

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY



Benefits and skills



UNIVERSITY OF
WATERLOO



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BA Honours Arts (History)
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PATHWAYS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



WORK

Going into the workplace to directly earn money.



APPRENTICESHIP

Training occurs in a workplace under the supervision of skilled tradesperson. The apprentice will earn a salary while learning on the job.



COLLEGE

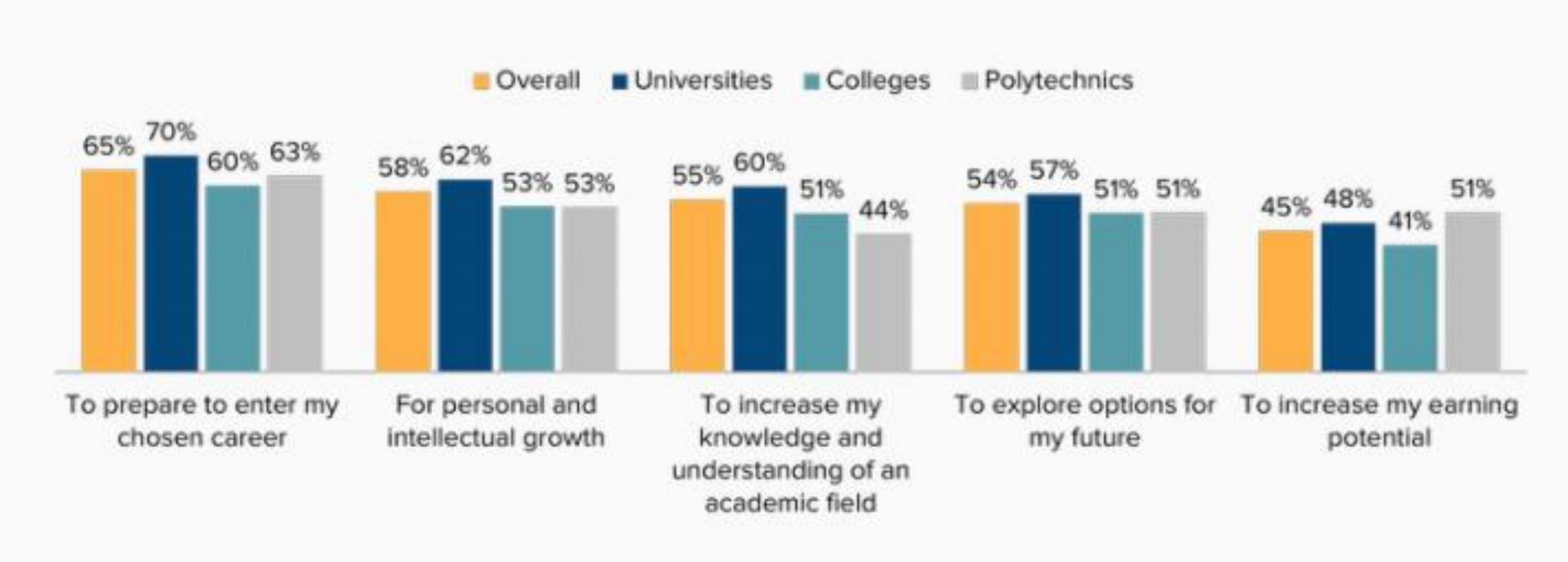
A space of learning that often has career-focused education, training, and applied research programs.



