

Spectrum Scholarship Newsletter: September 21, 2018

CLASS NEWS

The Scholarship Class will meet next **Thursday, Sept.27th at 8:30** in room 18 and **Friday, Sept. 28th** at lunch in **Room 18**. You only need **attend one** of these class times.

The class will also meet Thursday October 4th during Collab (8:30 - 9:10) OR at lunch (12:00 - 12:45). You only need **attend one** of these class times.

Next week's class we will be reviewing the course outline and the Post-Secondary Scholarship Planning Handbook. Please make sure you have read the [Post-Secondary Scholarship Planning Handbook](#) before the next class.

On the same page as the Handbook you will find different links to scholarships that are available. There are also links to various other sites that provide information on scholarships. Remember to visit these links often as the information changes constantly.

POST-SECONDARY NEWS:

UVic - [Applications](#) for fall 2018 are now open online. I will give more detailed info on UVic in the coming weeks – early application is open till February 28th, so there is no reason to rush your application. Follow the link to see what might be involved

UVic - [School of Health Information Science](#)

Fall Open House

Wednesday, October 10th, from 4:30-6:00pm

Cornett Building, B143.

We invite students to learn more about this exciting field by talking with our faculty and students. Join us for pizza while learning about the rapidly expanding field of **information technology in healthcare!**

The world is becoming increasingly reliant on the use of information technology in health care delivery. The School of Health Information Science has the most comprehensive and established undergraduate program in the study of health informatics in Canada, offering two programs including a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Science and a Combined Major in Computer Science and Health Information Science. Students may enter directly from high school or transfer from college or other undergraduate

programs. Individuals graduate with a BSc degree, and benefit from virtually 100% employment with starting salaries typically above \$55,000 per year.

UVic Faculty of Human & Social Development:

Career & Education Fair

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

2:30-4:30 pm | SUB Upper Lounge

Free refreshments

Did you know, 98% of HSD graduates find employment in their area of study?

Each of the following schools within the Faculty of Human and Social Development will present on programs available to potential applicants:

- Child & Youth Care
- Health Information Science
- Indigenous Governance
- Nursing
- Public Administration
- Public Health & Social Policy
- Social Work

The Canadian University Event:

Oak Bay Gym

October 4th from 10 am – 1 pm.

All students and Parents are welcome. The majority of universities from across Canada will be in attendance. Spectrum students can sign up with Ms. Condie for the bus that will transport you to Oak Bay. Forms are available from Shauna in the main office.

Camosun: Applications now open for Grade 12 students. <http://camosun.ca/learn/future-student/how-to-apply.html> No rush on this as applications are open from Sept. 15 to May 15, 2019.

Queen's University – it is time to start thinking about whether you might apply for Queens. Applications open Oct. 1, 2018 to February 1, 2019. Deadline for Scholarship consideration is December 1, 2018.

New BC and Yukon Graduation Program

UBC recognizes that during the 2017/18 academic year, BC and Yukon secondary schools may be adopting portions of the proposed new BC/YT Graduation Program. [UBC's list of Approved Grade 12 courses](#) remains applicable to anyone applying to UBC for the 2018/19 Winter Session.

For UBC's Vancouver campus only: For students graduating from the new BC/YT Ministry 2018/19 Graduation Program, any course that satisfies the Social Studies 11 BC/YT graduation requirement will replace Civic Studies 11, Social Studies 11, or BC First Nations Studies 12 in the list of required courses for admission to UBC.

For both UBC campuses: All students applying to UBC as graduates from the current graduation program (as of June 2018) must present the provincial exam portion of either English 12 or English First Peoples 12. Graduates from 2018 who choose to upgrade the following year may not present the new English 12 course (available September 2018 onward) in place of the current English 12.

Choosing what to study

Whether your students already have their program journey mapped out, or have no idea what they want to study at university, you can direct them to the [Programs section](#) of our website. There they can explore our programs and filter by degree, topic, and campus. The new “Discover Your Future” tool allows students to select a few of their interests and get a list of suggested programs.

Please note that the Interdisciplinary Performance program on our Okanagan campus has been suspended and will not be accepting applications this coming year.

UBC online application is now open

UBC's 2018/19 [online application](#) is now open. We recommend that you and your students visit our [How to Apply](#) page for an overview of the application process.

Online info sessions

We'll cover general applicant information in our [online info sessions for students](#). This is a great opportunity for students who cannot attend one of our in-person visits or events to connect with us and get their questions answered.

