What is the Enrichment Studies Unit at Queen’s University?

For more than 30 years, the Enrichment Studies Unit (ESU) at Queen’s University has connected students with challenging and inspiring academics alongside the dynamic learning and living environment of university life. Providing an inclusive and unmatched mix of opportunities, ESU makes an unmistakable difference: nurturing curiosity, fostering development, and enriching the potential of all students.

Excursion Program Highlights

- Choice of one academic course from a variety of disciplines or choose a sample of courses
- 9-20 hours of classroom instruction
- Intensive hands-on experience in state-of-the-art-facilities
- Courses taught by Queen’s students, faculty, and community professionals who have demonstrated excellence in their field
- Connect with like-minded peers
- Mentorship by Queen’s undergraduate students
Spring Excursion Programs:

- Five Six Enrichment Days for Grade 5-6 students
- Seven Eight Enrichment Days (SEEDS) for Grade 7-8 students
- Enrichment Mini Course (EMC) for Grade 9-12 students

Summer Excursion Programs:

- Summer Enrichment Experience @ Queen’s (SEEQ) for Grade 8-12 students
- Leadership Training Levels I, II, III for Grade 7-10 students

Residence Option

A complete university experience where students live in residence, attend daytime classes, eat all meals in a campus dining hall, and participate in extracurricular activities.

- Residence accommodation
- All meals
- Full supervision
- All course fees
- All course materials
- All evening activities
- ESU t-shirt and lanyard
- Taxes included and no hidden costs

Commuter Option

available for select programs

The commuter option provides a university experience that is perfect for students who live within commuting distance to campus. Students attend daytime classes and experience the post-secondary routine of living off-campus.

- All course fees
- All course materials
- All lunches
- Full supervision
- Admission to Thursday Carnival, including dinner
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For more information:
Contact ESU at esu@queensu.ca
ESU Supports Learning & the Ontario Curriculum

ESU Programs for Grade 5-12 Students

- Building Resiliency
- Inquiry Based
- Developing Leaders
- Inclusive Learning Environment
- Community Connected
- Knowledge & Skill Based
- Extension of School Curriculum
- Living in Residence
- Experiencing Campus Life
- Developmentally Appropriate
- Differentiated Learning
- Student Directed/Co-constructed
- Civics
- Social Sciences
- Technology
- Humanities
- Engineering
- Mathematics
- Physical Science
- Health Science

*Course Offerings may vary

What does it mean for ESU to have the “Stamp of a Great Camp”?

- ESU has passed OCA’s rigorous two-year accreditation, adheres to over 450 standards in addition to provincial and federal legislation, and is evaluated regularly.
- An OCA accredited camp that provides an inclusive and unmatched mix of opportunities.
- “Stamp of a Great Camp” means parents and teachers can trust ESU programs to be safe, educational, and fun.

Why choose ESU for your next school excursion?

**Learning:**
Experiential courses enhance student achievement and Ontario Curriculum learning expectations, through hands-on activities in state-of-the-art facilities

**Connecting:**
ESU makes an unmistakable difference by nurturing curiosity, fostering development, and enriching the potential of all students

**Preparation:**
ESU builds resilience, confidence, character, and self-esteem in students as they explore future opportunities

**Inclusive:**
ESU welcomes and supports students from all countries and backgrounds

**Safe:**
Safety is a priority and all staff are first aid certified to provide immediate assistance, plus there is an acute-care hospital on campus

**Supportive:**
Students are supervised and mentored by specially trained Queen’s undergraduate students

Financial Aid and Awards

ESU has bursaries available for qualifying students from low income families.

ESU’s Bell Canada Award provides program and travel awards for secondary students based on academic performance, community involvement, leadership, and extra-curricular activity.

Visit [www.esu.queensu.ca](http://www.esu.queensu.ca) for more information
Important Deadlines

Registration for all programs opens the first Monday in December

- Spring program registration closes the last Friday in March
  - Enrichment Mini Course (EMC) for Grade 9 - 12 students
  - Seven Eight Enrichment Days (SEEDS) for Grade 7 - 8 students
  - Five Six Enrichment Days for Grade 5 - 6 students

- Summer program registration closes first Friday of July
  - Summer Enrichment Experience (SEEQ) for Grade 8 - 12 students
  - Leadership Training for Grade 7 - 10 students

Bursary Deadlines (see website for exact dates)

- ESU Bursaries – end of November
- Bell Canada Award and Travel Awards – end of March
Checklist for Successful Field Trip Approval

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