



Degree Programmes

This study placement is open to Aston Business Students.

Number of places: 2

Application Process

To apply for this opportunity, please email your **CV** and **motivation letter** to internationalplacements@aston.ac.uk **Deadlines are published on [Aston Futures](#).**

Students can apply for up to three universities; please specify your order of preference in your motivation letter. You only need to send one motivation letter for your three university choices, and there is a template available on Blackboard in the overseas folder. Please include your full name and degree on your application email. Don't worry about contacting the partner university directly, as all the applications are processed by Aston's International Placements Team.

The University

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[Main website](#)

[Business Faculty](#)

Choosing to study at Canada's oldest university means access to the world's most elite certifications—including AACSB International and EQUIS—as well as a study program designed to meet the needs of full-time, part-time and professional students.

Our flexible approach gives students the opportunity to pursue their studies in the classroom, online and abroad, and take advantage of a wealth of cutting-edge public and private research partnerships.

The FSA's large and experienced faculty will give you the skills to drive the expansion of ethical and sustainable businesses around the globe with courses taught in both French and English.

From the diversity, history, and dynamism of Québec City to new frontiers abroad, the world of business is yours to discover.

What it is like to study at Laval University

Check out this [video](#)

Location

Time difference : GMT – 5 hours

International dialling code : +1

Located in one of North America's most vibrant and historic French-speaking cities, the FSA is leading the way towards a new concept for business administration, as Québec's unique position combines international flair with proximity to major centers of innovation.



Semester/key dates

3 September – 14 December (15 weeks)

14 January – 26 April (15 weeks)

6 May – 16 August (15 weeks)

The academic year is divided into three sessions: Fall, Winter and Summer.

A session is a 15-week period during which Université Laval offers classes.

Exams are often included in this period and it is rarely possible to sit for an exam or hand in an assignment after the session has ended. The university calendar divides the Summer session into two periods. Courses may be offered in one or both of these periods. Remember that to meet the requirements of the Certification d'acceptation du Québec (Québec Acceptance Certificate - CAQ), you must remain registered full-time in the Fall and Winter sessions (12 credits or more). The Fall and Winter sessions include a reading week (generally in October and March) when there are no classes. This week is not a holiday but is intended to be used to catch up or get ahead in your work.

[Academic calendar](#)

Welcome Week

In order to better integrate students into life in Québec City, Université Laval and the Faculty of Business Administration, the International Activities Centre, in collaboration with the Student Welcome Committee, organizes a week of activities.

These activities range from registration, orientation to the computer environment, to socio-cultural activities. The Welcome Week takes place before classes begin and allows students to meet each other, prepare for their courses, and of course, get initiated to their new home. We cannot recommend enough that students attend this fun-filled week. It is very much a part of their semester abroad experience.

Courses Available

Choosing, changing and dropping courses

Before each new semester, you must:

- choose your courses;
- enrol in them

[Courses in English](#)

[Strategic Management](#)

[Risk Management and Insurance](#)

[Risk Assessment](#)

[Introduction to Accounting](#)

[Management Accounting](#)

[Introduction to Business in North America](#)

[Microeconomics](#)

[Macroeconomics](#)

[Introduction to finance](#)

[Intermediate Finance](#)

[Venture Capital](#)

[Operations and Logistics](#)

[Management](#)

[Organizational Behaviour](#)

[Human Resource Management](#)

[Principles of International Management](#)

[Small Business Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship](#)
[Applied Strategic Management](#)
[Probability and Statistics for Business](#)
[Marketing Management](#)
[Consumer Behaviour](#)
[International Marketing](#)
[Simulation : Development of Global Markets](#)
[Information Systems and Technologies](#)

Work load

One credit (Cr) represents 45 hours of work in the form of independent studies, presence in a classroom, laboratory, or workshop, or an internship.

Registration

All of the procedures you underwent before arriving in Canada were linked to admission to a program of study. Now that you have been admitted to a program, you are at the registration stage and ready to enrol in educational activities (classes, internships, thesis and paper writing credits, etc.). Your program director will have sent you instructions a few weeks before classes begin. After having presented your legal documents at the Bureau du registraire, you must meet with the person responsible in your faculty for enrolling you in the program to which you were admitted. Before enrolling you, this person will help you select your courses and register for the activities you

choose. Full-time enrolment means that you register for at least 12 credits. However, most undergraduate (1er cycle) programs involve 15 credits per semester.

Study levels or cycles

In Québec, a bachelor's or undergraduate program consists of 90 credits generally divided over 6 to 8 sessions and leading to an undergraduate (1er cycle) degree. A master's program consists of 45 credits generally divided over 4 sessions and leading to a graduate or master's degree (2e cycle). A PhD or post-graduate program consists of 90 to 96 credits generally divided over 8 sessions and leading to a PhD (3e cycle).

