

Think you can't go to university? Think again

Sometimes grades don't tell the whole story. That's why Carleton University offers the Enriched Support Program (ESP) — a unique way to qualify for degree admission while taking first-year courses. The ESP offers you the chance to start university now.

If your high school grades do not reflect your academic potential, or if you are apprehensive about returning to school after an absence, the ESP offers an opportunity for you to prove your academic ability in a structured university environment.

Start bridging your way to degree admissions today!

Become a Raven!



GET STARTED ON FIRST-YEAR UNIVERSITY in a full-time program






RECEIVE ACADEMIC SUPPORT to help you make the transition to university-level work

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The ESP is designed and managed by the Centre for Initiatives in Education (CIE), part of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Carleton University.

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Carleton’s Enriched Support Program (ESP) offers several pathways to help you achieve your academic goals.

The ESP may be for you if you are

- a high school or college student with the potential to succeed at university, but you do not meet traditional entrance requirements;
- a student who would like to experience a first-year university community that fosters academic excellence and inclusion as you begin university studies; or
- a mature student who would like support as you return to your studies.

ESP students have earned degrees in a variety of fields and gone to study in post-graduate programs such as law school, teacher’s college, master’s and PhD-level graduate programs.

How it works

ESP students register in first-year courses that are supported by weekly workshops offering course-specific academic enrichment. As an ESP student, you have access to a network of supports including

Three first-year courses, including a First Year Seminar and Electives	Supported by the ESP Mentors and Workshops	Added ESP advising and coaching supports
First Year Seminar (1.0 credit)	Mentors	Student Advising
Elective course (1.0 credit)	Workshop	Academic coaching
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80-90 % of students who fully participate in the ESP are eligible for admission to a degree program.

a core First-Year Seminar class, peer mentors, weekly workshops, student advisors and academic coaches.

From ESP to a degree

There are so many pathways to help you achieve your goals. Our streams can help you qualify for degrees in Arts, Social Sciences and Public Administration, Business, Computer Science, Engineering and Science.

Please visit carleton.ca/esp for prerequisite subject requirements and program information for each stream.

How to apply

Apply to ESP directly through our website. Application requirements, guidelines and the online application form can be found at carleton.ca/esp.

Students who are enroled in the ESP may be eligible for bursary and or student loan support.

“I was able to step into my degree program with confidence. There were peer mentors, coaches, facilitators and support at every juncture.”

Danardo Jones, Law graduate

“I had been out of school for almost a decade. It’s really intimidating coming back into academia, so when I found the ESP I immediately thought — this is it! I met some of my best friends. It was a great place for dialogue. I’ve won multiple scholarships, pulled all straight As, and I attribute a lot of that to the support, encouragement and community that ESP fosters”

Samantha Hattlestat, Psychology (BA) graduate

“I feel more sure of myself. I trust myself a lot more. If you have the initiative to want to do better, you will do better, and you have the supports in ESP to help with that.”

Rosena Zhuang, Childhood and Youth Studies student, minor in Human Rights and Social Justice