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Laurier attracts 33.8 per cent more Ontario scholars

At Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, just over half of the 1,295 students coming directly from Ontario high schools have an average of 80 per cent or more.

That represents a 33.8-per-cent increase over the number of Ontario scholars registered last year.

WLU president John Weir said he is pleased with the more than 40-per-cent increase in the faculty of arts and science. "We believe the increase is due to a growing appreciation of the quality of Laurier's arts and science programs."

A total of 67 students have admission averages of 90 per cent or more.

Overall, applications from Ontario high school students increased by 19.6 per cent to about 11,900. The total number of first-year students is about 1,495, the same as last year. Total undergraduate enrolment is about 4,700.