Find your crew
STEAM trailblazers & changemakers

Get access
to labs, lectures, workshops & hands-on learning

Live on campus
and spend July at one of Canada's leading universities

Shad2020 runs from July 5 to July 31

shad.ca
Shad Canada is a STEAM and entrepreneurship program for students in grades 10 and 11.

Shad Canada’s program attracts students with high aptitudes for risk taking, curiosity, excellence and resilience, and prepares them to take on social and economic challenges. The month-long program includes a real-world design challenge that asks students to work on issues such as food security, water management and waste.

**Open to students completing grade 10 or 11 (Secondaire IV or V in Quebec)**

Apply now @ shad.ca/apply

The application due date is November 18, 2019

Runs from July 5 to July 31

Acceptances sent in February 2020

FAQ @ shad.ca/faq

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**The Shad Experience**

**STEAM & Entrepreneurship**

an ambitious schedule of STEAM and entrepreneurship-oriented labs, seminars and hands-on workshops

**Design Challenge**

a team-based hands-on challenge to develop a plan and prototype that solves a real-world issue #STEAM4Good

**Network**

a robust network of 18,000+ program graduates and hub for events and leadership opportunities

**Live-in**

27-days living on campus at a Canadian university in July

**ShadPeers**

a meeting ground for like-minded and driven students completing grade 10 or 11

**Diverse**

purposefully diverse and committed to maintaining a culturally diverse program

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Check out our website to hear more from Shad alumni:
shad.ca/videos
Shad’s signature design project.

Design a prototype that solves a social issue in 27 days. Beyond the obvious thrill of this project, some provinces offer a full credit for participating in Shad’s program.

Shad divides 1,000 students into 19 universities and splits them into dozens of project groups to focus on one real-world problem with economic and social implications.

Past Design Challenge Themes
2019 Impactfully reduce waste
2018 Resilience in a natural disaster
2017 Meaningfully reducing Canada’s energy footprint
2016 How might we improve food security for Canadians?
2015 Why don’t you go play outside?
Unleash your true potential through our STEAM-based program.
We are proud to partner with 19 carefully-selected Canadian universities to deliver the Shad program.

Shad participants can spend the summer with a view of the mountains at UBC, along the Atlantic coast at Memorial University of Newfoundland or in the heart of the Canadian prairies at the University of Saskatchewan or anywhere in between.

We guarantee students are not placed at the university closest to where they live.

**Why?** A big part of Shad’s transformative experience is living outside of your comfort zone.

### Shad Campuses

- **UBC**
  - Vancouver, British Columbia

- **University of Calgary**
  - Calgary, Alberta

- **University of Saskatchewan**
  - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- **Lakehead University**
  - Thunder Bay, Ontario

- **Laurentian University**
  - Sudbury, Ontario

- **Western University**
  - London, Ontario

- **University of Waterloo**
  - Waterloo, Ontario

- **Ryerson University**
  - Toronto, Ontario

- **Carleton University**
  - Ottawa, Ontario

- **Mount Allison University**
  - Sackville, New Brunswick

- **McGill University**
  - Montreal, Québec

- **Dalhousie University**
  - Halifax, Nova Scotia

- **Memorial University**
  - St. John’s, Newfoundland

- **University of Prince Edward Island**
  - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

- **University of New Brunswick**
  - Fredericton, New Brunswick

- **Queen’s University**
  - Kingston, Ontario

- **York University**
  - Toronto, Ontario

- **Laurier University**
  - Waterloo, Ontario

- **McMaster University**
  - Hamilton, Ontario
20% of Shads launch at least one start-up of their own.

80% of Shads invest in or advise start-ups.

18,000+ Shads & counting.

55% Majority female – always [for the past 40 years!]

32 Rhodes Scholars.

4 Prime Minister’s Youth Council Members.

85% of Shads live and work in Canada.
Our network of Shad alumni includes thought leaders and digital revolutionaries, CEOs and academic superstars.

What do they all have in common? They’re changemakers.

Shads are pushing the envelope of what’s possible, using their abilities in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics as the catalyst to bring new ideas and new industries to life.
Shad looks for diversity and well-roundedness in Shad participants with an over-arching commitment to excellence.

Students with a strong academic foundation, who are natural go-getters, curious about the world, community-minded, creative and engaged are the type that excel at Shad.

If that sounds like you, please apply. We’d love to get to know you.

Financial support is available
It costs nothing to apply.
A range of financial support is available for those with demonstrated need.

Program Fee
The Shad2020 program fee is $5,800*, which covers accommodation, meals, academic activities and field trips. The program fee does not include travel to or from campus or money for incidentals such as laundry and souvenirs.

* The program fee for international students is $10,000 CDN. Visit our website for details.

