Dear Guidance Counsellor,

We know this is a busy time for guidance counsellors as your students begin to fill out their applications and essays for colleges and universities. We wanted to send you some news and updates that may help your students who are interested in applying to the University of Toronto.

U of T in the News

The University of Toronto has been making headlines all summer. Here are some of the latest stories that may interest you and your students:

- [The Times Higher Education World University Ranking rates the University of Toronto top 25 in the world](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/2021/overall)
- [U of T professor to be first non-Briton to serve as head of University of Cambridge](https://www.uofcmagazine.org/news/2021/07/08/philip-webb-named-first-non-briton-to-lead-university-of-cambridge)
- [U of T students and alumni made all of Canada proud at the Rio Olympics](https://www.uoftnews.com/2016/08/21/rio-olympics-2016/)


The Weeknd helping U of T build the foremost curriculum for Ethiopian studies

Scholarships & Awards

Lester B. Pearson International Scholarships

The Lester B. Pearson International Scholarships at U of T is intended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement & creativity, and who are recognized as leaders within their school. The scholarships will cover tuition, books, incidental fees, and full residence support for four years. The deadline to nominate a student is coming soon. Find out more about the Pearson Scholarships here.

Engineering International Scholar Award

U of T’s Engineering International Scholar Award is for outstanding international Engineering applicants enrolled in secondary schools outside of Canada. Students self-nominate and submit the application as part of their admission process. Applicants are encouraged to apply for this award by February 1, 2017. Details about U of T Engineering scholarships can be found at uoft.me/engineeringscholar.

Application Process

There are two ways that international students can apply to the University of Toronto: the OUAC 105 Application or with the University of Toronto International Application. Applicants who currently reside outside of Canada, AND are not currently studying, and have not previously studied, in Canada, AND are not applying to any other Ontario university are eligible to use the University of Toronto International Application. The deadline to apply to direct-entry undergraduate programs is January 13. We strongly recommend that students
submit their application as soon as possible and follow up with requested documents as they are available.

All official documents can be submitted via Parchment or Naviance. Schools may create a free Parchment account if they don’t yet have one. Students have the option to upload an unofficial copy of their documents for consideration through the Join U of T applicant website or the Engineering Applicant Portal. If you have submitted their transcripts, students do not need to duplicate these documents.

**Virtual Visits**

If we’re not able to visit your school in person, we’d love to connect with you online. Our virtual visits are a convenient way to bring a U of T recruitment officer into your school to speak with you and your students. Virtual Visits are approximately 45 minutes and provide your students with a brief overview of the opportunities at U of T, while also answering any of their questions. If you’re interested in setting up a virtual visit, complete our request form and we’ll follow-up with you directly.

**Fall Preview for US Students**

We're inviting prospective students from the United States to our Thanksgiving Fall Preview Event on Saturday, November 26, 2016. If you have students interested in U of T, this is a great opportunity to get an exclusive tour of the university. The day includes an information and welcome session, tours of campus, program specific breakout sessions, lunch and the opportunity to hear from current U of T students. Your students can find out more here.

**English Language Requirements**

If an applicant’s first language is not English, they may be required to provide proof of English facility. We strongly encourage those students to submit their IELTS,
TOEFL or other English language test before the document deadline, which will be in mid-February. Satisfying the English language requirement after the deadline may affect an applicant’s admissibility. Find all of our English language requirements.

We value our connections with the guidance community and want to thank you for your support. Good luck with the rest of the year and we look forward to connecting with you soon.