



# HUMBER L.E.A.D ACADEMY

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## Leadership, Entrepreneurship and AI for Development

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**For highschool students (14 -18 years old)**

July 12 – July 27, 2026

## Land Acknowledgement

Humber Polytechnic is located within the traditional and treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit. Known as Adoobiigok [A-doe-bee-goke], the “Place of the Alders” in Michi Saagiig [Mi-Chee Saw-Geeg] language, the region is uniquely situated along the Humber River Watershed, which historically provided an integral connection for Anishinaabe [Ah-nish-nah-bay], Haudenosaunee [Hoeden-no-shownee], and Wendat [Wine-Dot] peoples between the Ontario Lakeshore and the Lake Simcoe/Georgian Bay regions. Now home to people of numerous nations, Adoobiigok continues to provide a vital source of interconnection for all.



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# About us

## Humber at a Glance

### A Leader in Applied Education

At Humber, we offer a distinct third option between community colleges and universities—The Third Lane™. As Canada's Polytechnic™, we combine the best of both worlds: career-focused education with academic depth and innovation to meet the evolving needs of students, employers, and communities. Our approach fosters wealth creation, equity, and innovation, shaping a new lane for learning and success.



### A Legacy of Innovation and Career-Readiness

For over 50 years, Humber Polytechnic has been a global leader in education that integrates theory with hands-on learning. Designed in collaboration with industry partners, our programs anticipate emerging trends and equip graduates with the skills, experience, and confidence to excel in competitive job markets—both in Canada and around the world.

### A Global Learning Community

With more than 86,000 learners, including 10,000+ international students from 120+ countries, Humber is one of Canada's largest and most diverse postsecondary institutions. Our three state-of-the-art campuses offer vibrant, inclusive spaces for learning, collaboration, and innovation, reflecting the multicultural perspectives that shape today's global economy.

### Comprehensive Credentials and Flexible Pathways

Humber offers over 220 full-time programs across multiple disciplines, with credentials including:

- Honours undergraduate degrees
- Ontario graduate certificates
- Diplomas and certificates
- Apprenticeships

This breadth provides flexible pathways for students to transition seamlessly from education to employment while gaining the knowledge, practical skills, and adaptability needed to succeed in a fast-changing, technology-driven world.

## Academic Excellence and Inclusive Learning

Humber's academic strength lies in interdisciplinary, industry-connected, and inclusive education. Faculty bring real-world expertise into the classroom, ensuring students gain critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration skills alongside technical knowledge.

Our commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB), Indigenous ways of knowing, and global perspectives enriches curriculum design and learning experiences. Students also benefit from co-ops, internships, applied research, global study opportunities, and other work-integrated learning programs that prepare them for career success and global citizenship.

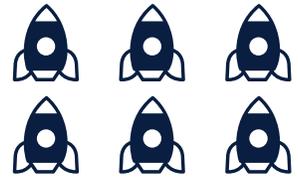


# 200<sup>+</sup>

full-time programs in  
17 areas of interest

31 Honours Bachelor Degrees  
50 Ontario Graduate Certificates  
24 Advanced Diplomas  
57 Diplomas  
8 Apprenticeships  
33 Certificates

# 6 Academic Faculties



One of Canada's  
**LARGEST  
POLYTECHNICS**



More than  
**10,000**  
International  
Students



More than  
**155,500**  
Full-time  
programs  
applications  
annually



More than  
**86,000**  
Learners



**315,000+**  
Alumni



# 78 Pathways

From Ontario graduates  
certificates to master's  
programs at partner  
institutions



# #1

Highest employer satisfaction  
rate and graduate employment  
rate of all colleges in the GTA\*

\*2022-2023 Colleges Ontario Key  
Performance indicator survey results



## Humber GlobalSummer School

The Humber L.E.A.D Academy will be offered under the umbrella of Humber's annual Global Summer School (GSS), leveraging Humber's years of experience in delivering high-quality international summer programs. This ensures students benefit from a vibrant global learning community, shared cultural activities, and the well-established infrastructure and partnerships that have made the GSS a success.

Since 2019, more than 900 students from 40+ countries have participated in the **Humber Global Summer School**, an immersive program that brings students together in Toronto for an unforgettable academic and cultural adventure.



