



Elite Pathway Partnership Program with University of Toronto

Giving High Performing Students
The Most Competitive Edge

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University of Toronto

An Unprecedented Partnership

Two Impeccable Partners

Since its founding in 1979, Columbia International College (CIC) has grown to become one of Canada's highest performing boarding schools. It offers junior middle school and senior high school programs.

University of Toronto is one of the world's top-ranked universities. Key to its elite standing has been its focus on attracting students who can demonstrate a combination of strong academic performance; well-rounded skills in leadership, creativity and communication; and a deep commitment to humanity.

One Incredible Partnership

Year after year, Columbia International College graduates prove to be impressive performers at the University of Toronto. Many CIC alumni have been awarded scholarships and degrees with distinction.

This strong track record is the basis of an unprecedented agreement between the University of Toronto and CIC: the Elite Pathway Partnership Program, an entirely unique program in Canada.

The Program – an officially recognized partnership program by the University of Toronto – is designed to comprehensively prepare students for the rigorous requirements for entry to the world's best universities.



University of Toronto is pleased to admit many strong students from Columbia International College. Over the past decade, many CIC alumni have been awarded scholarships and have earned a University of Toronto degree with distinction.



Richard Levin

Executive Director
Enrolment Services & University Registrar
University of Toronto

Two Outstanding Canadian Educational Institutions Partnered for Success



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Largest Boarding High School in North America

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Largest Admission to the University of Toronto

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Largest University Entrance Scholarships

Established in 1979, Columbia International College (CIC), and its unique Total Care Education System[®], has gained the trust of parents and graduates from over 100 countries around the globe. It has grown to become the largest and most successful boarding school in Canada.

Each year, CIC welcomes 1700 students from 73 countries, supported by over 500 teaching faculty and staff.

There are five residences, separate for boys and girls. Room and food services accommodate 1500 boarders and are open all year round, including holidays.

In addition, CIC owns the 700-acre (283 hectares) Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre for leadership training.



#1

University in Canada

#22

University in the world
(Times Higher Education)

Established in 1827, the University of Toronto is Canada's largest university, recognized as a global leader in research and teaching. U of T's distinguished faculty, institutional record of groundbreaking scholarship and wealth of innovative academic opportunities continually attract outstanding students and academics from around the world. Few other universities offer as great a diversity of programs and resources.

U of T has 700 undergraduate programs, in Humanities & Social Sciences, Life Sciences, Physical & Mathematical Sciences, Commerce & Management, Computer Science, Engineering, Kinesiology & Physical Education, Music, and Architecture. Students choose to study at one of our three campuses:

- U of T St. George in downtown Toronto;
- U of T Mississauga, approximately 30 kilometres west of downtown Toronto; and
- U of T Scarborough, approximately 30 kilometres east of downtown Toronto.

Each campus offers a unique set of experiences and programs.

