

### Higher Education Marketing



# Inbound

Marketing for

Student

Recruitment



## **Today's Presentation**

- What is Inbound Marketing?
- Student Personas: Foundation of a Digital Content Strategy
- Scenario #1 Visibility & Awareness
- Scenario #2 Nurturing their Consideration & Decision Making
- Scenario #3 Driving Enrollment



## What is Inbound Marketing?





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## Why Inbound Marketing?

Today's prospective students are **digitally literate**  They expect meaningful dialogue and relationshipbuilding

Inbound marketing is **10x** more effective for **lead conversion** than ads 76% of marketers use inbound marketing approach as their primary strategy









### Student Persona Development Builds Content Strategy

**Segment prospects by**: program, level, source country, etc. & research their distinct characteristics:



### Persona Development: Research Tools

- 1. Survey your **admissions** & **recruitment** team for their insights
- 2. Survey/poll your students & alumni directly
- 3. Use **journey-mapping** to track key touchpoints
- 4. Conduct market research to better understand what is impacting
  - decision-making





### **Persona Development: Background Information**

### The Avid Online Learner

### Background

- May be either male or female
- Aged 18-25
- May come from Southeast Asia, China, India, Central America, or the Middle East
- May have recently moved to North America or Europe
- Will hear about (School Name) through social media or

online research



### **Persona Development: Motivations**

### The Avid Online Learner

### **Motivations**

- Is looking to improve their English skills to improve job prospects in a time of economic uncertainty
- Mostly focused on academic outcomes, but welcomes the opportunity to meet new people and practice English with like-minded individuals remotely
- Wants a school that has robust online learning software and qualified instructors
- Seeking a school that offers ample online resources to help students excel remotely



Your prospective student motivations drive the messaging of your digital marketing content.



### Persona Development: Concerns

### The Avid Online Learner

### Concerns

- Nervous about the quality of instruction they'll receive online, and whether or not online learning will help them develop the English skills they need
- Worried about having the self-control and dedication required to complete their course work from home
- Concerned about the ability to practice their English skills with their peers online







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### The Avid Online Learner

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### All (School Name)'s online courses use a comprehensive learning platform and are taught by qualified instructors

Key Messages

(School Name) boasts small online class sizes, with an average of 6 learners per session. This allows for ample conversational practice between students



### **Create Targeted Content**

### The Avid Online Learner

### **Motivations**

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### **3** Ways an IELTS Course Can Improve Your CV



#### The IELTS Course Shows Your English Language Level to Companies

Heing managers and education admission officers will often need to review hundreds of OVs within a short time. Anyone can add an estimated English level to their CV, but this can be difficult to prove until the interview. There are also thousands of English language tests that people can take. However, it can be difficult to how what each level mann.

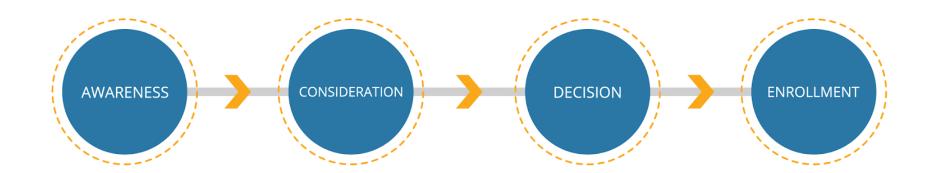
The IEUS test results are standardised and widely recognized, meaning that an employer or university can quickly see your English language skills. This could mean that a recruiter is more likely to interview someone who has a CV with an IEUS test result because they can be certain about their English language level. As well as this, attending an **IEUS school** can show an employer or university that a candidate is hard-working, dedicated, and committed to improving their English.

### The IELTS Test Is Accepted by Thousands of Companies and Schools Worldwide

The great thing about the IELTS test is that it is the most taken and recognised English language test in the world. This means that wherever you decide to continue your career, whether it's the UK, the US, or Australia, companies and schools will be able to see your English language level when you apply.

The IELTS test is recognised by more than 10,000 organisations in 140 countries. This means that your IELTS score could improve your CV wherever your career or education takes you.