### Benefits of Partnering with Humber: Shaping Leaders Through a Global Lens:

- **Receive an official Certificate of Completion** from Humber Polytechnic—an impressive addition to each student's resume and LinkedIn profile.
- **Learn from the Best** – Experiential courses are led by accomplished Humber faculty and industry experts, designed to provide practical insights and enhance your professional skills.
- **Expand Your Professional Network** – Build lasting connections with faculty, industry leaders, and peers from around the world, gaining a global perspective that will benefit your future career.
- **Experience Canadian Culture**– Explore Toronto's dynamic city life, breathtaking landscapes like Niagara Falls, and outdoor adventures such as treetop trekking and kayaking—embracing Canada's spirit of exploration and the great outdoors.
- **Enhance Your Employability Skills** that are essential in any industry – adaptability, cross-cultural communication, problem-solving, and global awareness—through an immersive study abroad experience.
- **Live & Dine on Campus** – Stay in modern on-campus suite-style housing just a short walk from scenic Lake Ontario, with a meal plan covering daily breakfast, lunch and dinner.

# Humber L.E.A.D Academy

## Mindsets that open doors: University, Careers, and Beyond

Cultivating leadership, entrepreneurship, and AI literacy equips students with essential mindsets that are valuable across any field of study, industry, or career path.

- **Leadership** enhances confidence, collaboration, and ethical decision-making;
- **Entrepreneurship** fosters creativity, resilience, problem-solving and a results-driven approach;
- and **AI literacy** empowers students to navigate and innovate in a technology-driven world.

Together, these capabilities enable students to develop and grow personally, foster growth in their communities, and drive development at a societal level.

## Program overview

Step into the world of entrepreneurship with the **Humber L.E.A.D Academy** (Leadership, Entrepreneurship, AI for Development)—an immersive 2-week summer experience where leadership, innovation, real-world learning and fun collide. Through a dynamic mix of interactive workshops, project-based learning, and industry engagement, students gain essential entrepreneurship and leadership skills while improving their communication, problem-solving, and teamwork abilities.

Each morning, students will explore topics like design thinking, growth mindset, business modeling, and pitching strategies through hands-on lessons.

Afternoon sessions will bring the learning to life through hackathons, small business visits, field trips, and innovation challenges where students work in teams to design solutions for real-world problems.

The experience culminates in a high-energy **Innovation Summit** where students will present their business ideas to a panel of guests.

By the end of the two weeks, students will have not only built a business concept from the ground up, but also gained confidence, creativity, and entrepreneurial thinking skills—ready to lead and innovate wherever the future takes them.

The learning goes beyond the classroom, offering students a wide range of extracurricular activities designed to immerse them in Canadian culture and create lasting memories. From boat parties on Lake Ontario and World Cup viewing events to treetop trekking, Blue Jays baseball games, and a visit to Niagara Falls, every experience balances fun, adventure, and cultural learning. These activities help students bond, practice their English in real-life settings, and gain confidence in navigating new environments.

To ensure safety and support, beside the chaperones who accompanies students on a ratio of 1:10, and Humber also provide on-campus monitors who live in residence to assist

students 24/7. A team of seasoned and passionate educators with years of experience in international education will guide both the academic and cultural components, ensuring students feel supported as they take on this exciting global learning journey.

## **Driving Innovation and Entrepreneurship at LEAD**

What makes the LEAD Academy exceptional is its direct connection to Humber's Centres of Innovation (COI) Network and the Longo Centre for Entrepreneurship (Longo CfE). These hubs of creativity and problem-solving ensure that LEAD students don't just learn about entrepreneurship and leadership—they experience it. Through access to real-world challenges, mentorship, and interdisciplinary collaboration, students develop the skills to take ideas from concept to launch while gaining the confidence to lead innovation in any setting. Supported by the COI Network's five areas of focus—Technology Innovation, Creative Business Innovation, Innovation in Health & Wellness, Entrepreneurship, and Social Innovation—and the Longo CfE's programs for aspiring entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs, LEAD participants gain a high-impact, experiential learning environment that equips them to become the innovative thinkers and changemakers of tomorrow.

# Learning Topics

## ***1. Innovation, Creativity & Design Thinking***

- Explore creative problem-solving strategies and apply design thinking to real challenges.
- Build, wire, and control engineering systems to experience hands-on innovation.

## ***2. Growth Mindset & Effectuation***

- Learn how to embrace challenges, take initiative, and leverage available resources.
- Understand entrepreneurial thinking through networking with peers and local startups.

## ***3. Communication & Leadership Skills***

- Develop effective communication techniques for pitching ideas and collaborating with teams.
- Strengthen leadership capabilities in group projects and workshops.

## ***4. Ideation & Research***

- Generate innovative business ideas and validate them through research.
- Identify problems, opportunities, and target markets.

## ***5. Discovery & Problem-Solving***

- Analyze real business problems through hackathons and client challenges.
- Formulate actionable solutions and strategies.

## ***6. Feasibility, Prototyping & Business Modeling***

- Assess the viability of business ideas and build working prototypes.

- Learn to structure business plans using the Business Model Canvas.

### **7. Marketing & Finance Essentials**

- Explore key marketing strategies and financial principles for startups.
- Prepare to pitch ideas convincingly to potential stakeholders.

