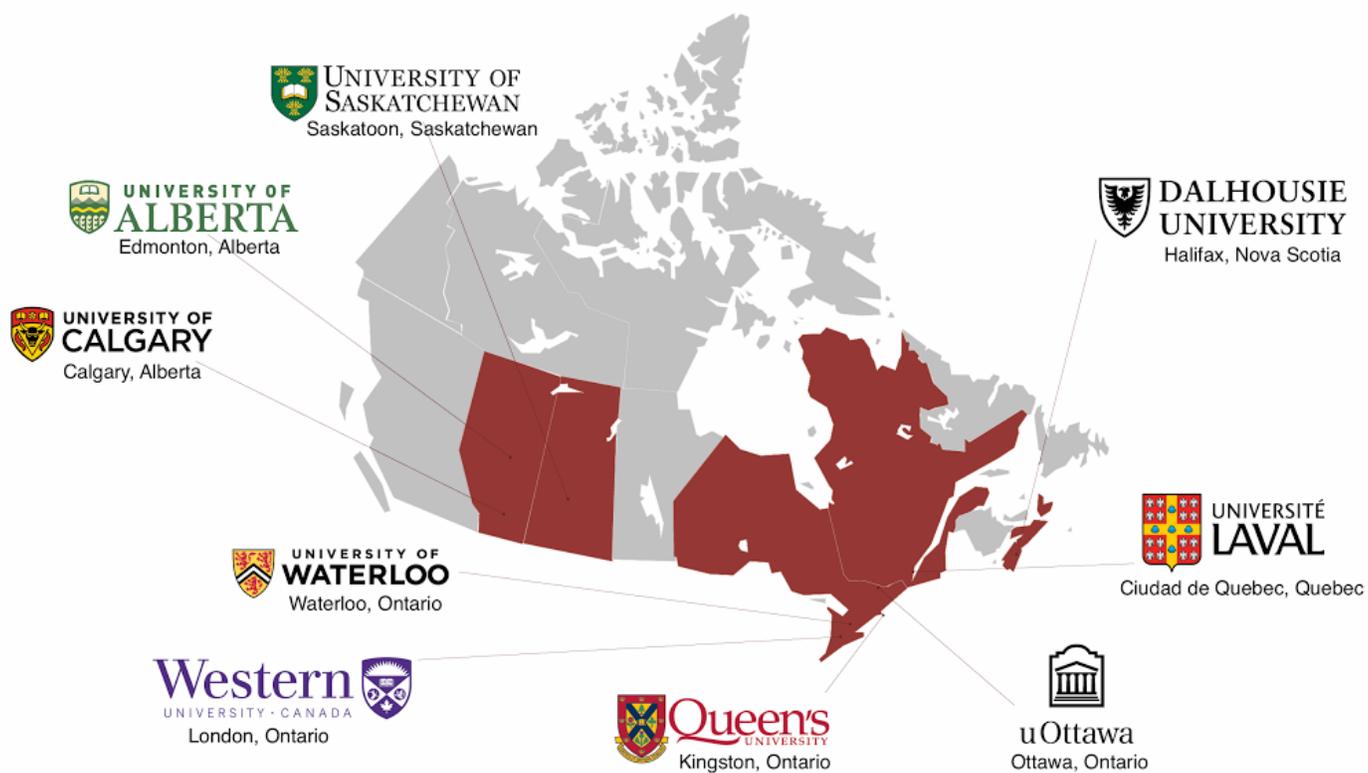




# Application Guide



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## What is CALDO?

CALDO is a leading academic gateway for Latin American students to pursue their studies in Canada. Made up of nine of Canada's U15 research universities, we aim to make Canada the destination of choice for funded university students across Latin America. We do this by serving as a single point of contact for students and their sponsors.