### Customize Inbound Marketing to a Prospect's Stage in their Journey from Inquiry to Enrollment







## Does your school's Inbound content

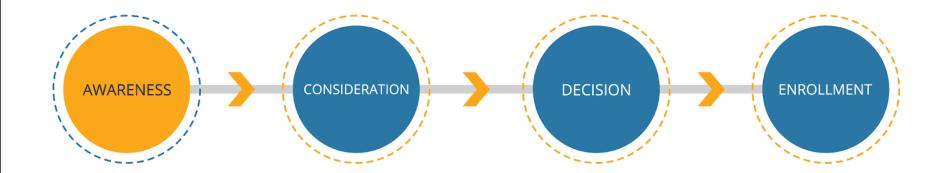
## target prospects at the Stages in their Journey?

## Awareness • Consideration • Decision • Enrollment





### Inbound Scenario #1 – Building Visibility & Awareness





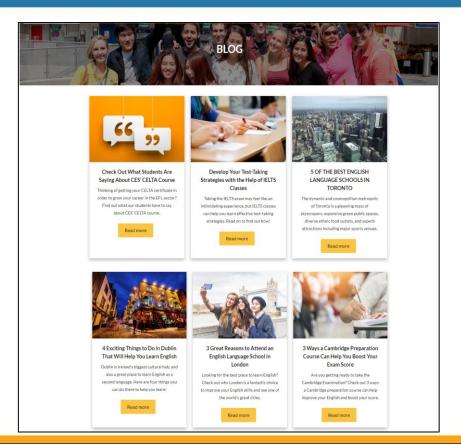
## **Blog Building Strategy**

- Provide career/study tips, topical updates, and other custom content your personas can use
- Generate respect, trust and loyalty
- Become a **thought-leader**, never a salesperson.

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### Student-generated Content for the Awareness Stage

- Invite current students to share their personal experiences
- Ask students to contribute content in multiple languages to recruit overseas
- Offers **inside access** to prospective applicants
- Provide motivation to prospects who may be "on the fence"

## All Roads Lead to Ryerson: A Reflection of my University Experience



April 30, 2019 Career Advice 3 Comments



Jesica Cuaresma is a soon-to-be graduate of Ryerson's Business Management program. With a background in the arts — specifically visual arts and musical theatre, she hopes to integrate her creativity, along with her knowledge of marketing within the business world. Her passions include travel, fashion, photography and music.

I wish I could've been there for my 18-year-old self — an overwhelmed senior in high school who was flustered by all of the 'crucial' and 'timely' decisions she had to make — to let myself know that **it's okay not to know**.

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### **Social Content Sharing Workflow**

### Publish content on your website

#### The Time is Now: The Crisis is the Perfect Time for an MBA

#### July 14, 2020

Best possible learning experience thanks to innovative hybrid teaching

It's a question many executives and high potentials are pondering these days, is the crisis the right time to take up an MBA? "It absolutely is," says Prof. Barbara Stöttinger. In the following, the Dean of the WU Executive Academy analyzes the reasons why it is a good idea to start an MBA in a time of crisis and explains how the WU Executive Academy has been preparing for the start of the MBA programs in the fall against the backdrop of the coronavirus pandemic to offer students the best possible learning experience through the use of innovative hybrid teaching.



#### WU Executive Academy WU 19 August at 03:01 · 🚱

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### Share on Facebook

### Share on LinkedIn

### Share on Twitter

## Social Content to Boost Awareness

- Boost posts occasionally (monthly/quarterly)
- Budget \$\$ to show this post as an ad outside your community
- Extends your reach beyond those who follow you
- Increase awareness of your school, brand, specific program



Duke University 🤣 @DukeU · 15h V An internship first introduced @DukeLaw student David Gardner to disability rights work

Armed with his experiences in Duke's Health Justice Clinic and Immigrant Rights Clinic, he returns to the DOJ Civil Rights Division to begin a career in advocacy

#### & duke.is/jyv8hr





### Social Content to Boost Awareness

What can your school offer that nowhere else

can?