### **8. Pitching & Showcase**

- Refine presentation and pitching skills through practice sessions.
- Present final business ideas to peers, educators, and industry professionals at the Innovation Summit.

## **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the program, students will be able to:

- **Apply creative thinking and design thinking principles to solve real-world problems.**
- **Demonstrate entrepreneurial skills, including ideation, research, prototyping, and business modeling.**
- **Communicate effectively and lead team projects with confidence.**
- **Understand the startup ecosystem through exposure to Canadian businesses, partners, and innovation labs.**
- **Develop a market-ready business idea and deliver a professional pitch to a real audience.**
- **Gain confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills necessary for future entrepreneurial endeavors.**

## **Tentative schedule**

Activities are subject to change

# WEEK 1 July 6 - 12

|        | Morning                      | Afternoon | Evening |
|--------|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Sunday | Arrival day - airport pickup |           |         |

# WEEK 2 July 13 - 19

|           | Morning                                      | Afternoon  | Evening                |
|-----------|--|--|------------------------|
| Monday    | - Breakfast - Orientation                    | - Lunch - Kick-off event   | - Dinner - Boardgame   |
| Tuesday   | - Breakfast - L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch - World Cup Viewing Party                                  | - Dinner               |
| Wednesday | - Breakfast - L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch - Boat Party   |                        |
| Thursday  | - Breakfast - L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch - World Cup Viewing Party                                  | - Dinner               |
| Friday    | - Breakfast - L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch - Sport games  | - Dinner - Paint night |
| Saturday  | - Breakfast                                  | - Niagara Fall: Cruising, Shopping at Outlet Collection at Niagara | - Dinner - Movie night |
| Sunday    | - Breakfast                                  | - Canada's Wonderland  | - Dinner               |

## WEEK 3 July 20 - 26

|           | Morning   | Afternoon              | Evening  |
|-----------|---|------------------------|--|
| Monday    | - Breakfast<br>- L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch                | - Voyageur Canoe at Lake Ontario<br>- Dinner - Karaoke night         |
| Tuesday   | - Breakfast<br>- L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch                | - Humber Arboretum Nature Walk and Team Building<br>- Dinner         |
| Wednesday | - Breakfast<br>- L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch                | - All our relations walk to the Lake Ontario<br>- Dinner - Boardgame |
| Thursday  | - Breakfast<br>- L.E.A.D project-based learning | - Lunch                | - L.E.A.D INNOVATION SUMMIT<br>- Dinner                              |
| Friday    | - Breakfast<br>- CLOSING CEREMONY               | - BBQ Lunch            | - Blue Jay Game  |
| Saturday  | - Breakfast                                     | - Royal Ontario Museum | - Dinner - Movie night   |
| Sunday    | - Breakfast                                     | - Treetop trekking     | - Farewell Dinner  |

## WEEK 4 July 20 - 26

|        | Morning | Afternoon                      | Evening |
|--------|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| Monday |         | - Departure - Airport Drop off |         |

\*The proposed schedule is provided for illustrative purposes only.

# Cultural activities

## ■ *Day Trips in the weekend*

- **Treetop Trekking:** Students will challenge themselves on aerial obstacle courses, building confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while enjoying the outdoors. This adventure also encourages resilience and embracing new experiences in a safe, guided environment.
- **Royal Ontario Museum:** Explore world-class exhibits spanning history, culture, and science, sparking curiosity and broadening global perspectives. Students will engage with interactive displays that connect classroom learning to real-world knowledge.
- **Niagara Falls – Cruising and Shopping at Outlet Collection:** Experience the breathtaking power of Niagara Falls on a scenic cruise, followed by shopping for Canadian brands at the Outlet Collection. This trip combines natural wonder with cultural exploration and fun.
- **Canada’s Wonderland:** Enjoy a thrilling day of roller coasters, rides, and attractions that encourage risk-taking in a safe environment. This experience promotes social bonding and the joy of shared adventures.

## ■ *Afternoon Trips:*

- **Voyageur Canoe at Lake Ontario:** Experience paddling in traditional canoes while learning about Canadian history and Indigenous navigation techniques. This activity combines physical activity with cultural exploration.
- **Boat Party:** Celebrate student achievements on a scenic cruise of Lake Ontario with music, dance, and socializing. The event fosters community, fun, and memorable experiences.
- **Blue Jays Game:** Enjoy the excitement of live Major League Baseball while learning about teamwork, strategy, and sports culture in Canada. This trip promotes social bonding and a sense of national pride.