A Foundation of Excellence

It is a unique education opportunity that no high performing student should miss

The Program Foundation

Vision

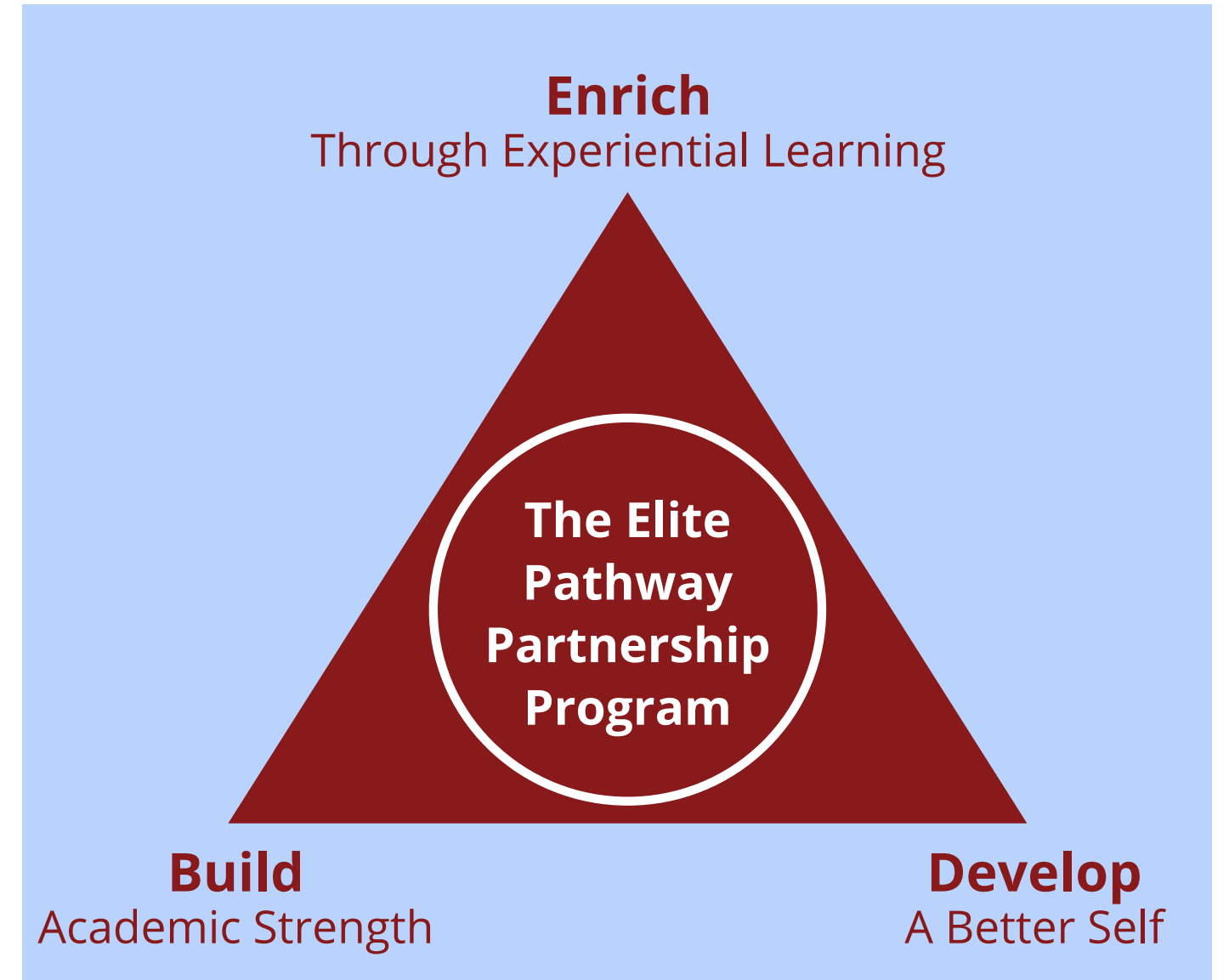
To turn **exceptional** young people into future **leaders** in the global community.

Mission

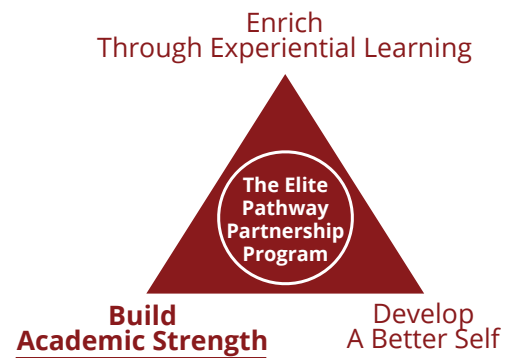
The Elite Pathway Partnership Program identifies and prepares high-performing students to be **outstanding candidates for the world's top universities, so they will excel at school and in their lives beyond.**

Approach

Designed for students who have finished Grade 10, the two-year program combines **strong personal growth** and **high academic rigour** – the balanced characteristics that top-ranked universities seek in applicants.



A two-year program leading to success in university & life



Program Component 1 Build Academic Strength

Major Academic Training

Upon admission to this two-year program, students identify the major they plan to study at university:

- Business
- Engineering
- Computer Science/Math
- Science
- Liberal Arts/Humanities

Based on the major they select, the student follows a set of Ontario credit courses per semester. Some courses are common across majors, and there are specific requirements for certain areas of study.

Mandatory participation in extra small-group workshops is required in select subjects each semester. The extra workshops are open only to students in the program.

