

Shad A-Plus

For those who want to fully explore the A in STEAM, while still improving their understanding and application of STEM, consider Shad A-Plus.

This program provides the full Shad experience, including the exploration of a variety of postsecondary pathways, hands-on training and ongoing mentorship and networking opportunities to increase their skills and capacity around affecting positive changes in the world.

The difference between the A-Plus program and our other campuses, will be that the curriculum will more heavily focus on how the arts, humanities, and social sciences can impact the positive changes we would like to see. There will still be exposure to STEM, including the sciences, mathematics, and technology, but these sessions will be intended to improve students' capabilities in these areas, even if they are not their primary passions and motivators to do good in the world. In fact, Shad is designed to help to potentially awaken new passions in a variety of disciplines for participants.

Participants will engage in multifaceted learning experiences and opportunities that will increase their skills and capacity, including strategic thinking, policy development, leadership, and project management. They will explore concepts of the social change model of leadership, including: personal leadership, group leadership, and community leadership and develop strategies to express themselves through their work, creativity, entrepreneurialism, and engagement with others.

With a heavier emphasis on the "A" in STEAM, the Shad A-Plus program is a transformative educational experience, uniting students from across Canada who, through a more human, community and social centred lens, are looking to grow as change-leaders. The program will appeal to students who want to make their difference through their pursuits in the arts, social sciences, humanities, business and entrepreneurship, while also exploring the applications of STEM. This new program seeks to cultivate a cohort of diverse, innovative, and socially conscious leaders who are striving to influence and contribute to our collective STEAM for good goals.



Shad A-Plus aims to foster a new generation of leaders who will navigate the complexities of our ever-evolving society. The program will focus on shaping this next generation of leadership and improving the future, by exploring approaches to equity, inclusion, creativity, and sustainability through a combination of self-assessment, peer learning, simulations, workshops and impassioned discussions and debates, as well as reflections on the social and business aspects of emerging technologies and innovation, providing participants with the tools they will need to work towards societal change for the better.

Through Shad A-Plus students will build a foundation for success in their long-term leadership journey. These Shads will tackle the same Design and Entrepreneurship challenge as all other campuses and will delve into opportunities to explore, improve and add to their understanding and technical expertise of the STEM fields.

Students who are interested in the Shad A-Plus program will have an opportunity to express their interest through the Shad 2025 application process.

