

About Western University

With annual research funding of nearly \$300 million and an international reputation for impact, Western University ranks as one of Canada's top research-intensive universities. From fundamental to applied knowledge, Western University discoveries benefit the economic, social, health and cultural development of people in Canada and around the world.

Key Facts*

- Founded in 1878
- 42,000 students from 134 countries
- 12 Faculties and Schools, and two affiliated university colleges
- A founding member of the U15 - Canada's most distinguished research universities
- 500-hectare campus, the largest community-campus in Ontario
- An inclusive and safe community with extraordinary opportunities for leadership, career and personal development
- More than 382,000 alumni in over 160 countries around the world

**Based on the 2024-25 academic year*

Rankings

TOP 1%

of universities in the world
(Center for World University Rankings 2025)

TOP 30

in the world for sustainable development
(QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2025)

Research Areas of Strength

Western University is home to hundreds of researchers making an impact on the world today through interdisciplinary research and discovery. Some key areas of focus include:

- Health Discovery & Delivery
- Creativity, Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Climate Change, Resilience & Sustainability
- Just & Equitable Institutions
- Organizations & Societies
- Artificial Intelligence Applications & Impacts.



Discoveries and Firsts

World's first surgical treatment for brain aneurysms

Birthplace of wind engineering

Canada's first human brain MRI

First MBA program outside the USA

Discovery of fossils representing oldest evidence of life on earth

First chemotherapy drug, 'vinblastine'

Capture of images of Ring Nebula with James Webb Space Telescope

Led clinical trial of cyclosporine for anti-rejection in transplantation

Discovery of the Barr body sex chromatin, ushering in the field of genetics



Where is Western University?



London is a city of 423,000 located 200 km west of Toronto and 200 km east of Detroit.

Faculties & Schools

- Arts and Humanities
- Don Wright Faculty of Music
- Education
- Engineering
- Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies
- Health Sciences
- Information and Media Studies
- Ivey Business School
- Law
- Science
- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
- Social Science

Global Engagement at Western

Addressing global challenges requires ambitious thinking and collaboration with partners around the world who share our focus on innovation, excellence, and serving the public good.



5,445 international students from 134 countries

54.8% of Western's research publications involved international collaborations from 2018 and 2021 (*Leiden ranking*)

250+ active international agreements

500+ dynamic international research collaborations

2,000 students go abroad each year on exchange, internships, field research and other experiences



Why Study at Western?

- ranked among the **top 1% of universities worldwide**
- comprehensive university with **transformational leadership and entrepreneurship opportunities**
- one of Canada's **leading research** institutions
- known for providing the **best student experience in Canada**, both inside and outside the classroom
- among **top 50 in the world for graduate employability** (QS)
- **400 combinations of majors, minors and specializations** at the undergraduate level
- **160 graduate degree programs and collaborative specializations**
- **11 on-campus residences** providing support and community
- **170 international learning programs** in more than 40 countries
- dedicated faculty who are **world-renowned leaders in their fields**
- **multicultural and diverse campus** connected through a network of experiential learning opportunities, clubs and co-curricular activities

