

IV Financing university study

Attendance at a Canadian university is expensive. Students should come to Canada possessing sufficient funds to enable them to complete their university studies and to pay their passage home. Funds for one year must be guaranteed, and evidence must be produced that funds for additional years will be available before a visa is granted.

The major items of expenditure for a student are tuition fees and room and board. Tuition fees for visa students range from \$750 - \$1,600, while room and board may cost between \$150 and \$350 a month. Travel, clothing, books and entertainment will also require a substantial outlay. When a student has selected a university, he should make up a budget of his probable expenditures. A sample budget, based on costs for the 1979-80 academic term, follows. It should not be expected that a student's expenditures will tally with those listed; this model is included simply as a guide in compiling a personal budget. It is also likely that costs will increase from year to year.

Example of minimum budget for an undergraduate student, 1979-80 (for 12 months)

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Fees	750-1,600
Books and instruments	200-400
Room and board	2,250-4,200
Clothes, health, etc.	400
Entertainment	250
Travel	150
Other expenses	200
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	\$4,600-7,200

Other expenditures:

Clothing

Winter overcoat (men or women)	\$ 80-150
Suits	\$100-up
Shoes (men or women)	\$ 30-up
Shirts	\$ 10-up
Socks	\$ 2-up
Stockings	\$ 1-up

Food

Lunch	\$2.50-4.00
Sandwich with beverage	\$2.00
Dinner	\$2.50-up
Cup of coffee, tea, glass of milk	\$.35-.45

Medical coverage

Medical and hospital care in Canada are very expensive. It is imperative, therefore, that all students take steps to ensure that they obtain medical and hospital insurance for themselves and any accompanying dependants. In some provinces, medical-hospital coverage is available under the provincial plan; where