

SHAD

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AN EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO THE SHAD ENRICHMENT PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

SHAD is a month-long summer enrichment program in which high-achieving grade 10, 11 and 12 students live in residence at one of our Canadian host universities.

WWW.SHAD.CA/APPLY

DEAR PASSIONATE EDUCATOR:

I can only imagine how busy you are. We are always too busy and never feel we have enough time for the many things we are passionate about in education! So why spend a couple of minutes reading this? Because, SHAD is one of those things you are going to push other tasks aside for. Why? It is opportunity. It is growth. It is education.

SHAD is still the best external academic opportunity you can assist your high-achieving, well-rounded students with during their high school career. As an educator, SHAD alum and SHAD 2016 Teacher Fellow, I believe we have a duty to provide our students with as many opportunities as possible, and I would put SHAD at the top because it has such a long-term positive impact on the students who participate. Students who attend SHAD are automatically inducted into the greater SHAD community—a network that stays with them for life. It is not uncommon for SHADs to start business ventures together, to travel the world together, or to even live in community together.

The reason I am writing this is to put out a “rallying cry” to all educators to learn more about SHAD, encourage students to apply, and see the positive outcome of your hard work. I encourage you to visit WWW.SHAD.CA to hear from the students themselves.

Here are my suggestions to help you:

- I promote the program and actively seek-out applicants before the middle of October.
- I stress that it is a competitive program, challenging application and requires planning and timelines to be submitted by late November.
- I also promote the application process as great practice for upcoming university applications. I believe that students who successfully complete the SHAD application, regardless of their success at getting into the program itself, tend to have better success rates with university applications (both in terms of time management and subsequent program acceptances).
- I also remind potential applicants it is a competitive process and that if they do not get in on their first try, they can always try again the next year, and often the second time around they do a much better job managing their deadlines and quality of application itself.

I look forward to awesome applications from your school and will sign-off with a pre-emptive ‘THANK YOU!’ for your time and effort!

Sincerely,

Elissa Gelleny

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A SHAD TEACHER CHAMPION:**
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WHAT IS SHAD?

SHAD is Canada's premier summer residential enrichment program for grade 10, 11 and 12 students focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) and entrepreneurship. Participants spend the entire month of July living in one of 16 host university campuses across the country and engage in transformative, experiential learning. SHAD is an unparalleled opportunity for youth to be inspired by living in a community of like-minded peers and gain insights into areas of study they haven't encountered before. We nurture their initiative, skills, values and desire to solve important problems while challenging them to meet the highest standards of ethical conduct, social responsibility and environmental sustainability.

SHAD exists
to empower
exceptional youth
to make the world
a better place.

A NETWORK FOR LIFE

Upon completion of the program, students receive the SHAD Fellow designation, a mark of excellence recognized by universities, scholarship providers, and employers. Our 16,300+ SHAD Fellows have an incredible record of success, counted among them are 32 Rhodes Scholars, 80 Loran Scholars, 40 Schulich Leaders, and many Top 20 Under 20 and Top 40 Under 40 Winners. Being a SHAD Fellow is a lifelong membership into a network of Change Makers who are embracing their Uncommon Purpose to bring about real, positive change.

FINDING FUTURE FELLOWS



A QUEST FOR FUTURE LEADERS WITH HIGH POTENTIAL

SHAD values diversity and encourages all high school students (grade 10 – 12) who have an interest in STEAM, demonstrated creativity and leadership to apply. We are looking for “diamonds in the rough”- students who, though they may not be the most vocal leader or have the highest academic average, possess a strong desire to make a difference in their community. We value diversity and recognize that

promising young men and women come from all cultural backgrounds, all socioeconomic classes, beliefs and ethnicities. Business and entrepreneurship excite some SHAD Fellows while others prefer to explore science and mathematics. The SHAD summer experience thrives when it has a diverse community of participants.

HOW DO WE FIND SHAD FELLOWS?

One of the best ways for us to identify SHAD Fellows is through educators like you. In your daily work, you see exactly the kind of young men and women who will thrive in a challenging yet supportive environment. We so value your input that

our application process requires an online letter of reference from teacher supporters. Your assessment of a candidate’s character and maturity influences who is selected to attend the program.



HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN APPLY?

There are no limits to how many students can apply and be accepted from your school. Admission to the program is on a competitive basis, so it is important that students put their best effort forward. Students apply directly themselves through our website at www.shad.ca. They do not need to be nominated by their school in order to apply, though the application form will ask for a letter of reference from an educator. The application opens in mid-September and closes in late-November.



WHAT MAKES SHAD UNIQUE

SHAD is hosted at select university campuses from coast to coast in Canada. Each SHAD program leverages the unique physical and cultural geography, educational and research scope, and academic expertise of the host universities to ensure the enrichment experience is unparalleled. In an intelligently balanced approach, the program provides lectures, labs, field work, cultural experiences, and recreation offered by professors, business professionals, practitioners and peers.



BEING A SHAD TEACHER CHAMPION

As a SHAD Teacher Champion, we are asking you to connect your curious and promising students with our extraordinary enrichment opportunity. If you bring this opportunity to your students, we will be able to offer them academic development and a strong social network which together provides a catalyst to change the world.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Encourage students to apply to SHAD and ensure they are aware of the opportunity.
- Provide an online reference for a student who wants to apply to the program: www.shad.ca/reference.
- Book a SHAD presentation at your school. The SHAD Outreach team would be delighted to speak to your students, simply email outreach@shad.ca to schedule a free visit.
- Request a SHAD booth at your next conference or enrichment fair. Email us at the address above.
- Sign up for SHAD's mailing list. Keep up to date with us and ensure you receive yearly SHAD materials to provide your students.