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delfinschool Yesterday our #DelfinDublin students explored the famous #GuinnessStorehouse here in #Dublin. They saw how the Irish black gold is made, brewed and stored. © □ ☆ #delfinlife amanda\_duarte27 Miss Delphin \*♥ ♡ belacid @brunosmallville ♡ anilkru Very soon □□ ♡

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### **Contests can Boost Awareness**





#### ubc\_studentlife Contest closed.

1. Follow us. 2. Tell us your favourite study spot! 3. You'll be entered to win 1 of 3 \$25 gift cards to UBC Food Services. @ubcfoodie ₽

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The contest is open to all students currently enrolled at UBC Vancouver and will close on Wednesday, October 9 at 12:00 pm. Winners will be contacted by DM.

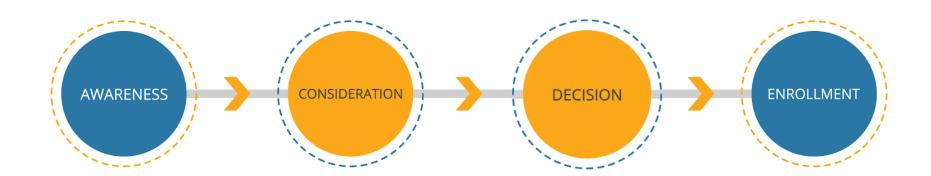


Add a comment

• Brand-building contests

- Campus photography/video
- Showing off college pride
- What you like most about your school i.e. "What's your favourite study spot on campus?"

### Inbound Scenario #2 – Providing Answers, Solutions, and Engagement Opportunities





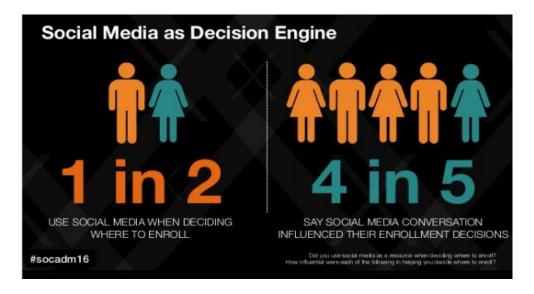


Rate your social media content in how your Digital Marketing Strategy drives what you write in your posts?



## **Social Media Drives Decision Making**

### Social media is a brand builder and decision-maker.



### Motivations & Concerns Drive *Decision-making* Content

### **Prospective Undergraduate Student**



### MOTIVATIONS

- · Looking to study at a top university, but needs a more affordable option than those on offer in the United States
- Looking for an alternative undergraduate experience that includes travel, cultural exploration, and the chance to meet likeminded students from across the globe

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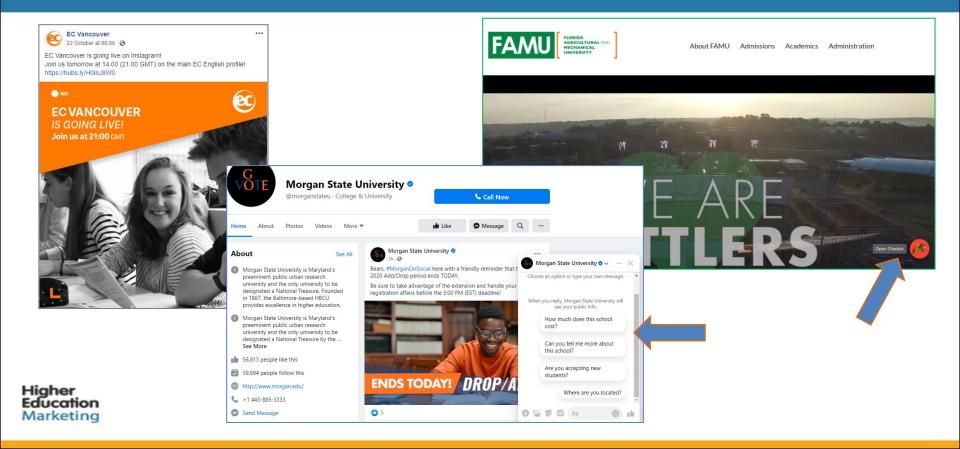
At Technion International, we want our students to feel welcome and we host multiple activities throughout the year to help students get to know one another: int.technion.ac.il/technion-living/campus-activities