Courses and extra workshops are designed to provide the students with a rigorous, advanced training in the area they plan to major in at university.

English language skill training

- Extra courses in English essay writing
- Debate and presentation skills
- IELTS training and Practice Testing with IELTS Examiners

Academic competitions in major subjects in Math, Business and Science.

Academic counselling support

An academic counsellor will be assigned to each student. Each month, this counsellor will meet with the student and discuss any concerns or challenges that the student is experiencing. In this way, CIC can provide appropriate assistance to the student in a timely manner.

At the end of an academic school year (two full semesters), the academic counsellor at CIC evaluates the performance of each student to determine his or her eligibility to continue in the program.

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Enrich Through Experiential Learning



Program Component 2

Enrich Through Experiential Learning

Leadership Training

- Leadership Training at Bark Lake Leadership and Conference Centre
- Teamwork, communication, risk management
- Model UN conference in New York City or other location
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Level
- Overseas community project
- Event planning

Skills Training

- Public speaking
- Debating and presentations
- Business etiquette and table manners
- Personality and personal profile development

Entrepreneurship

- Managing a community impact project from start to finish
- Learning how to plan, budget, market, execute and evaluate the project

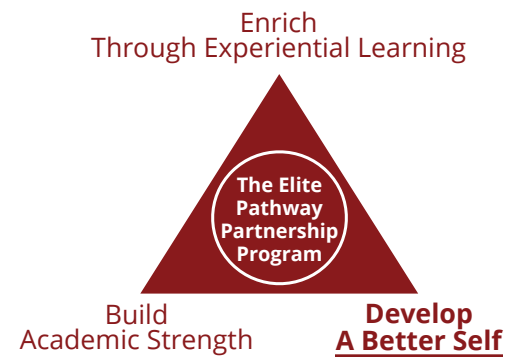
Career Series

- Luncheon with business leaders from major companies in Canada
- Seminar with professors from different departments of the University of Toronto

Community Service

- Raising awareness and educating others on global issues
- Planning and executing community events
- Volunteering in an overseas community project

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Program Component 3 Develop A Better Self

Character Building

- Honouring commitments and demonstrating perseverance to a demanding program
- Proving reliability and the ability to balance many responsibilities
- Fostering a well-rounded lifestyle by engaging in a variety of different activities

Training in creative thinking

- Completing workshops promoting creativity
- Developing solutions for current social and political issues
- Producing events that are appealing to peers

Physical Training and Talent Development

- Adhering to a regular fitness routine
- Regular training to prepare for the physically demanding adventure and overseas journeys
- Exploring new passions or improving upon existing ones through dedicated practice

Learning to set and achieve one's own goals

Included in the CIC curriculum is participation in the internationally recognized Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Level Award Program, including:

- Physical recreation
- Service and skill components
- An adventurous camping journey
- A weeklong overseas residential volunteering project

Elite Pathway Partnership Program

Learn to set and
achieve one's own
goals

The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award Gold Level Program

Universities look for students who can have an impact on their community. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Level Program puts students in the position to demonstrate their experience and skills to make that impact, giving them a distinct advantage when entering the university – and the workforce.

Through the 18 month-long Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program, young people learn to set goals and challenges, and to achieve them. At the end, they are recognized for their efforts and commitment.

The program culminates with extensive training for and participation in the prestigious **Model UN Conference in the United Nations Headquarters in New York City**. There, the students compete with other top students from all over the world.



	Grade 11		Grade 12	
	Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
Physical recreation component	✓	✓	✓	✓
Service component	✓	✓		
Student-led service event	✓	✓	✓	
Skill component		✓	✓	✓
Leadership retreat	Personality and leadership styles workshops	Communication workshops	Supplemental application training	Résumé writing and interview skills workshops
Adventurous camping journey	4-day practice trip	6-day qualifying trip		
Residential volunteer project			7-day qualifying trip	
Model United Nations training			✓	
Model United Nations conference			✓	1x local 1x New York City (7 days)

Unique experiences at the University of Toronto

A Competitive Edge at U of T for CIC Students

Participation in CIC's Elite Pathway Partnership Program entitles students to access and opportunities with the University of Toronto.

