



# How to Write a Study Plan

When you apply for a study permit, you may be required to write a “Study Plan” outlining why you wish to come to Canada to study even if it is not requested of you. Below are the questions to address when you are writing your study plan. You should submit a **one-page study plan** which answers the following questions and includes any other information relevant to the processing of your application.

## 1. Why do you wish to study in Canada in the program for which you have been accepted?

To answer this question you will want to describe the reasons why you want to study in Canada.

Explain why you are choosing to study in Canada. What makes Canada so special to you? List some of the reasons you are attracted to pursue a program in Canada. You may want to mention that Canada has well known education system whose qualifications are valued around the globe.

Canada is known for its multicultural society. You may wish to convey how excited you are to experience this new country and its culture. If you have studied abroad before, you may wish to add how important international education is to you.

## 2. What is your overall educational goal?

You are choosing to study abroad to continue your education! This is an exciting goal, so explain what you would like to achieve or get out of this experience, academically, professionally and personally.. Whether it is to continue your education directly after high school or to expand your knowledge with a master’s or post-graduate degree. State the field of study that you are interested in and why you are choosing that field. State how continuing your education will further your career in your home country. You may want to do some research on the type of job you want post-graduation and the requirements for the industry or field you plan to work in. Then you will know if your plans to continue your education meet up with your career goals. Explain why studying abroad in Canada will help you successfully reach your educational goals.

## 3. Why are you not pursuing a similar program in your country of residence or citizenship?

Canada’s education system is well known and valued all over the world. Write about how you want to come to Canada to improve your education and continue learning by studying abroad. Maybe schools in your country do not offer the same courses/ programs or are designed in different way, and you found a program that matches your learning style and preference for structure in the program in Canada. Maybe there are not many colleges or universities in your country that offer the programs you are interested in. Talk about the research you have done to see whether or not this specific program you are interested in is provided in your country or not and how it is the right fit for you.



#### 4. How will this program enhance your employment opportunities in your country of residence or citizenship?

Discuss what job opportunities you have researched in your country of residence or citizenship. You may have found a job in your country that you are really interested in, but you do not have the required education to be able to obtain that specific job. Discuss how continuing your education in Canada will prepare you for such a position in your home country. If you know of a job in your country but you are unqualified, state how, after you get an education in Canada, you will be able to apply to this job when you return to your home country.

#### 5. What ties do you have to your country of residence or citizenship?

Showing ties to your country of residence or citizenship is an important factor in a study permit application. An office has to be convinced that you will leave Canada at the end of your permitted stay. Explain whether or not you have family in your home country or a third country outside of Canada. You should disclose if you have children, other family, and if you are married to someone in your country of residence. You can also mention your financial ties to your home country (like property or businesses that your parents own or if you have a potential job offer or employment opportunities etc.).

#### 6. Provide details of your education history

You will need to share all of the different schools you have attended up until this point in time. You need to state the start and end dates of your education. Provide the full name and address of each school you have attended. Also state the programs you have completed if you have already completed a college/ university course.

You will want to explain your work history as well. State any jobs that you have had, and how these may possibly help you with your studies. Creating a table is a handy way of placing all of the information in an accessible manner.

You will want to end your letter by summarizing your educational goals and reasons why you want to study in Canada. Also make sure that you thank the person that you are writing to.