

Opportunities and Challenges for Canadian Institutions:

Undergraduate Programs

- Large number of enquiries received at the High Commission are for undergraduate and transfer student programs.
- Numbers of students wanting to apply for the first year of undergraduate studies have greatly increased - also the numbers wanting to transfer credits to a degree program.
- Students are sometimes discouraged when they are informed that TOEFL or IELTS scores are required for application to prove English proficiency.
- Students also inquire about the availability of some sort of financial assistance for undergraduate programs (on-campus work, whether financial assistance is available after first year with outstanding grades etc.).
- The bulk of Bangladeshi students are in Dhaka, Chittagong and Rajshahi.

Graduate Programs

- Inquiries about graduate studies received at the High Commission are high. Graduate programs that offer some sort of financial assistance (teaching assistantship, scholarships or in-campus work) are more attractive.
- Masters studies inquiries vary from Business, Management Information Systems, Engineering to Computer Science etc.

Top eight programs requested

1. Computer Science/ Information Technology.
2. Business (information systems, accounting, marketing, and finance).
3. Management Information Systems.
4. Engineering (electronics, mechanical, structural, computer, etc.).
5. Sociology
6. Economics
7. Physics
8. Medicine and Law

Top three levels of Study Requested

1. Bachelors
2. Masters
3. Doctorate

Frequently asked questions by students:

- What are the top-ranking universities in Canada?
- Universities short listed according to subjects?
- Is TOEFL, or proof of English proficiency, required?
- Is there a short listing of universities/ colleges that do not require proof of English proficiency?
- What awards/ scholarships/ sponsorships do the institutions and the government offer?
- What award/scholarships are offered to aboriginal (Chittagong Hill Tracts) students?
- What is the difference between University-Colleges and University degrees?
- What are the cost benefits (tuition fees) of studying at a university-college as opposed to a university?
- Is there any refund of advance tuition fees if the visa office denies a student visa?
- Is there any waiver of the application fees?
- How much time is required for visa processing?
- What is the reasoning a medical check up for a student visa?