STUDENTS 101

University of Prince Edward Island
Employer Toolkit

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WHO ARE UPEI STUDENTS?

5075

Students enrolled
as of January 2021

93+

Representing over
93 countries

24

Across 24 degree
programs

STUDENT BACKGROUNDS

Diverse in gender

Diverse in lived experience

Diverse in race & culture

Diverse in age

Diverse in ability

Diverse in expertise

GROWING EVERY DAY

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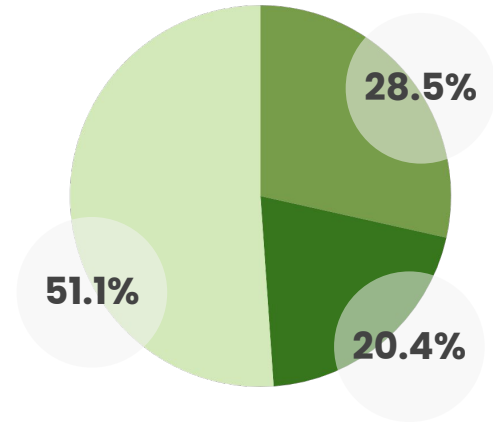- 3.5%
- 18.7%
- 77.8%

2020

- 28.5%
- 20.4%
- 51.1%
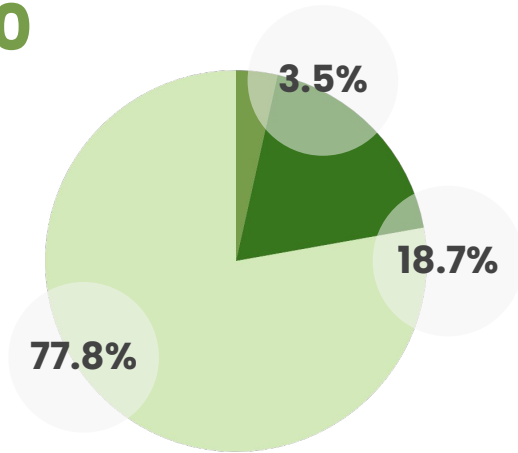
⊙ Prince Edward Island   ⊙ Other Provinces & Territories   ⊙ International

A YEAR IN THE LIFE

The University of Prince Edward Island has fall, winter, spring and summer semesters.

Classes are scheduled throughout the week, including weekends (program dependent), all year long.

The earliest classes begin at 8:30 am and evening classes can end as late as 10:00 pm.

There are two reading weeks, one in mid October (fall semester) and one in mid February (winter semester).

PARTNERING WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Experiential education is an important part of the UPEI experience. In partnership with local organizations, many UPEI programs and courses include Work Integrated Learning: opportunities for students to learn in real-life settings and make real-world contributions.

Engaging UPEI students can look like:

- ✓ **Placements**
- ✓ **Field Work**
- ✓ **Projects**
- ✓ **Hackathons**
- ✓ **Lab Work**
- ✓ **Service Learning**
- ✓ **Case Studies**

WHAT CAN OUR STUDENTS DO FOR YOU?

"Having co-op students has helped us improve our HR processes.

If we can onboard a co op student with two terms' experience and have them productive within a day, imagine what we can do when the new hire is a professional programmer with 10 years of experience."

—**Keir Pollard, SpryPoint**
2020 Co-op Employer of the Year

HOW TO ENGAGE

Our staff are here to help you craft impactful student engagement opportunities that meet your organization's needs.

1. **Decide what you need** (how many hours, what kind of skill set, etc.)

2. **Complete the webform** on our Community and Industry page and one of our staff will be in touch: **upei.ca/exed/community-and-industry**

FUNDING

Securing funding to hire students can make or break whether a business or organization can follow through with the hiring process.

Please note that international students often are not eligible for a number of funding sources. This means that a large percentage of students who study at UPEI are exempt from applying. If you have the means, consider hiring students who do not meet funding criteria.

Sources to Check Out:

PEI Hiring and Wage Incentives
PEI Post-Secondary Student Program
CEWIL Atlantic Funding Resources
Government of Canada Business Benefits Finder

Thanks!

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