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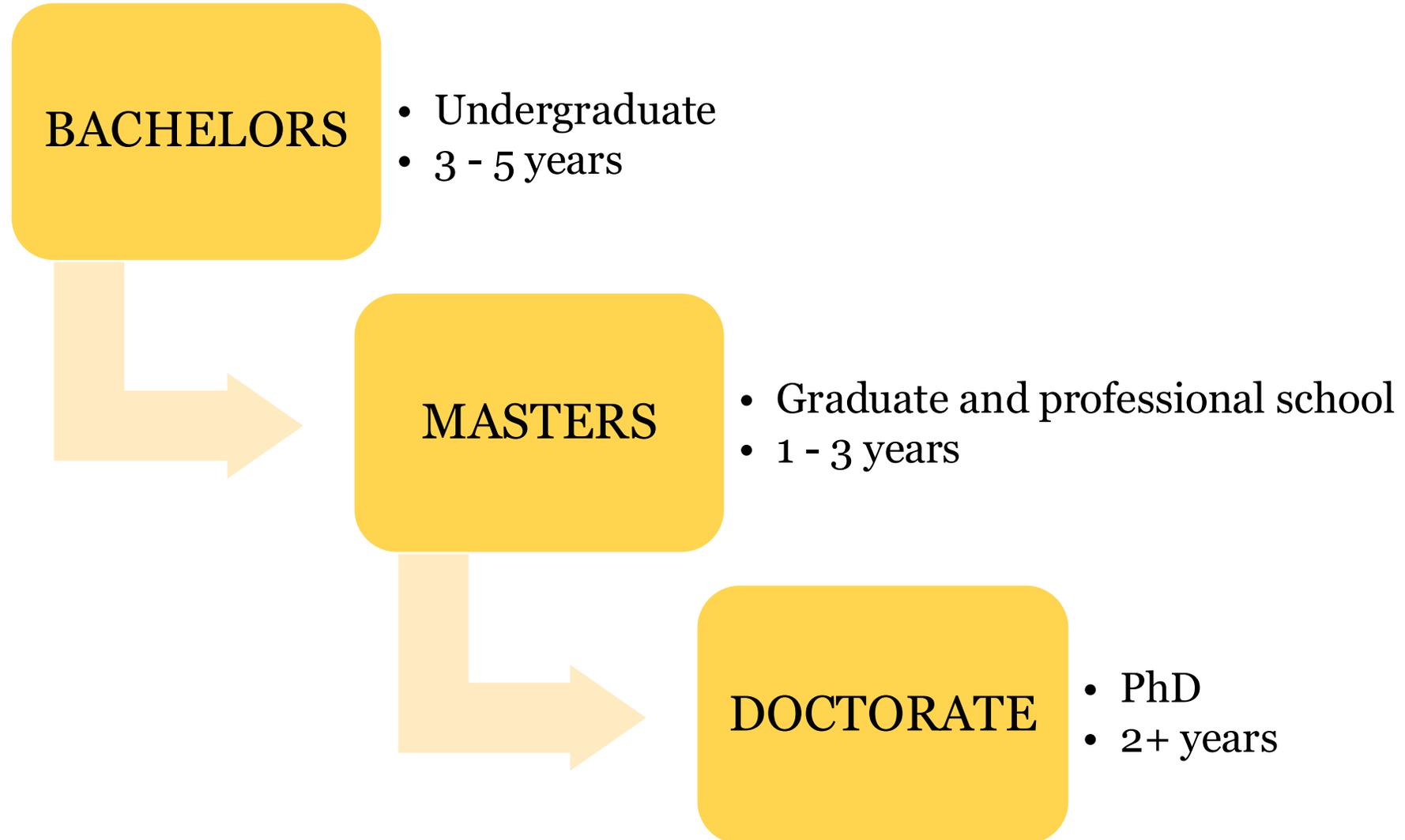
A space that often has an academic focus that leads to developing skills and knowledge that can be applied to multiple career paths.

REASONS FOR APPLYING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION



Academica 2022 University/College Applicant Survey

TYPES OF DEGREES





BENEFITS OF A UNIVERSITY DEGREE

CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING

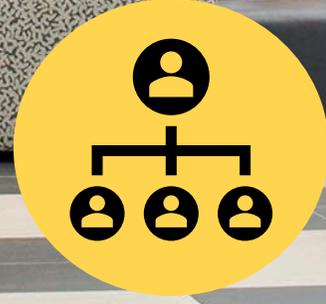


WHAT IS THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF JOBS GEN Z ARE PREDICTED TO HAVE?

- A) 2
- B) 7
- C) 12
- D) 18



CAREER MOBILITY AND HIGHER JOB SATISFACTION



EARNING POTENTIAL



THINGS TO CONSIDER

Programs

Location

Admissions

Costs

Experience

Supports



ADMISSIONS

Admission averages vary by university and by program.

