Transitional Year Programme

MAKING EXCELLENCE ACCESSIBLE

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Introduction

NAME?
WHAT DO YOU DO?
A LITTLE TIDBIT ABOUT YOU?
Background

- Began in September of 1970 at Innis College at UofT
- Full-time 8-month access-to-university program
- Intended for adults who lack the qualifications for direct admission to the university
- Intended for those coming from communities where few have access to higher education
- Have not finished high school for reasons beyond their control such as social, racial, economic, personal, familial and health difficulties
- Students with documented disability can take the program over 2 years
TYP actively encourages application from the following communities:

- African Canadian
- Native Canadian
- Sole Support Parents
- Persons with Disabilities
- LGBTQ
- Working Class from All Backgrounds
- Other Marginalized Persons

See faces of TYP students (*photo album*)
Basic Eligibility

✓ Considerations of race, class origins, parental status, community of origin and community of residence is taken into account by the Admission Committee for all TYP applicants.

✓ Other important considerations are including but not limited to:
  - Level of motivation
  - Commitment and academic promise
  - Existing academic skills

✓ Considers each application individually in order to assess the need of candidates
Application Requirements

Applicants to TYP program must:

☑ Be at least 19 by September 30 of the year of admission
☑ Be a Canadian Citizen, Permanent Resident or Refugee
☑ Have been away from regular high school for at least 1 year; this excludes any academic upgrading prior to applying
☑ Have left school early for reasons connected with social, personal, health or economic difficulties mainly beyond their control
☑ Have 2 or more grade 11 credits, or an equivalent from another school system, and/or suitable life and/or work experience & TYP must be the only feasible way to have access to a university education
TYP Support

- A support structure in place to ensure students flourish and succeed in their studies during and beyond TYP
- A strong sense of community to help/support each other
- Causal environment to interact with Faculty and Staff
- A safe space to share your opinions, issues and concerns
- An Academic Advisor will be assigned to every individual student (Academic Advisors are current TYP Faculty)
- Academic Advisors will provide one-on-one help and support on academic as well as other related matters to students throughout TYP year and beyond
- Access to myriad of other student services and facilities available to all students at UofT
As a TYP student you will have access to all of the services available to other University of Toronto students such as:

- Academic Success Centre
- Admissions & Awards
- Accessibility Services
- Athletic Centre
- Career Centre
- Counseling and Psychological services
- Family Care Office
- First Nations House
- Health Service
- Sexual & Gender Diversity Office
- Student Housing Service
- Student Family Housing
- TYP Student Association
- etc.
Can I do it?

Is university for me?

What do students do after TYP graduation?

✓ The short answer is **YES (if you commit yourself in a disciplined way and work cooperatively with your assigned Academic Advisor, instructors and staff)**

✓ Do you have relative stability in your life?

✓ Time commitment ranges between 40-50 hours/week including classes, seminars etc

✓ Many former TYP students with the doubts about their academic abilities have done it

✓ Many of those students are now pursuing their Bachelors, Masters or PhD degrees

✓ Many of them by now have graduated and have successful careers in education, business, arts, Government etc
Program Stats

- Last year TYP received around 150 applications
- 130 of those were deemed as complete & considered
- TYP made 80 offers and had 10 returning students from the 2-year program (a total of 90 students)
- 5 were referred to other similar programs
- Ordinarily TYP accepts only 60-70 students in the program each year
- Over 70% success rate (those moved on to Faculty of Arts and Science at UofT) for last year’s class
All TYP applicants must do the following for admission to the program by **Tuesday, May 1, 2012** deadline:

- Attend Info Session
- Apply to TYP which is to:
  1. Submit an application
  2. Attach a personal statement
  3. Provide 2 references (academic and personal)
  4. Include high school and college transcripts
  5. Provide an up-to-date resume *if applicable*
- Attend a supervised Writing Sample Session
i. Application Form

- Download the application from TYP [website](#)
- Go through the application carefully first
- Gather all the required information
- Allocate 30-60 minutes to thoroughly fill it out
- Save it to a computer/USB key for [online](#) submission
- Print, sign and send a copy of the completed application form to TYP
- Leave no gaps unexplained in your application
- Need help to fill out your application and submit online? Contact us.
ii. Personal Statement

✓ Provide detailed relevant information about yourself including but not limited to:

- Difficulties that acted as barrier to qualify you for direct entry
- Outline how you have overcome these difficulties now
- Tell us what your current life is like
- Explain how you are prepared to take on university studies
- State what future goals you have (academic- and career-wise)
- Explain how TYP will help you with achieving your goals

✓ Usually 2-5 pages long

✓ Type it up on a computer and save it on a PC or USB key to submit it online with your application later

✓ Submit a signed hard copy with your application
iii. References

- Download the reference forms from the website
- 2 references are required with the application to TYP
- One reference should be academic and another one personal
- Academic reference can be replaced with another personal reference *ONLY IF* you cannot get it for a good reason (*away from school for a long time etc*)
- Referees must send the completed reference forms in a sign sealed envelope directly to TYP
- Must be in a sign sealed envelope if submitted by you
iv. Transcripts

- Transcript(s) must be original \((\text{no fax or photocopy; will accept in interim if originals are forthcoming})\)
- Must be sent to us directly in a sign sealed envelope from the (post) secondary institutions you attended
- Must submit notarized translation of transcripts in languages other than French or English
- Must be in a sign sealed envelope if submitted by you
- Where can I get a copy of my transcript?
- What if I cannot get a copy of my transcript?
v. Resume