Financial support is available
The application criteria

- Students completing grade 10 or 11 (Secondaire IV or V in Quebec)
- Report card or transcript required
- Open to every Canadian province and territory and international applicants
- Applicants are assessed on several factors including creativity/innovation, commitment to excellence, engagement in extracurricular activities and a strong academic foundation
- The selection process is competitive
- Financial assistance is available*

*Shad provided over $1-million in bursaries in 2019

Shads are...

- **Economically diverse**
  The capacity to love STEAM is not tied to gender, economic status or ethnicity. Shad encourages students from all economic backgrounds to apply and take advantage of the array of bursaries to support accepted applicants.

- **From remote communities**
  We encourage students from rural and remote areas that may not have access to STEAM-based programming to apply. The mosaic of Canada can be better reflected in the Shad program with more rural and remote participants.

- **Indigenous**
  Shad is purposefully diverse and committed to maintaining a culturally diverse program. We encourage students from traditionally underrepresented communities to apply.

- **International**
  The drive for excellence is border-free and Shad welcomes any student who has a commitment to making a lasting impact on society.
Frequently Asked Questions

Is Shad an acronym?
Shad is not an acronym. It was named after a creek where the first program began in Aurora, Ontario.

What criteria is considered in the selection process?
Applicants are assessed on several factors including academics, extracurricular activities, creativity/innovation and commitment to excellence.

Does my school need to nominate me?
Each student must apply directly at shad.ca/apply. You do not require a nomination from your school to be eligible to apply and there are no limits to the number of students that can apply and be accepted from one school.

If you apply, do you get in?
It is a competitive application process. It’s important to put your best effort forward - don’t take the application process for granted.

How will I know if I am accepted?
We start contacting applicants by email in February.

Do students get to choose which campus they attend?
When a student applies to Shad, they will be asked to rank all of our campuses. While we will try to accommodate preferences, space is limited at each campus and we strive for diversity. It’s not about the campus, it’s about the Shad experience.

May students leave the program to attend another event?
No. Shad's success depends on the community of Shads at each campus. If accepted into the Shad program, Shad participants must commit to attending full-time for the full 27-day period, including living on campus. There are no exceptions to the full-time commitment to the program, except for medical or family emergencies, or except as required as an accommodation under applicable Human Rights Legislation.

What should I do if I require an accommodation under Human Rights Legislation?
Shad Canada has a proud history of respecting the diversity of the community which we serve, with a goal of empowering youth across the country. In that respect, Shad is committed to providing a program that is safe and free of discrimination, and is committed to providing accommodation to individuals where required. Shad will provide accommodation to the point of undue hardship, upon request, throughout an individual’s involvement in the program.

If you would like to make a request for accommodation under Human Rights Legislation at any point in the Shad process, whether in the initial application process or after program acceptance, please send your request to info@shad.ca. Shad will attempt to meet all accommodation requests, unless doing so would cause Shad undue hardship.

Get Social.
Connect with us on our social media channels for the latest updates, news and Shad network features.
Why Shad?

From Shads:

“Why Shad? Because Shad teaches that a small kid from outport Newfoundland, like myself, can have the same opportunities as a kid in downtown Toronto. I chose [Shad] because this was my opportunity to get out there and find the people who could most relate to having wild fantasies about changing the world and wouldn’t tell me I was crazy if I started a conversation with basically a stranger on politics or how there was just a new medical discovery. Shad showed me the best people I have ever met and I’m eternally grateful for my Shad UNB 2017 family.”

Hailey, Shad2017

“The Shad program provides many opportunities to meet renowned professors, entrepreneurs, and specialists and introduces you to another world living on campus and feeling what it takes to be a world changer. At Shad, they helped me realize that age does not constitute when individuals can start down the path of changing the world; as a 16-year-old Shad, I pledge to start my journey.”

Keshav, Shad2018

From Shad Parents:

“People think that Shad is only about STEAM (science, tech, engineering, arts, and math). It’s so much more than that. It’s about community. It’s about leadership. It’s about having your whole world view changed. I saw that when my son called home and described his summer as life-changing.”

Sara-Lynne, Shad Parent 2018

“I had heard great things about Shad over the years, ever since I was in high school myself, but the experience far surpasses any expectations that my daughter or I might have had. Shad is a Canadian national treasure and my family is truly grateful to have been a part of it.”

Caroline, Shad Parent 2018

From Government Leaders:

“[Shad is] an ingenious program that more Canadians need to know about . . . I wouldn’t start a university today without experiential learning for every student. The reason is it’s combining theory and practice.”

David Johnston, The 28th Governor General of Canada; Honorary Shad
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Shad appreciates the generous support of individuals, private sector companies, foundations and government in providing funding. Gifts of financial support and time help our participants achieve their potential.

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In honour: Barry Bisson; Ed Jernigan

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