



# **Information on Short Term Study in India Program (SSP)**

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The Short Term Study Program (SSP) study program has a minimum commitment of two months and a maximum (normally) of three months.
- It may be undertaken at any time in the calendar year.
- It is intended for third and fourth year undergraduate students as well as graduate and Ph.D students enrolled in partner institutions in Ontario.
- Students must be deemed eligible to apply by their home institution.
- The program must be conducted under the supervision of a professor at an OIN partner college, institute, or university in India.
- It is advisable to begin researching options early in the fall semester, well in advance of the **January 31** deadline for applications. NOTE: Ontario institutions usually have earlier, internal deadlines.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- Consult the [Information for Ontario Students](#) document that is accessed at the OIN website, under the tab “Ontario Students”, subtab “Programs”. This document has detailed information on each partner institution, including programs and degrees each offers, the academic year, hostel and airport pick-up facilities.
- Check the institution’s website for information on faculty and their research areas and/or contact the OIN director for suggestions.
- Identify up to three professors in a couple of institutions whose research interests and work are in the same field.
- Once professor(s) at the host institution (s) have been identified, send an email to the OIN Academic Director (Sukeshi.kamra@carleton.ca) with the following information:
  - (i) A short description of academic background and interests;
  - (ii) Short statement on academic preparedness for undertaking a research project with faculty identified as possible supervisors.
  - (iii) Names of professors and institutions in order of preference;
- The OIN director will follow up with you and with institutions in India. Do not contact host institutions yourself until you have received an email from the director confirming the placement (which will include the name of the professor who will be the supervisor).
- Students are welcome to start discussing the process of locating a suitable host and institution with the OIN director over the fall term if they are reasonably certain of their plans to go on exchange to India through OIN over the next summer or academic year.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** your application is not submitted directly to OIN but to the

international office at your university.

- Your university will have its own internal process, application form, and deadline.
- When you have submitted your application to the international office at your university, they will forward it to OIN.
- You will be informed, by the OIN office, of your placement by the end of March 2018 at the latest. This will be in the form of a letter of acceptance.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

- Canadian citizens need a visa to travel to India. Information is available on the High Commission of India in Canada website. Please apply at least a month before your planned departure. The category applicable to OIN students is “student”, subcategory “exchange student”. You must apply under this category.
- Some universities have hostel facilities (specifics for all institutions are provided in the document titled ‘Information for Ontario Students’ mentioned above) while others do not. There are facebook pages which past students have used to find accommodation. For accommodation in Delhi, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/southdelhihousing/>; <https://www.facebook.com/groups/expathelplinedelhi/> . There are other websites, such as [www.sulekha.com](http://www.sulekha.com) which have links to rentals in India’s major cities and towns.
- The OIN director may be able to put you in touch with others who have found rental accommodation in the cities in which partner institutions are located.