Living in Canada

- **International Activities Centre**

The International Activities Centre team is your first point of contact when you arrive in Québec City.

Their staffs plan activities with an international flavour throughout the year, starting with a welcome and orientation week for international students. The week includes information and registration sessions, tours of the campus and the city, and cultural and tourist activities. The IAC team can also pair you with a FSA student who will help you explore your new living and studying environment.

- **Student Welcome Committee**

To help with the integration of the incoming students, over 50 local student “buddies” initiate contact by e-mail and offer their assistance with any general questions students may have.

Whenever possible, they will also pick the students up at the Québec City airport or Bus station and bring them to their residence. Later, during the Welcome week, student Buddies are present to provide help and information.

There are many opportunities for interaction between exchange students and student Buddies. Throughout the term, activities is organized by the student committee and we are always on-hand at the Centre to provide assistance.

Foreign Students Handbook

Service des affaires étudiantes, Université Laval, Bureau d'accueil et d'animation

- **Strong corporate connections**

The Dean of the FSA is an ex-officio member of the Québec City Chamber of Commerce. More than 20 business leaders sit on our Business Advisory Council. We receive financial support from 132 organizations. Most of our professors are in regular contact with the business community.

Every year over 100 experienced managers take part in our courses, judge management competitions or participate in our career days. Our close relations with the business world not only allow you to meet top corporate leaders but also ensure that your education is in tune with today's business needs.

- **Dynamic student life**

The FSA is known for its vibrant student life. Over 20 student associations organize myriad activities every year and take part in about 10 interuniversity competitions. All students who participate in a competition follow a training program of several months coached by a number of professors. Getting involved in student life is a great way to put your knowledge to work, exercise your leadership skills and make contacts.

- **Budgeting**

To familiarize yourself with the different goods and services you will consume, we suggest you make a budget. This way, it will be easier to manage your spending and enjoy your stay in Québec City to the fullest. Note! The cost of living in Canada may be higher than in your country. Ask for advice from someone who knows a lot about consumer goods prices before making major purchases. When planning your budget, remember to:

- include installation costs;
- put aside the amount needed to pay for your housing rent;
- plan for buying winter clothing;
- ensure that you have the money to renew your immigration documents (visa, study permit, work permit, CAQ, etc.);

- have \$2 000 if you want to apply to become a permanent resident in Canada;
- have a safety fund of at least \$500 for unforeseen expenses.
- Source: Foreign Student Handbook, Service des affaires étudiantes, Université Laval, Bureau d'accueil et d'animation
- **Cost of living in Quebec**
 - Food and beverages
 - Dozen of eggs : \$1.50-\$4
 - Fresh vegetables : \$1-\$4 / pound
 - Chicken meat : \$4-\$17 / kilo
 - Box of cereals: \$2.50-\$5
 - Cup of coffee : \$0.75
 - Bottled water 1.5l (grocery store): \$1
 - Entertainment / going out:
 - Movie ticket : \$5-\$12
 - Pool table: \$1/game
 - Bowling alley : \$4.25/game+ \$2.25/pair of bowling shoes
 - Meal in a fast food restaurant: \$7-\$12
 - Supper in a good restaurant : \$15-\$25 plus taxes and gratuities (tip)
 - Other:
 - Bottle of shampoo : \$3-\$7
 - Car rental : \$45/day et +
 - Dorm bed in a youth hostel : \$30 and +
 - Room with double bed in a *** hotel : \$85 and +

Next steps if you are successful

1. You will be invited for a face-to-face or phone interview with the Placements Team
2. You will be nominated by us to the partner university
3. Following the nomination you must in most cases, complete a registration online. Then you will apply to Queen's directly, sending a copy of your academic transcript. You will also need to register for courses electronically and send your payment for UHIP health insurance.
The International Placements Team will contact you about this.
4. Read the Study Plan (available on Blackboard from June)
5. Complete a Learning Agreement once your modules have been approved by your Placement Tutor

Visa

Citizens of certain countries will require a visa to enter Canada. For a full list of countries whose citizens require visas to enter Canada see the [website](#).

Study Permit

Students from many countries may require a permit to study in Canada. To obtain a permit, you need to contact a Canadian Embassy or consulate or government

representative outside Canada. This will cost \$125, and the process can take up to 3 months. See the [website](#).

You will need to provide

- A valid passport
- Evidence of acceptance in the form of an unconditional letter of acceptance from Queen's offering you admission
- Evidence of adequate funds to cover the cost of tuition and living expenses. Evidence includes personal bank statements, letters pledging financial support, or letters from your academic department, offering you employment, a bursary, a scholarship or fellowship money.
- A medical examination may be required.

A Study Permit is needed to work on campus. Exchange students may not work off campus.

Please ensure that you have an up to date passport before applying to study in Canada. [Canadian High Commission in London](#).

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