Early offer of admission

During a student's final year of studies in CIC's Elite Pathway Partnership Program, the University of Toronto provides facilitated progression to the university. This includes an early conditional offer of admission to the program for which the student applies, so long as all the admission requirements of the program are met, including GPA, English language proficiency, and supplemental application information (for example, essays or videos, if applicable).

Admission scholarships

University of Toronto provides three, \$5,000 non-renewable entry scholarships for the top graduates from the CIC Elite Pathway Partnership Program.

Priority access

Elite Pathway Partnership Program students enjoy priority access to University of Toronto representatives for inquiry and support.

Special Admission Counselling

Elite Pathway Partnership Program students enjoy special admission counselling from University of Toronto representatives who visit CIC each semester. They work with students on their applications, helping them review and update their requirements.

700 program choices

Students can choose from over 700 programs from all three campuses, including Rotman (Business), Engineering, co-op, and double majors.

Special on-campus tours

The University of Toronto works directly with CIC to provide special, on-campus tours to Elite Pathway Partnership Program students.

Campus life experience

During their studies, students have chances to go on campus at the University of Toronto and experience some of the sports, seminars and workshops offered.



Summer Semester – 10 day program

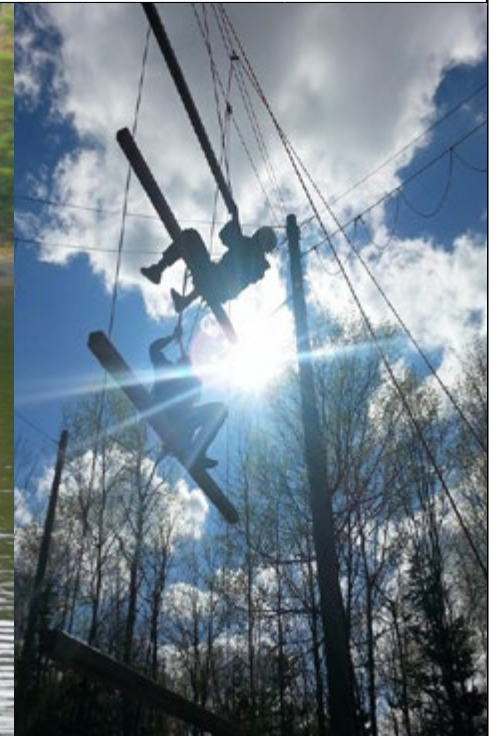
In May after their first year, students enjoy:

- an extended field trip to the University of Toronto
- staying in university residences
- training at CIC’s private leadership camp at Bark Lake

University of Toronto



Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
U of Toronto Mississauga: Tour and Career Path Counselling	U of Toronto Scarborough: Tour and Career Path Counselling	U of Toronto St. George (Downtown): Demo lectures	Rotman Commerce and Engineering review the supplemental process	Bark Lake: Adventurous camping journey and Duke of Edinburgh’s Award activities					





Key activities and events

The full Elite Pathway Partnership program consists of four regular semesters and a summer semester. Each semester builds upon the last, and the two years combined prepare students fully for success at the university level. Students who complete the entire program successfully will receive a special **certificate** upon graduation.

	Semester 1 <i>Aug - Dec</i>	Semester 2 <i>Jan - Mid May</i>	Summer <i>Mid-May - End-May</i>	Semester 3 <i>Aug - Dec</i>	Semester 4 <i>Jan - Mid May</i>
CIC Leadership development	Admission Scholarship award ceremony		Leadership Training at Bark Lake		
	Seminars with leaders in various professions and business				
	Elite Social Club				
	The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award activities – Gold (highest) level				
	Model UN Preparation and Conference (NYC or elsewhere)				
University of Toronto Student Immersion	Engineering Career counselling	Business Career counselling		Arts & Science career counselling	Humanities career counselling
	Tour of U of Toronto campuses Meeting with U of Toronto Registrar	Tour Rotman Commerce and lunch with Admission Director	U of Toronto campus life experience	Tour Engineering Faculty and lunch with Admission Director	Tour of U of Toronto Libraries
	Workshop: Co-op programs at U of Toronto Scarborough, Specialty programs at U of Toronto Mississauga	Parents are invited to meet with U of Toronto Director of Recruitment & Registrar (Mid-May)		Application to U of Toronto programs	Receive early admissions from U of T for those who qualify Entrance Scholarships to U of Toronto will be announced at CIC graduation ceremony
	Participate in U of Toronto on-campus events				

