

QUEST IS UNIQUE.

We offer one degree, the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences. Instead of taking five classes at a time, you immerse yourself in one course for 3.5 weeks. You create a Question instead of declaring a major. Our groundbreaking curriculum offers flexible, student-centred learning that combines intellectual rigour and creativity with hands-on experience.

But what really makes us stand out? You.

600



students

20



maximum
class size

40+



countries
represented

70



percentage of students
who go abroad at
least once

85



percentage of
students who receive
scholarships and
bursaries

0



similar universities
in Canada

Our mission: to transform how our students think, question and engage with the world through a revolutionary educational model that sparks personal growth and intellectual development



We are Canada's first independent, not-for-profit, secular liberal arts and science university devoted entirely to excellence in undergraduate education.

An Education as Unique as You

our groundbreaking curriculum



At Quest, we do things differently. Our degree, the Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, allows you to play a central role in designing your own education. It also offers you the best of both worlds: a basis for advanced studies if you want to go on to specialize, with the flexibility of broad knowledge and skills.

YEARS 1+2

The Foundation Program at a Glance

Your first two years will be focused on exploring disciplines and the relationships between them, developing stronger research and collaboration skills, and designing a personal Question to guide your studies.

YEARS 3+4

The Concentration Program at a Glance

The Concentration Program can be customized to your unique interests and aspirations. Based on your Question, your Faculty Mentor will help you build your personalized Quest degree by guiding you in your research and your choice of courses and readings.

The Question

Your Question will drive your final two years at Quest, and can range from narrow to broad. Every student creates a unique Question. In Quest history, no two Questions have been the same!

The Keystone

Every student completes a Keystone, Quest's version of an undergraduate thesis. You'll work with a Faculty Mentor to complete a significant project based on your interests. Your Keystone can take many forms depending on your academic path: original research, multimedia projects, creative portfolios and more.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF WHAT STUDENTS HAVE ASKED

HOW SHOULD WE CREATE ARTIFICIAL GENERAL INTELLIGENCE?

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW AND MORALITY?

HOW DOES RISK INFLUENCE CHOICE?

WHY DO WE FEAR THE WRONG THINGS?

HOW DO OUR UNDERSTANDINGS OF POVERTY SHAPE OUR ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE IT?

HOW CAN ART TRANSFORM CONFLICT?

HOW CAN ANALOGICAL REASONING FACILITATE SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY?

HOW CAN WE BUILD BETTER CITIES?

WHAT IS THE LANGUAGE OF FILM?

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SYMMETRY AND BEAUTY?

HOW CAN WE USE NATURAL RESOURCES WITHOUT UNDERMINING THE RESILIENCE OF ECOSYSTEMS?

HOW DOES MATHEMATICAL FORMALISM INTERACT WITH PHYSICAL THEORY?

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

FIELD STUDIES



learn about topics right in the field

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



apply and develop your skills in real-world situations

STUDY ABROAD



choose from over a dozen partner schools worldwide

LANGUAGE IMMERSION



learn or improve your language skills

Build Your Degree

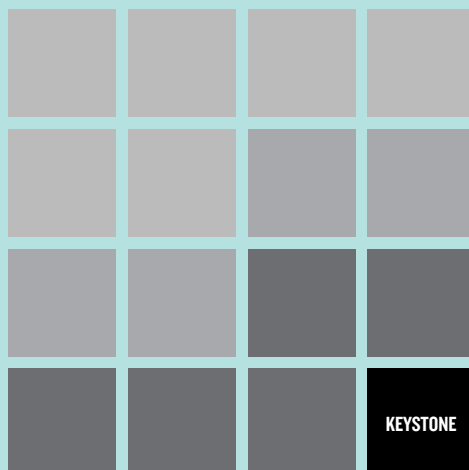
THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM IN DETAIL



The first two years of your degree consist of 16 courses, a multidisciplinary curriculum that spans the liberal arts and sciences, tackling themes from the classic to the contemporary. Toward the end of your second year, you will write your personalized Question, developed with faculty guidance in a dedicated course called Question.

