University Application Questions

2024 Questions

University of Toronto St. George Campus

Computer Science Supplementary Application Questions – 2024

Question 1: (Required)*

Describe a situation you witnessed, or were involved in, where someone was treated unfairly or discriminated against. As you describe the situation, please outline how you responded, and would you do anything differently if that situation occurred again? If you have never encountered a situation like this before, please outline what you would do if this happened to you or to a third party. (120 words max.)

Question 2: (Required)*

Briefly describe a personal goal you have set for yourself, and how long you have been working to achieve this goal. In your answer, please outline who you turned to for advice and/or help to achieve this goal, and what was their role? What did you learn about yourself? (120 words max.)

Question 3: (Required)*

Describe an example of a situation where you took on a leadership role. Some examples include (but are not limited to): helping to resolve a dispute or contributing to a group's goal. In your example, please outline what your contributions were including your role and responsibilities. What did you learn from this experience? Would you do anything differently if you were in the same situation again? (120 words max.)

Question 4: (Required)*

Describe a group, organization, or community you have been involved with.

What did you do and how long have you been involved? Describe the impact of your involvement in this community, and what you learned from being a member. (120 words max.)

University of Waterloo AIF 2024

Question 1: Tell us about a passion or strong interest (required)

Tell us about a passion or strong interest of yours. How [and when] did you become involved in this interest [and for how long have you been involved]? What have you learned about yourself from this interest? How will you apply this knowledge as a student at the University of Waterloo? (900-character limit)

Question 2: Community involvement

Briefly describe a group, organization, or community that you have been involved in, are a member of, and/or have contributed to. What contributions have you made as a member of this group? Were you able to lead, influence others and/or influence decisions for the good of the group and its goals? How has your involvement helped make this community better? (900-character limit)

Question 3: Experience reflection

Describe a situation where you were treated unfairly or witnessed someone else being treated unfairly. What did you do at the time and why? Would you do anything differently if the same situation occurred today? Has this event impacted or changed who you are now and if so, how? (900-character limit)

Question 4: Goals at Waterloo

What is your primary goal for attending the University of Waterloo? Have you explored, been exposed to, or have experience in the field you plan to pursue and if so, how? Did you turn to anyone for advice in exploring alternative options or backup plans for your goal and if so, how did this person help you? (900-character limit)

Question 5: Outside of the Classroom

Please share what you are or have been involved in outside of your studies in the last 12 months -- in school, the community, or the home

Question 6: Special achievements, distinctions, and awards

If you have received any academic or non-academic awards or distinctions in the last 3 years, please list them below. Please provide the size of competition if you know how many people participated.

Online Video Interview Question:

1. What experience(s) inside or outside of the classroom motivated you to apply to your chosen engineering program?
2. As an applicant to Software Engineering, you are required to demonstrate that you have experience in developing well-structured, modular programs. For every programming language in which you have at least four months of programming experience, list the language, number of months experience you have in using the language (not how long you have known it) and capacity in which you used the language (e.g., courses completed, work experience, self-education).