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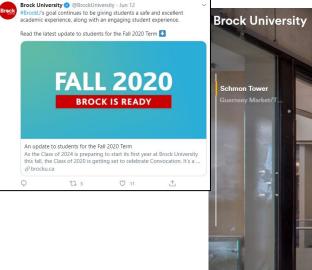
## Start a Conversation in Person or Via Chat



## **Monitor Social Activity**

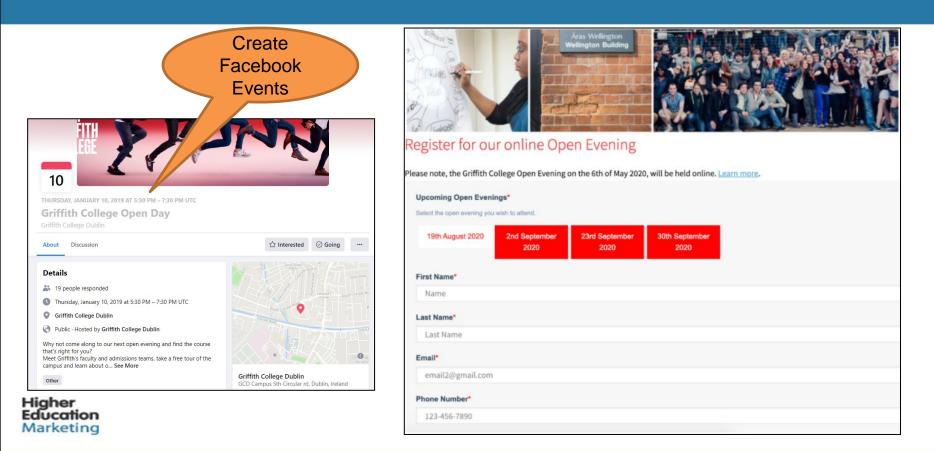
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1.	Facebook	8,057 (96.92%)	72.00%	5,801 (97.59%)	74.85%	1.99	00:01:12	1.37%	110 (99.10%)
2.	LinkedIn	127 (1.53%)	53.54%	68 (1.14%)	70.87%	1.97	00:00:51	0.79%	1 (0.90%)
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## **Continuously Invite Them to Virtual Tours**





### Invite to Live Info Sessions to Answer Their Questions



### **Email Marketing**

**Email Drip Campaign:** Send a scheduled series of carefully customized

messages over time through an automated CRM



Each message is crafted with your personas' **unique needs & goals** in mind Start simple with an **auto-response** 

Build your relationship over time

Include Calls To Action in every email

### Email: Personalize your Correspondence



Online Version

Call To Action

Hi Conor,

We offer a range of partial scholarships for candidates from Course apprying to our award-winning, one-year MBA. Course or partial scholarships are available for candidates who demonstrate outstanding ability and contribute to the international diversity of the school.

If you'd like to be considered for one of our few remaining scholarship awards, start your application before the June 4 scholarship deadline.

We look for candidates with an international outlook and a desire to challenge the status quo. Final scholarship awards include: Senior Leaders, Global Professionals, Women in Business and Entrepreneurial Impact.



### Design is branded Sign-off is personalized & professional



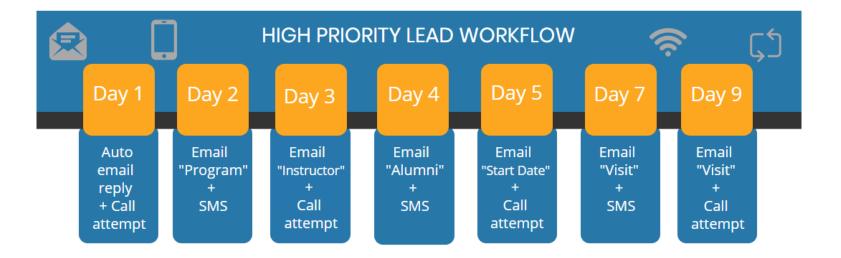
Start your application

"The one-year MBA at Hult is all about challenges. It was no question for me to also go for the challenge of switching campus during the study program. You get to know so many great characters and professors, and get immersed in the business practices of each city."