## Fast Facts on CALDO

- CALDO was founded in 2011
- CALDO stands for Consortium of University of Alberta, Université Laval, Dalhousie University and University of Ottawa, our four founding universities
- In 2014 the University of Calgary, the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Waterloo, Queen's University, and Western University joined the consortium
- All CALDO universities are member of the U-15 group of leading research universities in Canada
- CALDO's main offices are located in Ottawa
- CALDO operates exclusively in Latin America
- We currently have agreements with sponsor agencies from Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay

## Why Study at CALDO Universities?



### Quality of Life

Canada ranks among the top five countries in the OECD 2014 Better Life Index, thanks to the wide access to health care and its safe communities. In 2014, Canada was ranked 7th by the Social Progress Index, a measure of human wellbeing and progress beyond economic indicators.

### Worldwide Recognition from Canadian Universities

The quality and control processes that our universities uphold assures that their students will have their academic credentials recognized worldwide. Canada's higher education system ranks third in the world according to the Universitas 21 2014 Ranking of National Higher Education Systems.



### Multicultural Society

Canada is known for its multiculturalism. This diversity enables the sharing of different sorts of recreational activities, delicious foods, and different cultural celebrations across the country. According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Canada hosted 293,503 full-time international students in 2013.



### Research Opportunities

Research is the main reason why CALDO universities play such an important role in Canada. They focus on research and devote a great part of their budget to provide the best technology for their labs. Canada's investment in education is recognized across the world. According to the OECD Education at a Glance 2014 report, Canada invests more into its universities every year than any other OECD member country.

### Support to be Successful at University

All of CALDO universities provide support services for students, including services specifically aimed at international students (such as the international office), which will assist you, address your concerns, and make sure you have the support you need. Most campuses offer state of the art classrooms and facilities in order to enhance the academic experience of its students. The university sector is the second largest performer of research in Canada.



### Affordable Education

Canada is renowned for its quality of education and living standards. Several Canadian cities offer some of the highest quality of life in the world. However, when compared to other English-speaking countries such as the USA or the UK, the cost of living is generally lower, making Canada a preferred destination for students attending university. According to a 2014 HSBC report on the annual cost of university education, Canada ranks 6th, making it relatively less expensive than Australia, the US, and the UK.

## CALDO Universities



The University of Alberta is one of Canada's top five research universities and ranks consistently among the top 100 in the world. Located in Edmonton, capital of the oil-rich province of Alberta, UAlberta is a world leader in energy research as well as in medicine, virology, nanotechnology and agriculture. Its Circumpolar Institute is a world-leading hub for Arctic and polar research.

<http://www.ualberta.ca>



Located in Calgary the nation's most enterprising city, the University of Calgary is Canada's top university less than 50 years old. A vibrant, urban university with a strong sense of community, its areas of research expertise include energy, neurology and mental health, smart and secure cities, earth-space technologies, biomedical engineering, and chronic diseases.

<http://www.ucalgary.ca>



Dalhousie, located in the coastal city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, is a one of Canada's leading research universities. With groundbreaking work in fields such as oceanography, life sciences, sustainability, clean energy, agriculture, material sciences, and information and communications technology, Dalhousie drives economic growth and knowledge generation regionally, nationally, and internationally.

<http://www.dal.ca>



Located in Québec city, Université Laval (UL) is the first francophone university in the Americas and one of the top 10 research universities in Canada. UL is renowned for its academic excellence and its cutting edge research. 400 programs are offered in all areas of knowledge. The university can count on 250 research groups and chairs and more than 3,400 professors with international recognition. UL has advanced facilities providing students with 2,300 dorm rooms and one of the biggest sports complexes in Canada.

<http://www2.ulaval.ca>



Situated in the heart of Canada's capital city, the University of Ottawa is the world's largest bilingual French-English university. Consistently ranked among the top ten Canadian research universities, uOttawa operates 40 research centres and is a leader in medical photonics and catalysis research. It is also famous for promoting campus environmental sustainability measures.