“When my teacher first suggested SHAD to me, I was excited that she could see that kind of potential in me!”

**SIGN UP NOW:
[WWW.SHAD.CA/
SHADCHAMPION](http://WWW.SHAD.CA/SHADCHAMPION)**

YOUR SCHOOL CAN BE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE

When your student is accepted as a SHAD Fellow, your school becomes affiliated with our community of excellence. By bringing this opportunity to your school, you can raise the profile of your promising students, increase the reputation of your school and gain access to support and resources from the SHAD community of over 16,300 Fellows.

“SHAD is an excellent summer enrichment program that provides high achieving students with opportunities to develop 21st century skills. Many SHAD Fellows have used the skills to gain acceptances to highly coveted post-secondary programs and to win prestigious scholarships. Students participate in real-life engaging STEM and Entrepreneurial projects while forming lasting friendships. The SHAD Fellow network is vast and extensive. Students return from SHAD having blossomed and gained much self-confidence. ‘The month at SHAD was the best in my life thus far’ is the reoccurring comment made by many of my students that have participated in SHAD. It is by far the best summer program for high school students!”

DIANA WANG-MARTIN

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Educators & students from Glenforest Secondary with the Governor General, His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston at the launch of SHAD Ryerson

BUILD A LEGACY AT YOUR SCHOOL

By encouraging your students to apply and empowering them to learn more about this opportunity, you can build a legacy of enrichment within your school. Our wish is to see at least one student from each school in Canada apply each year, if not more. We've had a number of schools over the years that started with one and have continued to grow with multiple participants each year.



SOME WORDS FROM A FELLOW EDUCATOR:

“As an educator, I am deeply grateful to SHAD for offering my students invaluable life experiences – from the application process to participation in the program, which helped them gain entrance into highly competitive university programs. SHAD’s focus on accessibility has rewarded some of my students with the opportunity to attend SHAD that otherwise would have only been a dream. SHAD offered them a chance to network and expand horizons and see themselves in a new light also.”

NAN DEVITT-TREMBLAY

Educator, Senator O’Connor College School



THERE SHOULD BE NO FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO EXCELLENCE

We want EVERY student who gains acceptance into the program to be able to attend and experience the thrill, community and challenge of SHAD, along with the benefits of being a SHAD Fellow.

It costs nothing to apply and once accepted, we work with students to address any proven financial need associated with the opportunity.

To keep this experience accessible, SHAD offers support including:

- A large bursary fund for participants with proven financial need, including travel bursaries.
- Scholarships based on overall strength of application are available.
- The fee to attend the program is \$5,500, which covers accommodation, meals, academic activities and field trips.

“Without the bursary you provided, I would have never seen stars or considered neuroscience as a post-secondary option. But most importantly, I would have never realized that I too can be a change-maker.”



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What should I do if I am concerned a student can't afford to attend?

If you think that a student is a worthy candidate for SHAD, please encourage them to apply as there is no application fee. We want every student who fits the SHAD profile to experience the thrill, community and challenge of our program. Once accepted, we will work with the student to address any proven financial need associated with the opportunity. There should be no financial barrier to excellence.

When do students apply?

Applications open in September and are due by late November. Each student must apply directly themselves by completing the online application found at shad.ca/apply. They do not require a nomination from their school to be eligible and there are no limits to the number of students who can apply or be accepted from one school.

What criteria is considered in the selection process?

There are four key factors by which applicants are assessed. These include academics, extracurricular activities, creativity/innovation and communication. We recognize that well-rounded students may have strengths in other areas besides grades. Most important is that students put forward their best effort and don't take the application for granted.

What does the application entail?

The SHAD application must be completed online and requires students to submit: an academic transcript, an outline of their activities/pursuits that can include athletics, volunteer experience, employment, and the arts, a description of their approach to creativity or how they tackled a problem, a letter of reference, as well as the option of providing a demonstration of their abilities in written or video format.



How can I support a student who is excellent but has extenuating circumstances (family, personal, learning disabilities, etc.)?

As mentioned earlier, all applicants are considered on their merits. If you are aware of challenges that an applicant is facing, please include that information in your letter of reference or encourage others to do so. Applicants from difficult circumstances will be considered based on their contexts.

My school does not offer IB/AP/French Immersion/special academic offerings. Will that have an impact on my students applying?

No. As long as your students meet our criteria they will have an equal opportunity to participate.

Can a student attend SHAD more than once? If a student is not accepted can they apply again?

As amazing an experience as it is, participants can only attend SHAD once. Students not offered a place may re-apply again for the following year and we encourage them to do so.

Can I get additional resources to share with my students/teaching colleagues?

Absolutely! Contact the SHAD Outreach team at outreach@shad.ca.

How else can I be involved with SHAD?

There is the opportunity to become a Teacher Fellow and be part of the staff team at one of our programs. This is a unique opportunity to contribute and see the SHAD experience first-hand, while in a paid staff role. To learn more about being a Teacher Fellow, email us at info@shad.ca. We also encourage SHAD Teacher Champions to attend SHAD Open Day at a host campus – contact us if you wish to attend and visit a campus during July.



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