Key Milestones on the Pathway of Success to Canada's #1 University



University of Toronto

Application

Apply for CIC Elite Pathway Partnership Program

Admitted applicants will be issued the Welcome Letter from the U of Toronto

Semester 1 & 2

Complete Grade 11 Elite Pathway Partnership Program with an average of 80% or higher

Semester 3

Apply to your program of choice at the U of Toronto

Semester 4

Receive Early Admissions from the University of Toronto for those who qualify

Continue to work towards the required admission standard specified by the early admission offer from the U of Toronto

Graduation

Complete Grade 12 Elite Pathway Partnership Program at Columbia International College

Graduate with OSSD and Elite Pathway Partnership Program Certificate

Commence study at university

Demonstrated leadership in co-curricular activities

Community involvement

Strong academic performance of 80+ average

Special guidance at critical times

The program provides special support to facilitate university placement

Applying to university can be a complex and stressful time for students and parents alike. In the Elite Pathway Partnership program, students are comprehensively supported by experts to ensure their applications go as smoothly and easily as possible, to get to the best possible outcome.

Support from Columbia International College

In the first semester of Grade 12, one-on-one application counselling from CIC University Placement Counsellors provide guidance to Elite Pathway students.

Support from University of Toronto

- Counselling support from University of Toronto officials
- Explanation of the admission procedures to the University of Toronto
- Preparation for supplementary application for those who plan to apply to the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering or Rotman Commerce

Testimonials in support of Columbia International College from University of Toronto

Over the past 4 years that I've looked back at the data, we've observed the success rate of Columbia students. *Their graduation rate is higher than our regular students, which means they go from first year to fourth year faster than our regular students, and we are very, very pleased to see graduation rate data that is as successful as those.*

There is no other school in Canada where we get more students, in any one year than Columbia International College.

Columbia graduates thrive here, they do well here, they're leaders here and we want more of them.



Diane Crocker
Registrar and
Director of Enrolment Management
University of Toronto, Mississauga

Columbia International College consistently has *more graduates admitted to Rotman Commerce than any other private Canadian secondary school.*



David Goldreich
Director
Rotman Commerce, University of Toronto

For the past number of years we have been pleased to *welcome more Columbia International College graduates than from any other secondary school worldwide.*



Ken Withers
Director
University Student Recruitment
University of Toronto



Admission to the Elite Pathway Partnership Program

Requirements

Who should apply:

Students in Grade 10 or equivalent

Duration of Program:

2 years - Grade 11 and Grade 12

Requirements:

- An average of 80% or above in their current grade level.
- IELTS minimum 6.0
- Demonstrated involvement in community service and volunteer work
- Entrance examination in English and Mathematics, additional Science exam for Science students
- Complete the CIC interview

Students will be evaluated at the end of the first year on their performance in the program. They must achieve 80% or higher in order to continue to the second year.

Procedure



Visit www.cic-totalcare.com/apply-online



Scan with QR Code reader



Document A:

Download and complete the Academic Application Form.
Save the completed form as PDF for uploading to our online application in procedure 4.



Document B:

Scan and save a high-quality copy of the applicant's academic records or transcripts



Complete the form

www.cic-totalcare.com/apply-online

Attach document A and B when prompted



Submit the form.

Our Admissions Officer will contact you.

A warm welcome from the University of Toronto

Successful applicants will receive this welcome letter



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations on your acceptance to the **Elite Pathway Partnership Program at Columbia International College (CIC)**.

Every year, the University of Toronto welcomes a diverse group of international students who are well prepared for university, from both an academic and co-curricular perspective. The **CIC Elite Pathway Partnership Program** provides a good foundation for success at the University of Toronto. During your studies, you will have chances to come on campus and experience some of the sports, tours and workshops.