<http://www.uottawa.ca>



Queen's is one of Canada's oldest degree-granting institutions, influencing Canadian higher education since 1841, and is located in Kingston, Ontario, a historic city ranked as one of the best places to live in Canada. Queen's ranks first among Canadian universities in the number of awards per full-time faculty, and its graduate students across more than 50 departments excel under the mentorship of these leading researchers.

<http://www.queensu.ca>



One of Canada's top research universities, the University of Saskatchewan located in Saskatoon hosts world-class centres, including the Canadian Light Source, and a wide range of colleges including engineering, medicine, and veterinary medicine. Signature areas are: Aboriginal scholarship/engagement, agriculture, energy/mineral resources, synchrotron sciences, water security, and "one health."

<http://www.usask.ca>



Located in Waterloo (Ontario), the University of Waterloo sits in the heart of Canada's Technology Triangle, home to major tech companies like BlackBerry and Sandvine. Best known as an IT and engineering research hub, Waterloo has 41 research centres and was ranked number 24 in the world for computer science and information systems research by the 2014 QS World University Rankings.

<http://uwaterloo.ca>



With annual research funding of \$240 million and a strong international reputation, Western University ranks as one of Canada's top research-intensive universities. Located in London, Ontario, and founded in 1878, Western offers over 400 undergraduate programs and 120 at the master's and PhD level.

<http://www.westernu.ca>

## Applying to graduate studies via CALDO

CALDO's unique application process allows candidates to submit a pre-assessment request to any of our universities to enrol in graduate studies. This free tool allows candidates to have their academic documents assessed and helps them secure a supervisor before submitting a formal application (subjected to a fee) to their chosen university, saving them time and money.

### Summary of stages in the application process



## Detailed Stages

### 1. Identify a program

Start by visiting our website to gather info from our universities by visiting the *Find a Program* section at: <http://www.caldo.ca/en/students>

The CALDO graduate placement coordinator will provide the necessary support to identify the most suitable programs for each candidate. However, it is important that the candidate takes into account the following aspects:

- Review your program requirements, deadlines, and department contacts.
- Admission requirements (e.g. language proficiency, GPA, standardized tests) vary by program.
- Application deadlines and entry dates

### 2. Find a research supervisor at a member university

Visit our website ([www.caldo.ca](http://www.caldo.ca)) for general information and contact the CALDO graduate placement coordinator who can help with this step as much as needed. Applicants who have identified a supervisor have a stronger chance of admission. A good fit between previous work and supervisor's work will definitely be a point to consider when choosing a supervisor.

### 3. Collect docs to apply for a pre assessment

Candidates can contact CALDO all year round and submit their pre application requests; however, some programs may only admit students at their normal admission dates. Application deadlines typically run from November to April for September admission.

You will need official electronic copies of the following documents in order to complete your application:

- Academic records, both the original and an official translation into English or French
- Curriculum Vitae (in English or French)
- Statement of Research Interest
- Language proficiency exam score sheet (English: TOEFL iBT or IELTS academic; French: TFI or DALF or DELF)

### 4. Formally apply to a member university

Once you have received a positive feedback to the pre assessment request from the university you will then need to apply formally to your university of choice.

### 5. Receive an acceptance letter

The admission letter will be the main document that will allow you to apply to a scholarship.