U of Alberta: students are invited to a customized online advising session to learn more about programs, admission, and the application process at the U of A.

Sessions start as early as September 7! [See the full schedule »](#)

Students can sign up online at uab.ca/advising [Students can book their session at uab.ca/advising »](#)

Thompson Rivers University: New programs in Trades

Power Engineering Certificate: fourth class power engineering certification.

Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Certificate: 25 week program

Instrumentation Engineering Technology Diploma

Applying to U of T

Your students can find our application, and details about next steps, at future.utoronto.ca/apply/applying.

Important Dates & Deadlines

We strongly encourage all applicants to submit their application by *November 1*. We also strongly encourage all applicants to submit their required documents by *November 15*. Programs will fill early, and some may fill even before the published deadlines.

Admission Consideration

Applicants are assessed for admission on their entire academic history. Emphasis is placed on their latest two years, however the admissions committee is looking for consistent academic achievement.

Some applicants may be asked to complete a self-reported grades form. It is important that applicants complete this form *even if* they have submitted official transcripts.

This year, admission decisions for secondary school applicants are released during three admission rounds, occurring in February, March, and May. It is strongly recommended that applicants submit required documentation well in advance of deadlines, as some programs fill early, and some may fill even before the published deadlines.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Check out the [Spectrum Scholarship Page](#) for a table outlining dates for significant, upcoming, major scholarships.

Next week we start looking at some of the online scholarship sites. I will give monthly deadlines for some but it is up to you to make sure that you have the exact date on which your applications need to be handed in. It's your responsibility to make sure you meet deadlines!

Scroll down to the bottom of the page for other websites that will contain important info.
scholarshipscanada.com [Studentawards.com](https://studentawards.com)

The **Loran Scholars Foundation** is beginning its search for the 30th class of Loran Scholars. We will grant up to 34 Loran Awards, each valued at \$100,000 over four years of undergraduate studies, as well as up to 104 finalist/provincial awards (\$5,000 or \$2,000 each, respectively) to promising candidates.

Grade 12 students may view the [application overview](#) and a [sample application form](#). As in previous years, they will need to submit a transcript, request a reference from a teacher or community member and have their school sponsorship confirmed (if applicable) before the deadline.

There are two ways to apply: one is to be selected by Spectrum for sponsorship **or** to apply independent from the school. Each high school may sponsor up to three students. If you want to be considered for sponsorship you must submit your application to Mrs. Thompson, Spectrum VP, **by Oct. 8th**. I will provide more information for this in the next class. The deadline for direct pool applications (no school sponsorship) is **Oct. 24th**

Find out more:

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Our Awards](#)

[How To Apply](#)

[FAQs for Applicants](#)

[FAQs for Schools](#)

[Regional Committees](#)

The Horatio Alger Association of Canada announces the opening of its scholarship program for hardworking high school students across Canada (and CEGEP students in Quebec) who have faced adversity and overcome hardship. The scholarship is for students beginning their post-secondary studies in the fall of 2018.

85 scholarships of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to students who apply before October 25, 2017.

They can apply by visiting <https://www.horatioalger.ca/>.

[Take a look at this resource!](#) In an effort to assist students and parents in developing a funding strategy for higher education [Scholarships Canada](#) and [HigherEdPoints](#), with the help of [SmartSAVER](#), have created a new resource: [“A Parent’s Guide to Funding Higher Education.”](#) This useful guide provides the first age-and-stage approach to major sources of funding available to Canadians from birth right through to post-graduation from college or university.

ScholarTree is still committed to helping reduce student debt in Canada by making scholarship more accessible. Most people don't realise how many scholarships are awarded early in the school year. ScholarTree.ca has \$997,500 worth of scholarships that are currently accepting applications. Students can find which scholarships are best fit for them by signing up at [ScholarTree.ca](https://www.scholarstree.ca).

To help with students prepare and transition to post-secondary life we have launched the [ScholarTree Blog](#). University students write the blog because we want the information to be as relevant to current student life as possible. The main areas of focus for the blog are:

1. Student Life: general advice and hacks
2. Scholarship Tips
3. Entrepreneurial Spotlight: stories about students starting their startup or not for profit
4. How to: tips for applying and getting into prestigious programs

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Congrats! You have made it through the first instalment of the newsletter! I hope you found something useful. Stay tuned for the next instalment.