During your final year of studies in CIC's **Elite Pathway Partnership Program**, U of T will provide you with facilitated progression to our institution including an early conditional offer of admission to the program for which you apply, as long as you have met all the admission requirements of the program including GPA, English language proficiency, and supplemental application information, for example, essays or videos (if applicable).

Other benefits you can enjoy as an Elite Pathway Partnership Program:

1. Elite **Pathway Partnership Program** students will enjoy **priority access** to University of Toronto representatives for inquiry and support.
2. **Elite Pathway Partnership Program** students will enjoy **special admission** counselling from University of Toronto representatives who will visit Columbia International College **each semester** to work with applicants and review and update the application process and requirements.
3. The University of Toronto will work directly with CIC to provide **special on-campus tours** to Elite Pathway Program students.
4. The University of Toronto provides three (3) \$5,000 non-renewable entry **scholarships** for the top graduates from the CIC Elite Pathway Program.

You have taken your first step towards your admission to Canada's top university and one of the top 25 in the world by attending the Elite Pathway Partnership Program at Columbia International College.

Sincerely,

Richard Levin
Executive Director
Enrolment Services and University Registrar

Program Fees

Yearly Fees

The Elite Program fee includes all academic courses, residence and meals plus:

- Activities in University of Toronto
- Experiential Trips
- Co-curricular activities
- Leadership training
- Technology
- Bus Pass and Transportation
- Medical Insurance for 11 month

C\$52,000

One time fee

Application fee	\$400
Uniform package	\$531
CIC Security Deposit (Refundable)	\$1,000
Total	\$1,931

Scholarships:

Columbia International College provides three (3) \$3,000 entry scholarships for the top students who enter the CIC Elite Pathway Partnership program.

The **University of Toronto** provides three (3) \$5,000 non-renewable entry scholarships for the top graduates from the CIC Elite Pathway Partnership Program.

Elite Pathway Partnership Program

Giving high performing students the most competitive edge

To be admitted into the world's top universities is a challenging goal.

Competition is keen, and the selection process of these universities goes beyond academic performance alone.

The Elite Pathway Partnership Program gives high performing students the necessary edge when they compete for entries into the best universities.

By achieving at a solid academic curriculum, supplemented by enriched experiential learning and systematic training in character, self-confidence and leadership development, graduates of this program become the elite of the elites.

This outstanding education program is the University of Toronto's only officially recognized partnership program in Canada.

The University of Toronto has the full confidence that Columbia International College has the expertise and the resources to deliver the program with quality and success. This is because CIC is the largest private boarding school in North America, and has the highest number of successful university entrants and scholarship recipients among its graduates.

The Elite Pathway Partnership Program is a collaboration between two of the most successful education institutions in Canada.

It is a unique education opportunity that no high performing student should miss.



Q & A

How long is the program?

It is a two-year program designed for students who are studying Grade 10 (or equivalent) at the time of application. When they apply, they must have a grade point average (GPA) of 80% or above at their current school to qualify for admission to the program.

After being admitted into the program, students must also maintain a GPA of 80% or above at the end of the first year in order to continue on to the second. For students who do not meet this standard after their first year, they will be transferred from the Elite Pathway Partnership Program into the regular CIC program. Any differences in fees paid will be refunded to the student.

Does the Elite Pathway Partnership Program guarantee admission to the University of Toronto ?

The Elite Pathway Partnership Program does **NOT** guarantee admission to the University of Toronto.

The program provides a platform for students to learn the most important skills and essential experiences that are crucial to their success in their university studies and beyond. The program is about more than getting admission to the University of Toronto; it is a program that nurtures students to achieve success in the very competitive curriculums at university and the very competitive work environment of the 21st century.

Hence, on top of the specially designed academic curriculum, the Elite Pathway Partnership Program provides extra learning and training, such as:

- Leadership training at the Bark Lake Leadership and Outdoor Education Centre
- The Duke of Edinburgh's (Gold Level) Leadership Award training
- Training leading to the Model United Nations Conference in New York City
- The social justice project under the Elite Club
- Extra lessons, group discussions on current issues, creative thinking and talent development
- Extra English training in writing, speaking, presentation and debate

While CIC believes that students trained by this program will be excellent applicants for University of Toronto and other top universities, the university acceptance process involves many other factors, and completion of this program does not mean guaranteed admission to the University of Toronto and/or to the faculty of the student's choice.