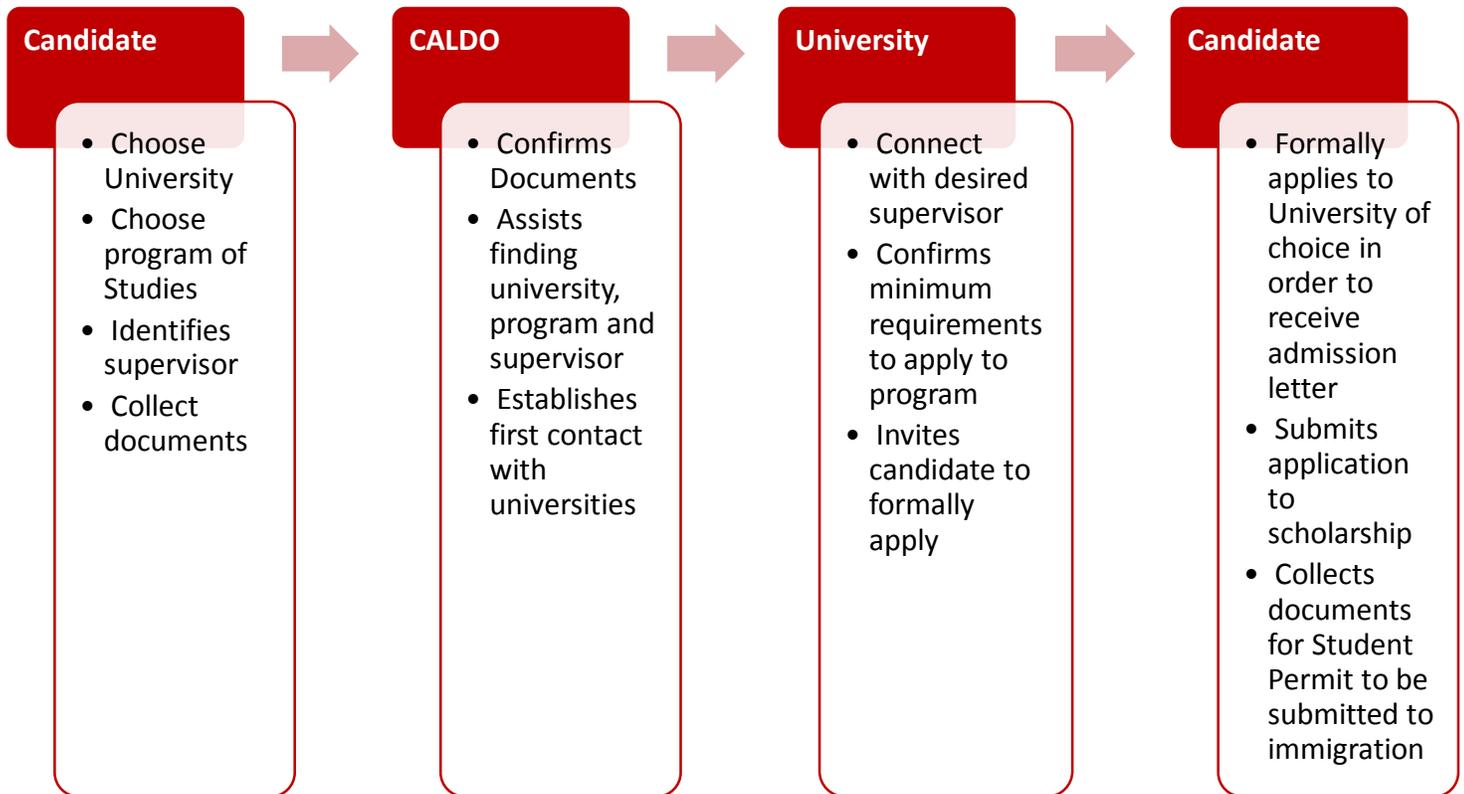
### 6. Secure your funding from a partner organization

Some research units or supervisors may want you to have sponsorship or funding in place prior to application.

### 7. Apply for a student visa

Start gathering information from the emigration website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp>

## Summary of actions



### Contact Information:

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### Prospective Students

#### Undergraduate

If you are an undergraduate student interested in studying at a CALDO university, please contact [student.placement@caldo.ca](mailto:student.placement@caldo.ca)

#### Graduate

If you are a Master, PhD student or a Post-Doctoral candidate interested in graduate studies or research opportunities at a CALDO university please contact [graduate.coordinator@caldo.ca](mailto:graduate.coordinator@caldo.ca)

**Website:** [www.caldo.ca](http://www.caldo.ca)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/caldo.ca>