deliveries.

**OFFER A LISTENING EAR** – It’s not always easy to be a student...Having someone supportive to talk to goes a long way.

**BE PREPARED FOR ROUGH PATCHES** – Academic challenges and a bit of homesickness will likely come into play. This will be temporary.

If you can, **SCHEDULE VISITS** or offer the temporary comforts of home for a reset or to stock-up on the essentials.

**BE STRONG** – Your empty-nest feeling will pass. Enjoy new activities, volunteer, pursue your own studies. Your life is also changing – make the most of it and plan future visits and activities with your young adult. ”



**Gillian Koch – mother of Connor (BA, B.Ed.)**  
I have advice to share and can help you navigate this postsecondary journey.



## Important Dates

Application Deadline for High School Students in Ontario  
• **January 15, 2020**

Application Deadline for Canadian High School Students Residing Outside of Ontario  
• **Limited Enrollment Program – February 1, 2020**  
• **Open Enrollment Program – up to 8 weeks prior to the start of classes**

Application Deadline for Scholarships and Bursaries  
• **March 1, 2020**

Residence Application Deadline  
• **June 1, 2020**  
**Residence Guarantee: First-year students are guaranteed a spot in residence.**

Deadline to Accept an Offer  
• **June 1, 2020**  
For students currently enrolled at an Ontario high school

Recommended Application Deadline for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)  
• **June 30, 2020**

First Day of Classes  
• **September 9, 2020**

## Contact us:

**Admissions**  
1-800-263-4188  
[info@laurentian.ca](mailto:info@laurentian.ca)

**Accessibility Services**  
705-671-6617  
[accessibilityservices@laurentian.ca](mailto:accessibilityservices@laurentian.ca)

**Centre for Academic Excellence**  
[excellence@laurentian.ca](mailto:excellence@laurentian.ca)

**Counselling and Support Services**  
705-673-6506  
[supportprograms@laurentian.ca](mailto:supportprograms@laurentian.ca)

**Health and Wellness Services**  
705-673-6546 • 1-800-461-4030  
[healthservices@laurentian.ca](mailto:healthservices@laurentian.ca)

**Equity, Diversity and Human Rights**  
705-675-1151 ext. 3427  
[edhr@laurentian.ca](mailto:edhr@laurentian.ca)

**Indigenous Student Affairs**  
705-675-1151 ext. 4052  
[isa@laurentian.ca](mailto:isa@laurentian.ca)

**myLaurentian Hub and General Enquiries**  
705-673-6565 • 1-800-263-4188  
[hub@laurentian.ca](mailto:hub@laurentian.ca)

**Security and Parking Services**  
705-673-6562

**Student Residences**  
705-675-4814  
[residences@laurentian.ca](mailto:residences@laurentian.ca)

**Liaison Services/ Campus Tours**  
1-800-263-4188  
[info@laurentian.ca](mailto:info@laurentian.ca)



## Get connected!

What better way to get a feel for life at Laurentian than to connect with our students? At Laurentian, we’re dedicated to being where students are. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram to see what our students have to say.

Facebook Laurentian University Voyageurs 2024 53

[www.facebook.com/groups/voyageursparents2024/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/voyageursparents2024/)

Instagram @laurentianu  
Snapchat @laurentianu  
Twitter @LaurentianU  
YouTube Laurentian University



**Laurentian** University  
Université **Laurentienne**

Together. Ensemble. Maamwi.