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Why get a university diploma?

“Eighty-one percent of FDH felt that their program contributed to their growth as a person, 61% said that it provided them with opportunities to meet and interact with people from different cultural backgrounds, and 58% said that their program helped them find a path for what they want to do in life”

[Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission \(2022\) *The University Experience of Recent Bachelor's Graduates: The Class of 2018 in 2020*. Trends in Maritime Higher Education. Vol 19, No 2.](#)

FDH: Maritime first-degree holder

A university degree also:

- prepares people for life-long learning;
- increases the likelihood of being able to distinguish the difference between opinions and facts;
- increases written and verbal communication skills, especially important when presenting ideas and concepts;
- develops transversal competencies that allow to readily adjust and reposition oneself in today's continually changing job market;
- increases earning potential:
“A university degree greatly increases your earning power over your lifetime. Plus, the more university education you have, the higher your earning potential. In [a study](#) following students five years after graduation, the average person with an undergraduate degree earned \$60,200, those with a master's earned \$78,200 and those with a doctoral degree earned \$88,100. Professional degree holders—such as doctors, lawyers and dentists—made on average \$102,000 five years post-graduation.”

[Why get a university degree?](#) Universities Canada, August 30, 2022

“Sheldon Miller, IBM's Atlantic region partner, said the company expects to find a lot of the workforce among recent university graduates.” [IBM pledges 250 new jobs in N.B., with a focus on recent university grads](#), CBC News, December 9, 2022.

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