Q & A

What does the cost of the program cover?

The program cost includes all the cost of the academic courses plus:

- Extra lessons and group discussion
- Extra English training
- IELTS training and one IELTS examination (IELTS exam fee)
- Duke of Edinburgh's Awards training (all activities, accommodation, transportation and meals at Bark Lake)
- Model UN conference in New York City (flight, transportation and accommodation. Meals are excluded)
- Social justice project (activities, ground transportation, accommodations and meals)
- Activities on University of Toronto campuses with their staff and students (transportation, meals, accommodations)
- Student life experience at University of Toronto campuses (meals and transportation)

Can anyone be admitted to this program ?

This program will ONLY admit students with a strong academic foundation who have also demonstrated their ongoing involvement in the community and co-curricular activities. Given the nature of the program, it does not fit all types of students.

For instance, students who are average or below average performers would need to focus on their regular academic work and may not be able to keep up with the extra activities required by the Elite Program. For them, the Elite Program would not suit their needs and they should not consider applying for it.

Students who have completed Grade 10 at CIC are given priority to apply to this program.

Can a Grade 12 Graduate, with lower marks, start Grade 11 again and complete the 2 year program?

If the student's average marks are lower than the program requirements, the student is not able to join the Elite program.

Can a student with 5.5 IELTS be considered for admission to the Elite Pathway Partnership Program?

Students with 5.5 IELTS can be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis. The overall performance of the student in the past two years will be considered together with their involvement in co-curricular activities.

Q & A

Can someone join the Elite Program just for the second year - Grade 12?

At this point, CIC does not intend to admit anyone only for second year (Grade 12) of the Elite Program. Students only joining the program for a single year would not have the time to learn all the skills and leadership development.

Current CIC students in Grade 11 who have achieved over 80% average with involvement in the regular co-curricular activities may apply to join the Elite program at Grade 12. Depending on space availability, the student will be interviewed and considered for admission. However, the student can not complete the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Gold Level and may not be able to join the Model UN Conference.

What grades are needed to be admitted to the University of Toronto?

The University of Toronto provides a general guideline for the average, approximate grade requirement to its programs. These average grades are the admission average for that program in the previous academic year. This mark range varies each year, according to the number and quality of applicants. It is not a "cut-off point" or enrollment limit. It is a general guideline only.

Rotman Commerce (BCom)	mid to high 80s
Engineering Science (BASc in Engineering Science)	high 80s to low 90s
Engineering (BASc)	low 80s to mid 80s
Computer Science (BSc) - St. George	high 80s
Life Science (BSc) - St. George	low to mid 80s
Physical and Mathematical Science (BSc)	low to mid 80s
Social Science (BA) - St. George	low 80s
Humanities (BA) - St. George	low 80s

Please visit www.electronicinfo.ca for the most up-to-date admissions criteria.

Furthermore, some programs also require supplemental application material. CIC academic counsellors are specially trained to help students navigate the University of Toronto admission process.

Finally, the University of Toronto has an English language proficiency requirement: IELTS 6.5 with no band below 6; TOFEL 100 + 22 on writing.

Q & A

What is the difference between the Total Care Education System® and the Elite Pathway Partnership Program?

The Total Care Education System® is a holistic education system designed by CIC for all students. This education system consists of four main aspects: Total Care Learning, Total Care Living, Total Care Development and Total Care Communications.

The main goals of Total Care Education® are to help students to go higher in achieving success and to give parents complete peace of mind. For over 30 years, Total Care Education has proven to be one of the most successful high school education systems in Canada, and has consistently provided amazing results.

The Elite Pathway Partnership Program is a new education program within the Total Care Education System®.

It is designed specifically for academically strong students to make them stronger in both academic learning and in co-curricular activities. The entire program, especially the co-curricular activities, is aimed at maximizing the personal development of these students, equipping them with the skills, experience and ability to handle all challenges that they may face in their future studies and in their future endeavours.