- three Core courses
- three Life Sciences
- one Mathematics
- two Physical Sciences
- three Social Sciences
- three Arts & Humanities
- one Language

THE CONCENTRATION PROGRAM IN DETAIL



In the Concentration Program, you design your own academic path while working with a Faculty Mentor. Inspired by your Question, you'll pursue what you're most passionate about, taking 16 courses that include Electives and Experiential Learning along with your Focus courses. You'll cap your undergraduate education with a Keystone project, which you will present during your Keystone course.

- at least six Focus courses
- one to four Experiential Learning
- three to five Electives
- Keystone

HERE'S HOW NICOLE BUILT HER PERSONALIZED QUEST DEGREE



NICOLE ZANESCO '19

HOMETOWN: Calgary, Alberta

QUESTION: How can we build peace?

FOCUS COURSES

The Cold War
Colonialism
Foreign Policy and the Middle East
Political Identity and Conflict
Postwar Europe
Quest for Antarctica
Security Studies
War, Conflict, and History
War, Film, and History

ELECTIVES

Creative Writing
Studio Art
Time Travel
Anthropology
Conservation of Migratory Species

KEYSTONE

Poles of Contention: Polar Governance as a Path Towards Peace

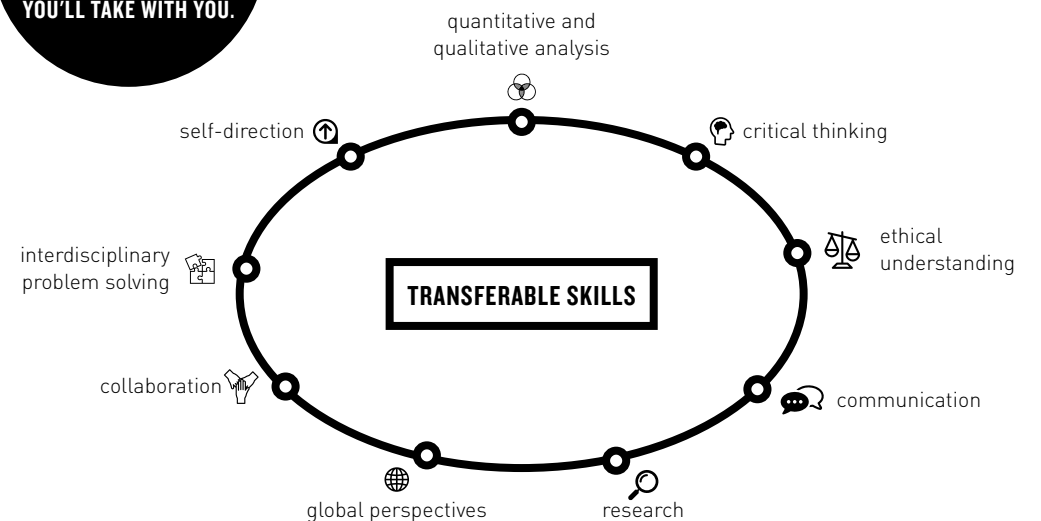
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Summer internship with the Calgary Military Family Resource Centre

WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW

Nicole is pursuing a master's in International Relations from the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science.

NO MATTER HOW YOU BUILD YOUR DEGREE, HERE ARE THE TRANSFERABLE SKILLS YOU'LL TAKE WITH YOU.



One Course at a Time

a focus on in-depth learning



At other universities, you'd be taking four or five different classes at once and cramming for exams. Not here. We're the only university in Canada that operates on the Block Plan.

At Quest, you take one Block at a time, a single course that meets for three hours each weekday for about a month.

A Block usually begins on a Monday and ends on the Wednesday of the fourth week. You'll delve deeply into a topic, which may be laser-focused or pull from many disciplines.

Love the subject? You get to study nothing but that for almost a month, and you'll find related courses to build on later. Don't like it as much as you'd thought? It's over in 3.5 weeks.

The Block Plan also allows for an immersive experience where you work both independently and collaboratively.

Block Break

Every Block ends with a four-day weekend. This is your time to re-energize before the next Block begins. Relax, work on a creative project, or go on an adventure; the choice is yours!



