

before a student is accepted into a Canadian university, applications should be made well in advance of the session to be attended, preferably 12 to 18 months.

The academic year in Canada is divided into two terms and runs through the autumn and winter months, from the middle of September to April or May, with a short vacation at Christmas. Some universities, however, operate on a trimester system with three terms -- spring (early May until early August); fall (early September until end of December); and winter (early January until late April).

When advised to do so by a university, a student should supply a detailed statement of his academic record, with certified copies of his secondary-school certificate and official transcripts of records of all his university or other post-secondary education, or he should arrange for these documents to be supplied. If copies of original documents are neither in English nor in French, they should always be accompanied by certified or notarized translations. Students should also ensure that the certificates submitted contain detailed statements of courses taken and marks or grades obtained, when these are available.

Upon being admitted to a university, a student is required each year to register on the day or days of registration stipulated for that year and to pay the prescribed fees. An additional fee is generally charged for late registration. In some institutions, there are special orientation programs for overseas students, which start just before the opening of the regular session.

II Scholarships, fellowships, assistantships, and other financial assistance

Canadian universities seldom have funds available to help students from other countries to come to Canada for *undergraduate studies*. Most awards offered by universities and by the Canadian Government are restricted to *postgraduate studies*.⁴ For information on financial assistance offered by a particular institution, write to the university one year before enrolling.

The Canadian Government programs for which overseas students are at present eligible are the following:

4 Detailed information about Canadian awards can be found in *Study Abroad (Études à l'étranger* and, in Spanish, *Estudios en el Extranjero*) XX, UNESCO, 1975-1976, 1976-1977, Pp. 106-126.