- Apply in grade 12 year (in progress of completing Ontario Secondary School Diploma)
- Apply through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)
- Top six Grade 12 U/M level courses, including any required courses (usually)
- Plan for the right courses:
 - U = University
 - M – University/College (Mixed)
- ENG4U will keep university pathway open





BEYOND GRADES

Expenses

First-year tuition

\$9,000-\$18,000

Varies by program

Additional expenses

\$16,390-\$31,490

Residence, meal plan, personal expenses, books and supplies

Subject to change between time of presentation and actual admission.

Earnings

Scholarships & bursaries

\$1,000-\$5,000 Entrance bursary

\$1,000-\$120,000 Scholarships

Government funding

OSAP - up to \$17,850

Co-op earnings per term

\$9,600-\$22,800

Range based on a four-month work term

Algoma
UNIVERSITY

Brock
University

Carleton
UNIVERSITY
Canada's Capital University

UNIVERSITY
of GUELPH

IMPROVE LIFE.

Université
de Hearst

Lakehead
UNIVERSITY

Laurentian University
Université Laurentienne

McMaster
University

NIPISSING
UNIVERSITY

OCAD
UNIVERSITY

UOF
Université de
l'Ontario français

OntarioTech
UNIVERSITY

uOttawa

Queen's
UNIVERSITY

RMC
CMR

UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO

Toronto
Metropolitan
University

Formerly Ryerson University

TRENT
UNIVERSITY

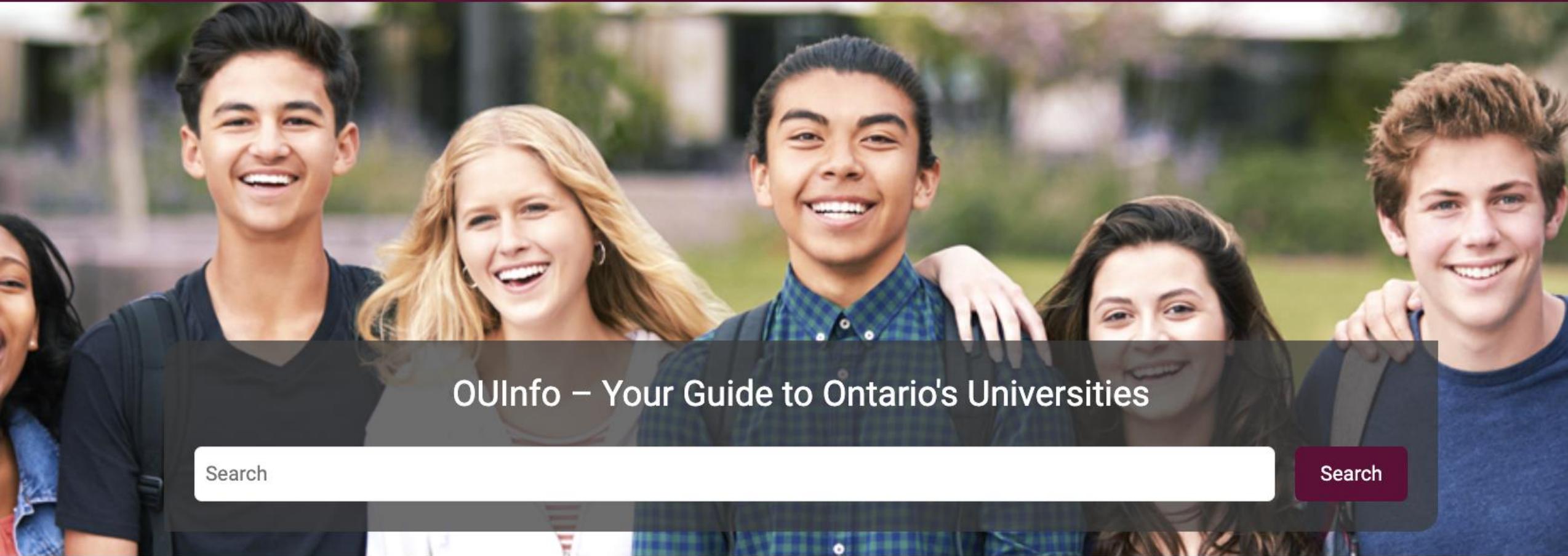
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Western

LAURIER
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University
of Windsor

YORK
UNIVERSITY



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Thinking of university?