Block Plan Benefits

IMMERSIVE



delve deeply into one subject at a time

INTERACTIVE



learn through discussion and get to know your Tutors

FLEXIBLE



take a month off, or spend a Block in the field with your class

COLLABORATIVE



work closely with classmates who bring multiple perspectives

"Because of the flexibility of the Block Plan, we had the opportunity to travel to unique locations. Students are constantly learning together, working together and living together on these trips, which adds a critically important element of community to our education."

— Martin Lentz '19, LEAP



QUEST

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one course at a time

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multiple courses at once

HOW IT WORKS

1 BLOCK



a Block runs for 3.5 weeks and is equal to one course in a traditional semester

3 HOURS



classes meet each weekday from 9am-12pm or 1-4pm

8 BLOCKS



you'll typically take 8 Blocks per year

32 BLOCKS



you'll need 32 Blocks to graduate

Tutors Who Love to Teach

the backbone of Quest



Known as Tutors rather than Professors to reflect the collaborative nature of learning at Quest, our faculty are exceptionally devoted to teaching. They are also involved in the community, and can frequently be found around campus at events, and hosting discussions and workshops.

Quest faculty are accomplished scholars, extraordinary teachers and dedicated mentors.

They hold the most advanced degrees in their field, and teach highly specialized courses as well as interdisciplinary classes.

Under their guidance, the benefits of the Block Plan come alive: challenging classes that balance group work with individual research and creativity, and immersive, multidisciplinary learning that brings together a range of perspectives.

“I’m excited to work with such engaged students! I’m also thrilled to be part of a diverse faculty who have a wide range of expertise and bring so much energy.”

– Dr. Emma Davy, Physical Sciences Tutor (Chemistry)



Spotlight on Mentor and Mentee: Richard and Jeneva

The mentor-mentee relationship is one of the most important aspects of the Quest program. Your mentor will help you determine your Question, achieve your goals, and support your intellectual development. Here’s what Richard and Jeneva have to say.



MENTOR: DR. RICHARD HOSHINO

“As Jeneva’s mentor, I had the privilege of being an essential part of shaping her education, and equipping her for a life of purpose and service.

“It’s been a joy to journey with all my mentees, coaching them to solve real-life problems and implementing the solutions: whether it’s for our university, for local businesses, or in the case of Jeneva, for a major transit authority serving half a million commuters each day!”



MENTEE: JENEVA BEIRSTO '18

“The mentor-mentee relationship is something that makes Quest truly unique, and I was lucky to have Dr. Richard Hoshino, who is not only a brilliant mathematician and teacher, but one of the kindest people I’ve ever met.

“My plan is to complete a master’s degree in Urban Analytics at the University of Glasgow.”

“With each new institution I have been exposed to, I’ve developed more appreciation for the exceptional teaching I encountered at Quest, and the wonderful human beings who teach there.”

– Veronica Galvin '12
PhD, Neuroscience, Yale University



Quest prides itself on hiring faculty who embody the highest liberal arts ideals. Here are a few of our many dedicated Tutors.



DR. GLEN VAN BRUMMELEN
Mathematics

Glen is the recipient of the Haimo award, the top teaching award for undergraduate math in North America.



DR. FEI SHI
*Arts and Humanities
(Literature, Theatre and Chinese)*

Fei, who has directed theatre productions in both Shanghai and California, encourages his students to become artists no matter what their field of study.



DR. MARJORIE WONHAM
*Life Sciences
(Marine Biology)*

Marjorie’s courses often include an extended stay right in the field—including immersive learning at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre for her popular Marine Zoology class.

Quest Living

a home away from home



Students live on campus so they can embrace the full Quest experience. Make friends with interesting people who encourage and support you and get to know your neighbours. You'll be part of a vibrant community shaped by a diverse population that learns, lives and plays together.



Clubs & Groups

Joining a club or group is a great way to enjoy your hobbies, get involved, hone your skills and meet new friends.



Health & Wellness

When you take care of yourself, it's easier to achieve your goals. Quest has student-centred support services to ensure success in and out of the classroom.



