



The Shad Program Experience

What will my Shad experience be like?

The Shad experience is unique. The setting, the activities, the transformational opportunities and the participants are all special. While the program is demanding, it takes place in a supportive community meant to foster personal growth and learning. Participants must put forth their very best efforts in order to produce the greatest gains from this environment of exploration, collaboration, and innovation. Over 1,000 participants from across the country will have the experience of a lifetime attending Shad2022.

What will I do each day at my Shad campus?

Campuses do not share a calendar of activities in advance, incorporating the element of surprise and wonder each and every day of the program. A typical 16-hour day will start early in the morning and continue through to late evening, jam-packed with classroom, outdoor, social and recreational activities.

The Shad program is not a 9-3 classroom. It is a 24-7 commitment for 27 consecutive days living on a university campus. All program elements and activities are intentional in design and based on an experiential learning platform.

While no two campus programs are the same, here are some examples of activities:

EXPLORE fascinating new concepts in a genetics workshop or a graphics lab or tour a high-tech firm.

LEARN about the latest in nanotechnology or forensic DNA, participate in a workshop with a successful entrepreneur or use leading edge software to design an enhanced online experience.

TRY your hand at yoga, swing-dancing, or a game of ultimate Frisbee or participate in an impromptu musical jam session or coffee house where everyone shares their special talents.

LISTEN to a guest speaker panel provide insights.

COLLABORATE with your project team on a social innovation challenge.

EXPERIENCE the sights in your campus city – comb the local beaches, munch on s'mores while you set up camp in the Great Canadian outdoors.

Program safety

The safety of participants is paramount, and Shad Canada has stringent risk management policies and best practices in place to minimize such risk. Rules and personal responsibilities are also enforced to ensure that all members of our Shad campus communities enjoy a safe and rewarding experience.

Shad Canada requires all 2022 program participants and campus team members to be fully vaccinated (with a Health Canada recognized vaccine), show proof thereof, and strictly adhere to all Shad Canada and campus health and safety protocols at time of program delivery.