✔ Submit an recent copy of your resume if applicable
✔ Ensure you are not leaving any gaps in your school and/or employment
✔ Leaving gaps will raise questions and may affect your admission (*explain gaps in your statement*)
✔ Ensure that your contact information is current
✔ Most of TYP correspondence will be through email and phone, please contact us if there are any changes in your contact info including your mailing address
Writing Sample

Writing Sample is the final step in completing TYP admission process for the program:

✓ Attend a **2-hour** long supervised mandatory session
✓ Write on 1 of 5 given general topics (3-6 pages long)
✓ Your writing sample will be attached to your application for review by Admission Committee
✓ It is a necessary consideration for admission
✓ Writing Sample dates are: **April 11, 19, 25 and May 3**
✓ Fill-out and return the Writing Sample Sign Up Sheet (remember to take a note of the selected date)
Important Points to Remember

- Use Application Checklist as a guideline to ensure your application is complete, and to avoid delays and no consideration by the Admissions Committee
- Ensure your application is completed thoroughly
- Ensure your application & statement are signed
- Ensure that your reference letters, transcripts etc have been received in timely fashion as prescribed
- Keep us posted if you anticipate any delays
- Ensure you submit your personal statement and application both on paper and online
- TYP Calendar 2011-12 has detailed info on the program
Approximate Timeline

- Decision will be mailed or can be picked up mid-June
- Attend OSAP & Budgeting Session mid-June
- Attend session to choose your option course in early-July
- Attend pre-program courses in last 3 weeks of Aug
- Attend Orientation & Events in week of Labour Day 2012
- Classes will start the week after Labour Day, 2012
- Classes will end the first week of April 2013
- Summer classes May-Aug; discuss options with your AA
- Graduation Ceremony first week of June 2013
- Choose FAS courses in Jul-Aug; classes start in Sept 2013
Bulk of courses are taken during Sept 2012 – April 2013 some take summer school May – Aug 2013

Full-time students take a total 5 FCE’s (Full Credit Equivalents) and part-time students take a total of at least 3 FCE’s (to be OSAP eligible) in TYP

3.5 FCE’s are offered through TYP

1.5 FCE’s are offered through Arts and Science

Successful students will have 2.5 FCE’s towards the 20 FCE’s required to complete any bachelor’s degree at the Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) at the UofT

Credits are transferable to other universities

Seminars are offered only to TYP students to further assist them in understanding concepts from their Option
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Choose 1 course (FCE) from the following list of 4 Option Courses offered through FAS in addition to taking all of the abovementioned courses:

i. **ABS201Y1**: Introduction to Aboriginal Studies

ii. **EEB202H1F**: Plants and Society & **EEB214H1S**: Evolution and Adaptation

iii. **NEW240Y1**: Introduction to Equity Studies

iv. **SOC102H1F**: Social Inequalities & **SOC103H1S**: Social Institutions

To give students a sense of academic expectations and familiarity to FAS (where most of the students will end-up after successfully completing TYP)
To Move on to FAS

✓ Need an overall average of at least 65%

✓ Need an average of 60% in option course

✓ Have no failed courses (no final grades below 50%)

✓ Will receive certificates of completion of the program AND recommendation to the Faculty of Arts & Science (FAS)
Program Completion

- Need an overall average of at least **60%**
- Need an average of at least **50%** in option course
- Have no failed courses (no final grades below **50%**)
- Will receive a certificate of completion of the program
  **BUT** no recommendation to Faculty of Arts & Science
  (former students have used this certificate to join other college/university programs or the workforce)
Program Participation

✓ Those who do not meet the above requirements but have significantly attended the program will receive certificate of participation in the program

✓ Recipients have used this certificate for entry into other academic programs and/or for employment purposes

✓ Whatever effort you put in the program does not go unrecognized
Tuition Cost & Financing Options

✓ Tuition fee for the program is approximately $5,500
✓ Tuition fee does not include the cost of books and other associated expenses (accommodation, transportation etc)
✓ TYP is Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) eligible (other provinces also have student financial aid)
✓ All applicants should apply for OSAP regardless in May
✓ Aboriginal students can apply for band support funding
✓ Contact us if you need assistance with OSAP application
✓ Grants, bursaries, scholarships and other awards are available to all students whose needs are not met by the above Government student or band support funding
Assurance of Financial Support

✓ UofT Policy on Student Financial Support states:
  “No student offered admission to a program at the University of Toronto should be unable to enter or complete the program due to lack of financial means.”

✓ Student are expected to rely on OSAP, unmet needs will be covered by the University’s financial aid programs

✓ University of Toronto Advance Planning for Students (UTAPS) is a financial aid program for full time students

✓ UTAPS calculates an assessment of your need based on OSAP methodology & consideration is automatic(no app)

✓ Students receiving funding from band and other provinces/territories are also eligible for consideration
Cost of Living at A Glance

Cost range for students with dependents differ significantly from individual to individual. The cost estimate for a single student is:

- **$3,200** (shared room) to **$9,600** (single room) or more for off-campus accommodation
- **$5,500** to **$15,000** or more for residence on-campus, depending on where you choose to live, whether you purchase a meal plan, or buy and prepare your own food
- **$1,600** to **$2,000** for groceries, dining out etc
- **$400** (men) **$800** (women) for toiletries/personal care
- **$800** for transportation (estimate based on TTC use)
- **$400** entertainment **($50/month)**
- **$800** approximate cost of phone/internet
TYP alumni have moved on to work in variety of institutions including but not limited to:

- University of Toronto
- Other schools, colleges and universities
- Governmental institutions
- Peel District School Board
- Toronto School District Board
- Arts
- Media
- Business
- Legal Services
- Entertainment
- Community Organizations
- etc.
Time for you to ask questions