Life on Campus

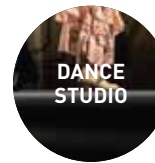
With convenient access to classrooms, the library, the RecPlex and the dining hall, you can immerse yourself in the Quest lifestyle.



The Quest University Students' Association (QUSA) represents student interests on campus, and is behind many exciting programs and events.



Spaces & Places



A Few Quest Traditions

Here are a few of Quest's many student-organized initiatives. Come and launch one of your own!

POWER, RACE & PRIVILEGE SYMPOSIUM



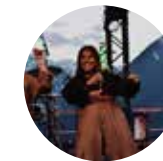
An annual event that aims to foster critical awareness and dialogue about the dynamics of racial oppression and inequality

CABARET



The largest annual show of original student art on campus, incorporating a variety of performance and visual art forms around a central theme

DANCING BEAR MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL



An entire day of live music and art, food carts, a community market and more

QUEST QUOTABLES

"Quest students legitimately care about the well-being of their peers. There is a sense of community here that I've never felt before."

– Gina Markle '14

"Being a part of a tight-knit community in a small school has meant that I could really connect with my peers and my Tutors."

– Varsha Gill '20

"Not only are we bordered by the mountains and the sea, but the community we have created is one of diversity, adventure, opportunity, and collaboration."

– Anna Marie Obermeier '16

"I searched all over the world for something different ... and I found Quest. Small classes, the Block Plan, totally interdisciplinary academia. This is it."

– Dan Ellis '19

SOME STUDENT SERVICES

- CAREER SERVICES
- COUNSELLING & CARE TEAM
- DENTAL
- BIKE CO-OP
- EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
- CAMPUS CLINIC
- REUSE-IT CENTRE
- LEARNING COMMONS
- INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
- HOUSING SERVICES
- LUMEN ROOM
- RECREATION PROGRAMMING



Explore Quest

our campus



Squamish / Skwxwú7mesh

the sea to sky lifestyle

Squamish is full of opportunities to make the experience your own. There's something for everyone!

Located at the tip of a fjord on the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by temperate rainforest, Squamish is known for its West Coast mountain culture, outdoor recreation and diverse arts scene.

Squamish's natural beauty attracts photographers, filmmakers and other creative people seeking inspiration. They've helped create a lively arts and culture landscape, with artisan cafés and galleries, lounges and pubs with live music, street fairs, festivals and more.

Quest students also have access to some of the best mountain biking, hiking and rock climbing in the world.

Our community was named the best mountain town to visit in North America in the summer by CNN, and landed a spot on *The New York Times'* 52 Places to Go list. Quest was also named one of the most beautiful campuses in Canada by *Times Higher Education*.

We acknowledge that Quest University Canada sits on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples. We are grateful to have the opportunity to work, learn, and live in this blessed territory.