Michael Neidhardt, MBA London Class of 2017



### **Email Workflows Drive Consideration & Decisions**



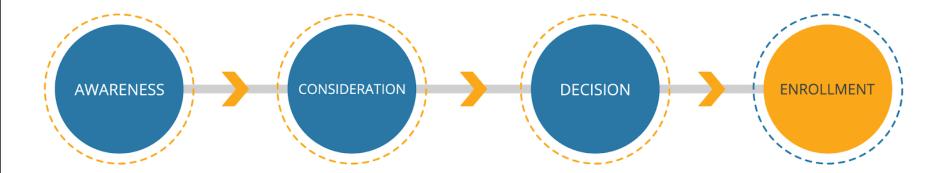


## Measure your Emails & Enewsletters

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2. hs_email / email	English Newsletter - February 2017	183 (24.50%)	59.56%	109 (24.89%)	44.81%	3.45	00:02:35	6.56%	<b>12</b> (18.18%)
3. hs_email / email	Newsletter - February 2017	134 (17.94%)	61.94%	83 (18.95%)	43.28%	2.72	00:03:00	15.67%	21 (31.82%)
4. hs_email / email	The Student Assistance Program Can Help you Pay for Tuition	<b>47</b> (6.29%)	51.06%	24 (5.48%)	74.47%	2.19	00:02:15	10.64%	5 (7.58%)
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### Inbound Scenario #3 – Inbound Drives Enrollment



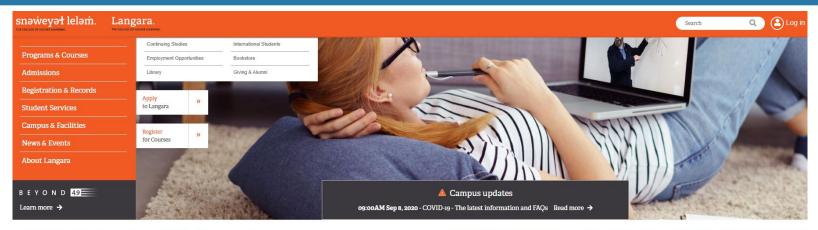


### Calls To Action for Each Stage

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			Contact Us & Admissions Counselors	Graduate Admissions					

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Welcome to Fall Semester. Read the welcome message from our President and CEO, Dr. Lane Trotter.



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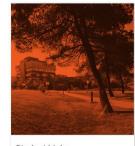
Drop-In Info Sessions Recruiters answer your questions daily via Zoom.

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Semester Kickoff Live Make coming back to school more fun with Semester Kickoff Live presented by RBC Royal Bank.

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Student Links New to Langara? Visit Student Links for pro-tips, to do's, and student service information.

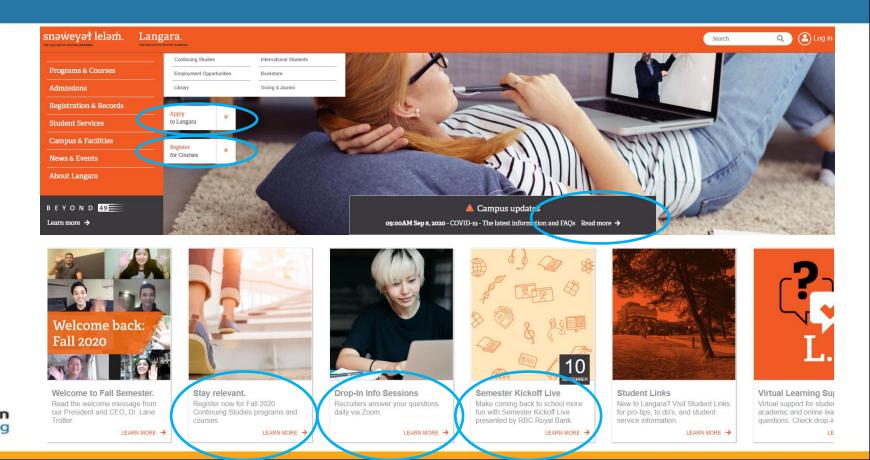
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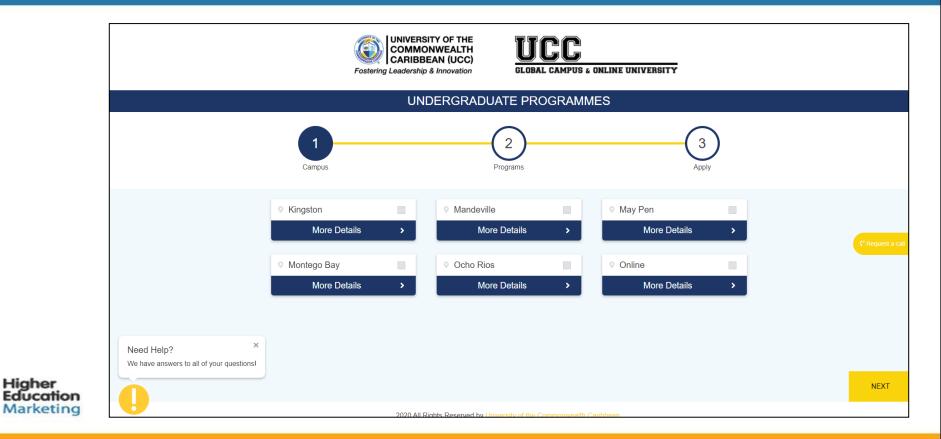
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### Convert "Apply" Into a Virtual Admissions Assistant