About the CIC Campuses

Academic Buildings

Ainslie Wood Building



Senior High School
Grade 9-12

Maple Building



Junior Middle School
Grade 7-8

Cedar Building



ESL Program Centre

Leadership Centre

Bark Lake



700 acres of pristine wilderness with Leadership Training facilities



About the CIC Campuses

Modern Residence Halls

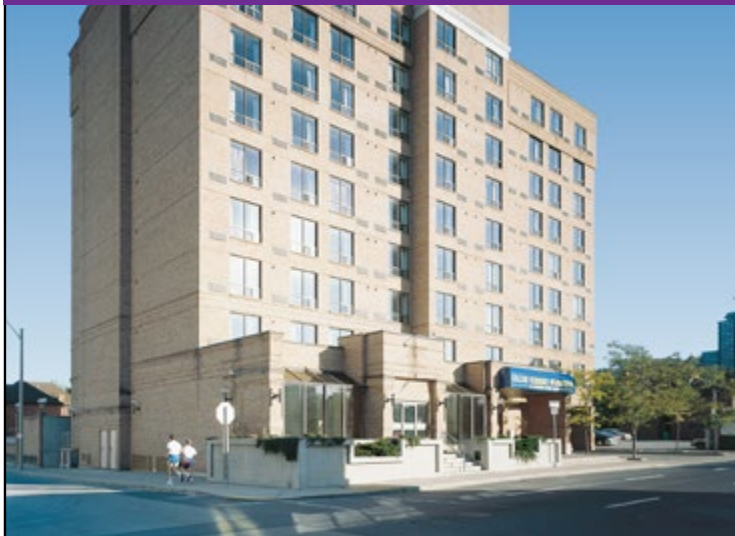
Pine Boys



Pine Girls



Linden Hall - Girls



Arkledun Hall - Boys



Oak Hall - Boys

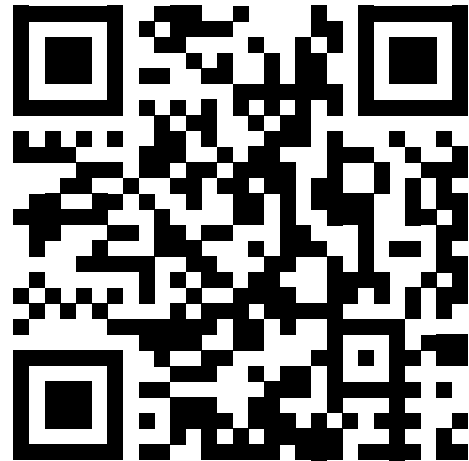


Residence programs are designed to nurture success in learning and living for young students. Students take part in meaningful and healthy activities after school, in the evening and on weekends. For younger students, Houseparents provide further guidance all throughout the week.



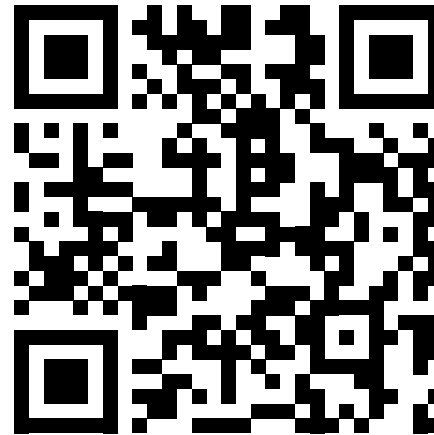
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For a complete description of Columbia International College's unique Total Care Education System®, please visit our website or obtain a copy of our Achieving Excellence brochure.

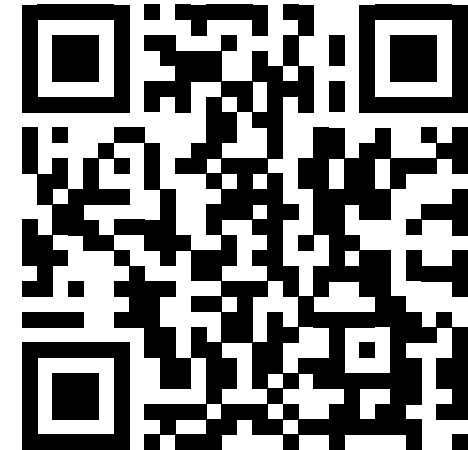


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