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## **Laurier's enrolment statistics outpace other Ontario universities** *Confirmations climb 18.5 percent — the largest increase among province's 17 institutions*

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WATERLOO — Officials at Wilfrid Laurier are now dealing with a challenge any university might hope to face: how to accommodate a significant increase in the number of students who plan to attend in the fall.

Statistics provided by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) on July 23 indicate that 1995 students seeking fall admission to an Ontario university (whether they are coming directly from high school or through the non-secondary stream) have confirmed that they will attend Laurier. That translates into an increase of 18.5 percent over the same time last year — the largest increase of any of the province's 17 universities.

"This is extremely good news for Laurier," said Laurier president Bob Rosehart. "It means our programs are highly regarded and in demand, which in turn means that we have been able to maintain our high admissions standards. The numbers also mean that people recognize that a degree from Laurier is a valuable asset."

OUAC figures show that 41,202 students from the high-school stream confirmed that they plan to attend an Ontario university this fall; 9508 people from outside the high-school stream have confirmed their intent. The total is up slightly from last year's 50,659.

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But while the provincial numbers have changed little, Laurier's figures have climbed. The number of high-school students who confirmed that they will attend the University increased by 17.5 percent, growing from 1552 last year to 1823. Non-secondary-stream confirmations grew by 31.3 percent, climbing from 131 to 172. The combined increase means Laurier will meet or exceed registration targets in every undergraduate program.

Laurier credits the increase to its reputation for excellence and an extremely successful recruitment campaign. "The feedback I get from parents and potential students is that our faculty, staff and students have done an outstanding job of communicating all that Laurier has to offer," said Rosehart.

The University is now preparing to provide academic, residence and other services to a larger cohort of first-year students. To accommodate the increase without enlarging class sizes, Laurier will offer additional sections of some its most popular first year courses. The University is also securing additional residence spaces for first-year students.