## ■ *On-Campus Activities:*

- **All Our Relations Walk to Lake Ontario (Indigenous Focus):** Participate in a reflective walk that highlights Indigenous perspectives, land stewardship, and community connections. Students engage with history and culture while fostering respect and mindfulness.
- **Humber Arboretum Nature walk and team building:** Explore 250 acres of woodlands and meadows, discover native plants and wildlife, and learn how they thrive in their ecosystem. Led by an experienced educator, the walk is followed by fun outdoor team-building games, giving you a chance to connect, collaborate, and enjoy nature together.
- **World Cup Viewing Party:** Cheer for favorite teams while learning about international cultures and sportsmanship. Students connect with peers over shared excitement in a lively, inclusive atmosphere.
- **Board Game Night:** Engage in strategy, critical thinking, and collaboration through a

variety of board games. This activity fosters friendly competition and strengthens social connections.

- **Sport Game:** Participate in fun, active games that promote teamwork, communication, and healthy competition. Students develop leadership skills while staying active and engaged.
- **Movie Night:** Relax and enjoy films that spark conversation about culture, values, and creativity. This evening encourages reflection and shared experiences in a comfortable setting.
- **Paint Night:** Explore creativity and self-expression by painting in a guided, social environment. Students can relax, connect, and showcase their artistic talents.
- **World Cup Trivia Night:** Test knowledge of soccer, world cultures, and global events in a fun, interactive trivia format. This activity promotes learning, friendly competition, and cultural curiosity.

## Services included

**\$5,500 CAD per student**

- Tuition fees for the L.E.A.D program academic course delivery
- Health insurance for the duration of the program dates
- Airport pick-up service from Toronto Pearson International Airport to Humber's on-campus housing for arrivals on July 12, 2026
- Airport transportation from Humber's on-campus housing to Toronto Pearson International Airport for departure on July 27, 2026
- Accommodation for 15 nights at Humber's Lakeshore Residence (July 12 - July 27, 2026) - includes free laundry services
- Full board: Daily cafeteria-style breakfasts, lunches and dinner provided - healthy meals that showcase Canada's diverse cuisine
- Entrance fees, transportation and supervision for all scheduled social and cultural events and activities
- Welcome and Closing Receptions and Certificate Presentation
- Personalized Humber support from application to departure - including staff Monitors who will live in Humber's on-campus housing with the students.
- Program fee includes one staff chaperone for every 10 students enrolled in the L.E.A.D. program
- 24/7 on-campus security and access to community health services through insurance coverage.
- An unforgettable immersive experience

***\*Group enrollment only: Minimum 10 students per group, with 1 chaperone required for every 10 students***



## Accommodations

### *Humber Residence at Lakeshore campus*

On-campus accommodation is included as part of Humber's L.E.A.D program experience. Participants will live at Humber's Lakeshore Campus, only a 10-minute walk to Lake Ontario and on an easy public transportation route to downtown Toronto.

### ***What's Included in Residence?***

- Light bi-weekly housekeeping service
- Linens and towels for the duration of stay
- Complimentary Guest Wifi
- Workout/cardio facilities
- 24 hour Front Desk/Security
- Quiet Hours in effect from 11 PM - 7 AM
- On-site laundry facilities - *no fees for laundry*
- All Humber buildings are smoke-free



### **Room Design:**

- Semi-suite occupancy: Each suite contain two separate bedrooms which share a washroom and shower. Two learners will share a suite. Each will have their own private bedroom, with their own personal access key.
- Each bedroom is fully furnished: double bed with bed linen, pull out drawers under bed for extra storage, a closet with shelves, and desk with chair for studying.





## Canada – Your Study Destination

**Welcome to Canada!** A land of countless opportunities. Canada is ranked as one of the best countries in the world for quality of life and is a popular study destination for many international students. It is a culturally and linguistically diverse country, so no matter which part of the world you come from, you will meet people who share your traditions and speak your language.

International cuisine, friendly citizens, picturesque views, festivals, tourist attractions, work opportunities and much more; we are proud to have it all! Canada is the world's second-largest country, so it is a vast country to explore.

## Toronto – Canada's International City

Toronto is one of the world's most multicultural cities and it's a welcoming place for everyone who visits, lives and studies here. As Toronto is Canada's economic and cultural hub, it is also an internationally recognized center for business, research and innovation, health sciences, media and the arts. No matter which area of study you choose, there are excellent opportunities to establish your career, make industry contacts and learn from prominent professionals.

Toronto is also a safe, accessible and vibrant city with lots to do and experience. Downtown is easily accessible by public transit, with attractions like the CN Tower, major league sports, concerts, museums and Toronto's exciting food scene. Outside of the city, there are plenty of outdoor activities to enjoy, such as hiking, biking, winter skiing, snowboarding and natural wonders to explore like Niagara Falls. Modern, friendly and full of life, Toronto is a city that will open many doors for you to enrich your studies and learn more about yourself and the world around you.





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