Check out Grade 10 Info Night

Students, parents, and supporters welcome



Register today

uwaterloo.ca/future/grade-10

Thursday
Feb 19

6:30 – 8 p.m.
Join us in person
or online



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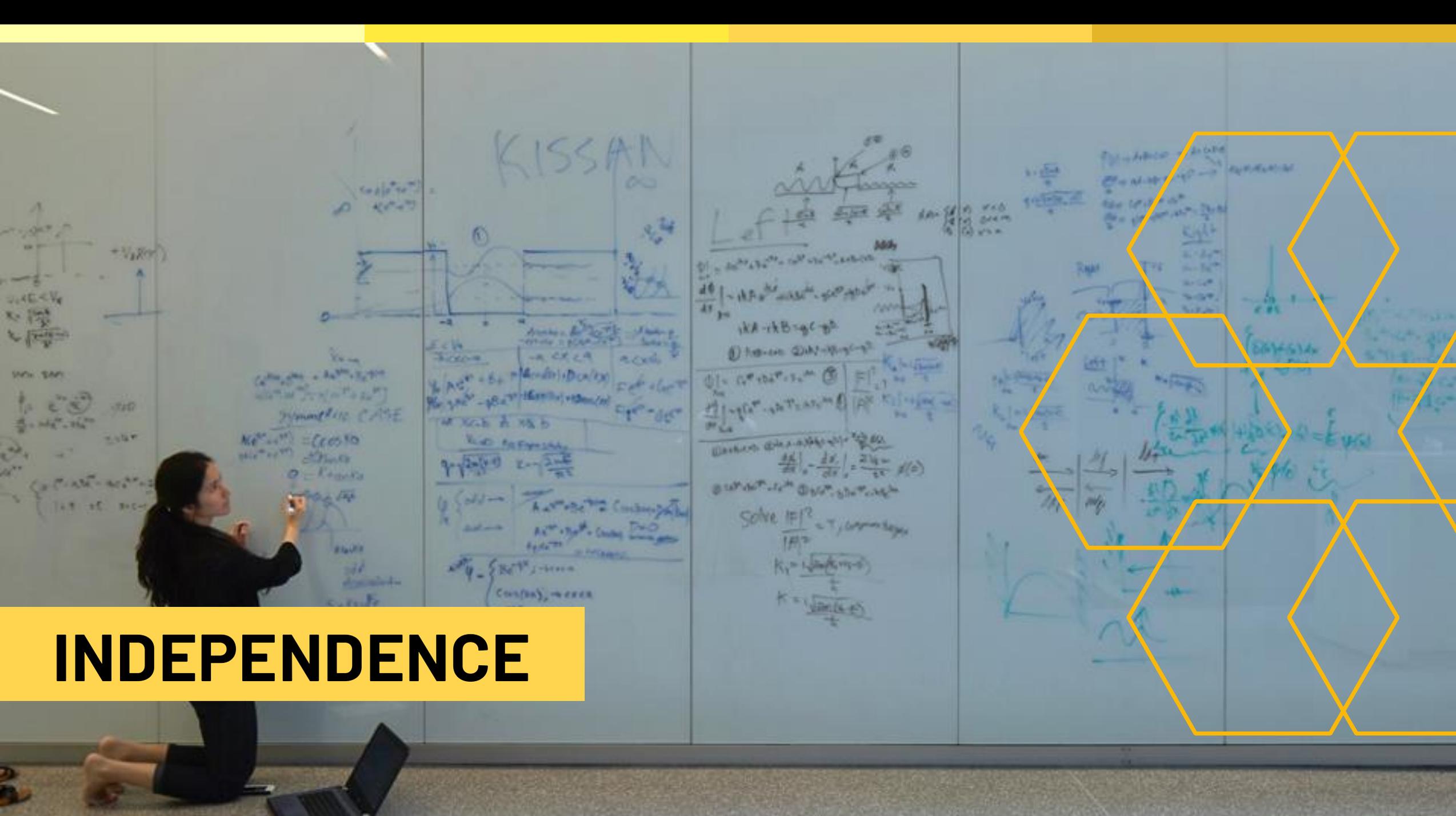
SKILLS





TIME MANAGEMENT

INDEPENDENCE





HEALTHY HABITS



GETTING INVOLVED



***PATHWAYS CAN BE BROKEN**

THANKS!

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