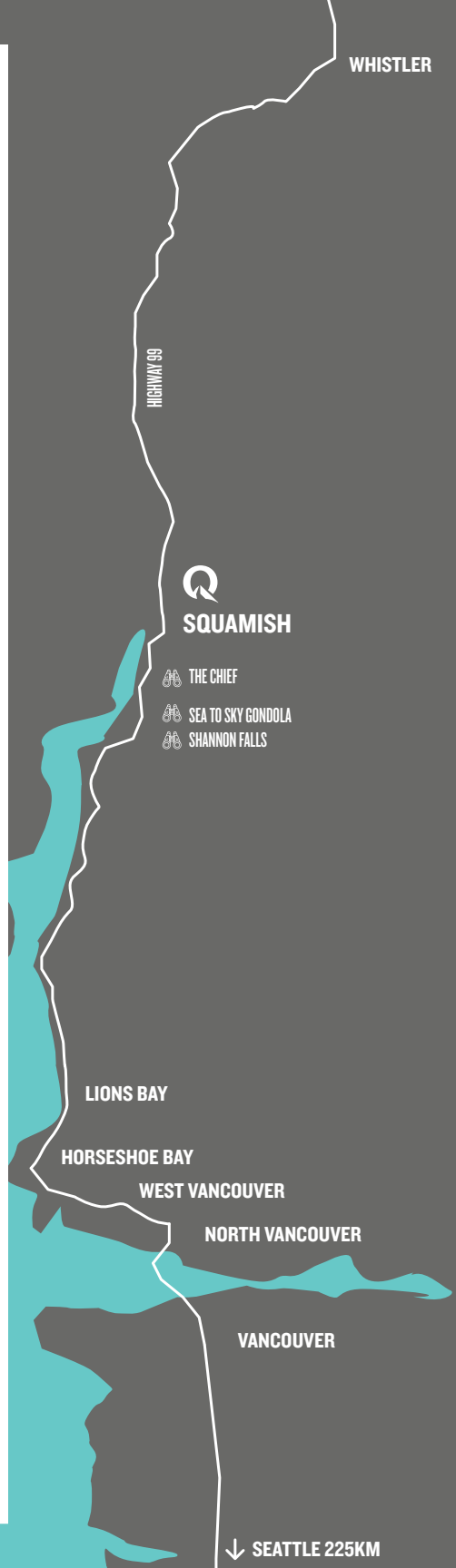


YOU'LL LOVE IT HERE

- mountain bike on our world famous single track trails
- spot a new species in the Squamish Estuary
- sip a warm drink down the hill at Cloudburst Café
- score fresh produce in the summer from the Squamish Farmers' Market
- enjoy endless views at the top of the Sea to Sky Gondola

FAST FACTS

- 20K** Squamish population
- 24°C** average summer
- 4°C** average winter
- 65KM** to Vancouver
- 55KM** to Whistler



SQUAMISH

- THE CHIEF
- SEA TO SKY GONDOLA
- SHANNON FALLS

LIONS BAY

HORSESHOE BAY

WEST VANCOUVER

NORTH VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER

↓ SEATTLE 225KM

Life After Quest

endless possibilities



Our alumni are making a difference. Whatever they do and wherever they go, they bring a love of learning, boundless curiosity and a skillset that helps with every endeavour.

Quest alums are thriving in both academia and the professional world. Many go on to further studies, while others embark on careers in a wide range of fields—from marketing, law and teaching, to research, healthcare and art.

Quest graduates are also known for their commitment to activism, working for governments or nonprofit organizations throughout Canada and beyond.

After four years at Quest, you'll be ready to take the next step.



When you study at Quest, you become part of a family that networks, connects and shares opportunities.

The Quest University Canada Alumni Association (QUCAA) represents the interests of Quest graduates worldwide.

Advanced Studies

FROM NEUROSCIENCE TO THEATRE, FROM LAW SCHOOL TO MEDICINE, AND FROM SOCIAL WORK TO POLITICAL SCIENCE, ABOUT 45% OF ALUMS GO ON TO FURTHER STUDIES.

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| Queen's University | King's College London | London School of Economics |
| Yale University | University of Toronto | Simon Fraser University |
| University of Washington | McMaster University | University of St. Andrews |
| University of British Columbia | UC Berkeley | Northern Ontario School of Medicine |
| Oxford University | Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires | Cambridge University |
| Johns Hopkins University | Harvard University | ...and more |
| Université de Montréal | Karolinska Institutet | |
| | McGill University | |

Employment

QUEST GRADUATES BRING THEIR ONE-OF-A-KIND BACKGROUND TO THE WORKFORCE. HERE ARE SOME EMPLOYERS OUR ALUMS HAVE CHOSEN.

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| Adbusters | Children's Hospital Colorado | New Israel Fund |
| Alberta Health Services | D-Wave Systems | Nike |
| Alveole | Deloitte LLP | Parks Canada |
| American Whitewater | EcoWorks | PartnersGlobal |
| Astellas Research Institute of America | Facebook | TD Bank Group |
| BC Housing | Format Magazine | Tourism Vancouver Island |
| BioFields | FrontFundr | Uganda National Academy of Sciences |
| Canadian Red Cross | IMRSV Data Labs | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees |
| Caprico Biotechnologies | Geosyntec Consultants | Western Economic Diversification Canada |
| Carnegie Middle East Center | Government of Canada | ...and more |
| Centre for Rural Health Research | Greater London Authority | |
| Cerebral Palsy Association of Alberta | International Organization for Migration | |



“Quest did an incredible job of providing me with the necessary critical thinking, discussion, communication and writing skills to work in a policy-related field.”