Start Dates

Sep 2020 - Jul 2024 (AM)

#### Marketing

Today's businesses require creative marketing professionals who understand the dynamics of a competitive economy. They are focused on consumer needs, possess the ability to translate those needs into products and services and then selling them for a profit. Those who excel in the field of marketing possess special skills: intuition, logic, creativity, well developed analytical skills and leadership abilities. No doubt, a good marketer is a necessary adjunct to the profitability and hence, the success of any business.

The University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC), strives to keep its programme content engaging and relevant to business needs. This programme structure reflects our commitment to provide students with the best curriculum to meet their aspirations for success in business.

You have the choice of selecting courses or modules, so that your course of study is completed through classes ideally in the daytime but with flexibility for classes in the evening or on Sundays.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing from the University of the Commonwealth Caribbean (UCC), is so structured to give aspiring marketing specialists an opportunity to develop the knowledge, analytical skills and techniques used by successful marketing professionals.

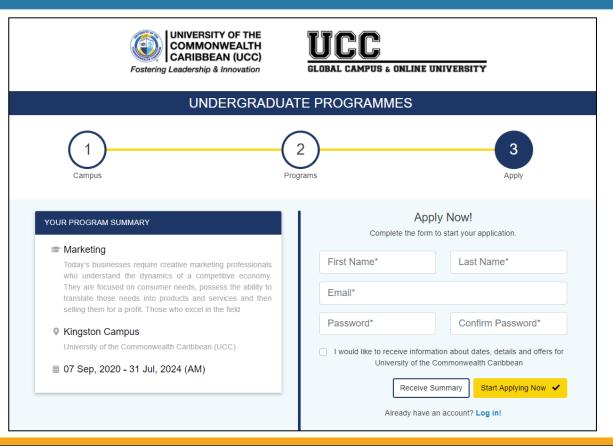
The curriculum has been designed to include the most current trends, techniques and practices of contemporary marketing. Some of the specialised modules include. Brand & Product Management, Social Media Marketing, Destination & Attractions Marketing, Retail Management, Sales Management, Consumer Behaviour, Public Relations, Advertising and Strategic Marketing.

Select

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Need Help? \*\* We have answers to all of your questions!

Marketing		Media & Communications	
More Details	>	More Details	
Production and Operations Management		Tourism & Hospitality Management	
More Details	>	More Details	
Applied Psychology		Criminology & Criminal Justice	





# Do you use Calls To Action on your website for each stage of your enrollment journey

as part of your Inbound Strategy?





#### Ask Questions, Measure ROI, Learn & Apply to Next Campaigns



#### Dear Scott:

We see that while you inquired about one of our programs or even submitted your application at Wake Forest University, you have not completed your enrollment at this time. Our Student Success Managers are available to discuss your options if you are still interested in enrolling.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if you completed this **2-minute survey** about why you chose to discontinue the enrollment process. Your responses will help us better serve you and other students in the future.

#### START SURVEY

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Student Insights

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Wake Forest University, 1834 Wake Forest Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27109

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