



Elevate your summer Discover what's next

Dive deeper into **your future** with Shad Canada.

shad.ca



A summer built for **curious minds**, a community where **bold ideas** grow.

THE SHAD PROGRAM

Shad is a month-long pre-university summer program for motivated high school students to live and learn together on a post-secondary campus. It is a summer to dive into hands-on learning, explore new fields, form genuine friendships, and make a real impact.

Bring your questions, your interests, and your willingness to try. You'll leave with new perspectives, greater confidence, and a community that continues long after summer.

Who's Shad for?



Thinkers who ask big questions.



Creators who bring ideas to life.



Team players who thrive in community.



Explorers excited to try something new.



Dreamers ready to take the first step.



Changemakers who want to shape the future.





One Summer, Countless Experiences

Every Shad program is built on a carefully balanced mix of STEAM exploration, entrepreneurship, community building, experiential learning, and field trips. You will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of topics across five interdisciplinary fields, gain hands-on experience in areas that spark your curiosity, build the skills to tackle future challenges, and broaden your horizons.

Applied Problem
Solving &
Entrepreneurship

Emerging Fields &
Science Frontiers

Leadership &
Future Readiness

Society, Culture &
the Human Mind

Technology,
Engineering &
Innovation

PROGRAM FORMATS

Your Shad, Your Way

Most Shad participants experience the program through our signature Live-in program. Building on this foundation, Shad has expanded its offerings to include more program pathways that share the same commitment to innovation, community, and personal growth.



Other Shad Live-in options (limited spots)

A-PLUS

EN FRANÇAIS

UNPLUGGED

Learn more about our program formats
shad.ca/programs



Join a community that takes you further



THE ALUMNI NETWORK

27,000+

alumni in the network

1,800+

Canadian high schools with
Shad alumni

200+

Companies & organizations
founded by Shad alumni

54

Countries with Shad alumni

Shad brings together curious, driven students who continue to inspire and support one another long after the summer. When you join Shad, you become part of an inspiring community spanning regions, generations, disciplines, and careers.

Shad alumni are among Canada's leading scholars:



150

Schulich Leaders



125

Loran Scholars



48

TD Scholars



42

Rhodes Scholars

Shad alumni work across industries and organizations including:



ANTHROPIC



OpenAI



Deloitte.



Meet the Shad Community

Scan for alumni stories, outcomes, and where Shads are today.

shad.ca/alumni

Why Shad?

Ignite your potential, create lasting impact

Gain real-world experience

Test-drive campus life

Live in residence, explore research facilities, meet inspiring faculty, and experience new independence leading to your post-secondary journey.

Explore what's shaping the future

Dive into cutting-edge topics across technology, healthcare, energy, and society. Learn through labs, lectures, hands-on workshops, and industry visits.

Turn your ideas into impact

Team up to design, build, and pitch your solution to a real-world challenge, and test your ideas with entrepreneurs and business leaders.

Discover more in yourself

Define what drives you

Explore your interests alongside inspiring peers and bring your motivations, values, and ambitions into focus.

Step into your potential

Push beyond familiar limits and outside your comfort zone through projects and challenges, and see how far you can go.

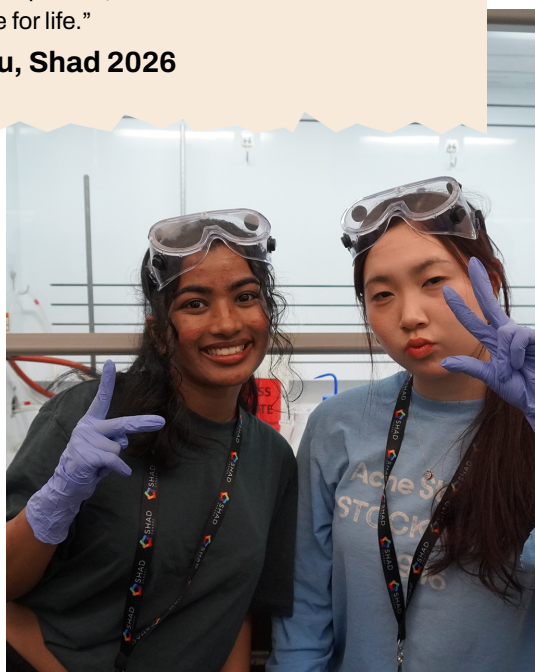
Build skills that take you further

Develop lasting confidence, resilience, leadership, and collaboration skills to pursue the future you envision.

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“I thought Shad would be a month-long opportunity to explore STEM and challenge myself academically. I never expected it to become an experience that would change me, shape my perspective, and introduce me to friends I will carry with me for life.”

-Katherine Lu, Shad 2026



Your Shad journey starts here.

shad.ca/apply



Canada's launchpad for future innovators and leaders

Shad is an immersive summer program where curious, driven high school students explore bold ideas through STEAM and entrepreneurship, experience post-secondary life, and build skills, friendships, and confidence for what comes next.

Who can apply?

High school students currently completing Grade 10 and 11 (Secondaire IV and V in Quebec).

How long is the program?

Live-in: 27 days in July.
Virtual: 20 days (4 weeks, Monday to Friday) in July.

Where does it happen?

One of Shad's post-secondary partner campuses or virtually.

Key features:

Immersive post-secondary experience, STEAM exploration, design thinking & entrepreneurship, academic and industry mentorship, community building, leadership opportunities, field trips, and fun.

Financial support:

\$5 million available in fee assistance each year.
1 in 3 students receive financial support.

SHAD CAMPUS PARTNERS