EVAN BLACKWELL '16 is currently working as a Policy Analyst for BC Public Service



“A valuable aspect of my Quest experience was being so engaged in my own education, especially by designing my Question and developing my Keystone project.”

CÉLINE ALLEN '15 earned an MD from Queen's University



“What continues to stand out for me about my Quest experience, is how much I cared. As an alum, I appreciate how much I still care for the stories we made.”

CELLO MIZUMOTO '17 completed the Midwifery Education Program at Ryerson University



“Living in close proximity with a group of intelligent, intellectually curious individuals was an incredible experience.”

DUSTIN ENO '13 is currently working as COO and Crisis Response Manager at Navigate Response

Join Us

we can't wait to meet you



Admission is based on more than academic performance. We want to know who you are, and why you fit within the Quest community. Are you an avid traveller? Do you volunteer? Are you creative? Do you play an instrument? Tell us why you would make the ideal Quest student.

LET'S DO THIS!

- 1 **START YOUR APPLICATION: [QUESTU.CA/APPLY](https://questu.ca/apply) OR USE THE COMMON APPLICATION.**
- 2 Log into your application portal to upload required documents and check the status of your application.
- 3 Interview with your Admissions Counsellor.*
- 4 Receive your decision!

**applicants must be invited for an interview to continue with the admissions process*

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

1. Response to essay prompt
2. A copy of your most recent high school transcript. If you've completed any college or university credit, we also require a copy of that transcript.

RECOMMENDED DOCUMENTS:

1. Reference letters
2. Resume/CV
3. Original project (creative, academic, or other)
4. Test scores

FOR IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND DATES:
[QUESTU.CA/APPLY](https://questu.ca/apply)

YOUR NEXT STEPS

Start your application
questu.ca/apply

Explore funding options
questu.ca/financialaid

Connect with your Admissions Counsellor
questu.ca/admissions

Ask questions
admissions@questu.ca

Get social
 @questuniversitycanada
 @questuadmissions
 @questu
 @questunicanada



Tuition & Fees

2020-2021 tuition: \$35,875
Room and board:* \$14,000

*precise costs depend on room selection

Financial Aid

CANADIAN CITIZENS AND PERMANENT RESIDENTS

**Canadian Academic Performance Scholarship:
\$10,000 / year**

Automatically awarded to any Canadian citizen or permanent resident who achieves an academic average of 80% or greater.

Presidential Scholarship: \$2,000 - \$8,000 / year

Based on a holistic assessment of the application, including transcript, essay and supplements.

Quest University Bursary: up to \$15,000 / year

Based on an assessment of unmet financial need. A separate application to assess financial need is required to be considered for these funds.

David Strangway Award for Excellence: Full Tuition

Eligible students must display a 90% average or above and must provide one academic letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counsellor or other educator.

Quest offers additional scholarships to students who complete specific programs.

Please visit questu.ca/scholarships to learn more.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Presidential Scholarship: \$2,000 - \$8,000 / year

Based on a holistic assessment of the application, including transcript, essay and supplements.

Quest University Bursary: up to \$15,000 / year

Based on an assessment of unmet financial need. A separate application to assess financial need is required to be considered for these funds.

Government Student Aid

Quest has agreements with Canadian and US student funding agencies, such as FAFSA, Sallie Mae, and all provincial lenders. Please contact your Admissions Counsellor for more information about these programs.

**Leaders in Elite Athletics
and Performance (LEAP)
Program Scholarship:
\$5,000 / year**

The Leaders in Elite Athletics and Performance (LEAP) program offers generous scholarships to students with extraordinary skill in a sport or performing art. LEAP students and alums include successful recording artists, an Olympic snowboarder, an accomplished aerialist, a world-class fashion model, and an Olympic freeskier along with elite cyclists, sailors, climbers, whitewater rafters and more. The flexibility of the Block Plan is ideal for LEAP students, who may take more than four years to complete their degree.

