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Summer Program Arrival Guide



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Welcome to the Schulich Community!

Dear Student,

Congratulations on being accepted to the Schulich School of Business at York University in Toronto, Canada!

Our team in the International Relations Office looks forward to welcoming you to Schulich, Toronto, and Canada. We hope that your time here will be a successful one filled with exciting opportunities.

Our office is dedicated to making your transition to Canada a smooth one. We have compiled this arrival guidebook for students to address some of the most frequently asked questions regarding the arrival on campus and getting settled in the community. We hope that you will find this guide helpful.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

We look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely, Cheryl, Ann, Lan and Tim

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PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA Do You Need a Study Permit, TRV or eTA?

Documents Required to Enter Canada

- Students studying less than 6 months <u>do not require a study permit</u>, however, depending on your <u>country of citizenship</u>, you will require a <u>Temporary Resident Visa (TRV)</u> or <u>electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)</u> to enter Canada (exception for US citizens). Check <u>processing times</u> and apply early.
 - NOTE: your Letter of Acceptance can be used as the "invitation letter" requested in the TRV application. You can also consider including a cover letter to clarify that you will be an exchange student in Canada for one term (less than 6 months).
- You will need to bring your Schulich acceptance letter with you to the airport or border crossing when you first arrive in Canada.

Travelling to the US

• Consider any planned travel to the US and whether or not you will need a <u>visa</u> or <u>ESTA</u>. Note: If possible, apply for your US visa before you leave your home country.



PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA Health Insurance



University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

- Mandatory for all international students and dependents.
- Coverage includes services such as doctor's visits and hospital ward accommodation in
 Ontario. UHIP only covers dental care required as a result of a major accident.
- UHIP does not cover medications, routine dental care, etc. Supplemental insurance is recommended.
- The cost is included in the program fee.
- For more information visit the <u>UHIP</u> website or the <u>York University health insurance</u> website.
- Additional travel health insurance should be purchased for travel outside of Canada.

* Fees are subject to change.

PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA When to Arrive and What to Bring

Arrive in Toronto a day or two before your first session. This will allow you to adjust to the time difference, set-up your accommodations and become familiar with the campus.

Living on-campus? Arrive on a weekday, during office hours, so you can obtain your apartment keys.

⊡ Important Items to Pack

- □ Valid Passport, with Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA); or US passport*
- □ Your Schulich Letter of Acceptance (copies acceptable)*
- □ Letter of Introduction from visa office (applicable <u>only</u> if you've applied for a study permit)*
- Photocopies/digital copies of all important documents and send to your email address*
- □ Proof of funds (i.e.: bank statement)*
- □ Address where you'll be residing*
- □ Credit card(s)
- □ Medical and eyeglass prescriptions if necessary
- $\hfill\square$ Medical insurance documents for extended health care
 - coverage if you have it

- Driver's license or international driver's license (drivetest.ca)
- □ Unlocked phone
- □ Laptop
- Power type A and B: Standard voltage is 120V, standard frequency is 60Hz https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/canada/
- □ Business attire for presentations and career events
- □ Weather appropriate clothing for the <u>season</u>
- □ Canadian dollars or money to exchange for immediate use upon arrival
- □ York U Campus Map
- * Pack in your carry-on luggage, as you will be required to show this to the border officer after getting off the plane



ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Transport from Pearson International Airport

Airport Taxi

- Easiest way to get directly to your place of residence with luggage.
- Taxi fares from the airport are based on a flat rate tariff.
- Fare : **\$50-60 CAD** Approximately (tips and extra luggage fee extra).
- Travel time: 30 minutes to York campus.
- For more information on taxi services, visit the Pearson Airport website.
- Taxis will be waiting once you exit the airport terminal. Use only authorized taxi providers.

Ride-Hailing Apps

Use Uber or Lyft to and from airport

Airport Train to Downtown - Union Pearson Express

- Connects to Union and Bloor subway stations.
- Fare: \$12 CAD Approximately. Pay by cash, credit, or Presto card (card purchasable at green self-serve machines in Pearson Station).
- Travel time: 25 minutes to Union Station (Downtown).
- Locations: Terminal 1 (Link train available from Terminal 3).
- For more information, visit UPExpress at Pearson.
- Tickets: Union Pearson Express Tickets.

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Off-Campus

Make sure you have your apartment or hotel address available.



ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Public Transit from Pearson Airport



- Not recommended for first arrival as it is difficult to carry your luggage up and down stairs and through crowds on the buses and subway.
- Cheaper alternative option (\$3.25 cash)
- Travel Time: Approximately 2 hours to the York campus
- Difficult to carry your luggage through crowds on the buses and subway during rush hour (Monday to Friday 7am - 9am and 4:30pm – 6:30pm)
- Pick up location:
 - Terminal 1, Ground Level, second curb, Column R4
 - Terminal 3, Arrivals Level, third curb, Column C12
- For Schedule, please visit the TTC Website: <u>192 Airport Rocket</u>

Airport TTC Tickets Vending Machine:

- Terminal 1: Curbside, at column "R"; Terminal 3: Single fare tickets @ the Currency Exchange counter located on the arrivals level
- Cash or major credit cards accepted. Availability: 24x7 to purchase adult (not student) tokens. You
 may also pay the driver directly with exact Canadian cash
- Ask the driver for a "Transfer" to continue your trip on another connecting TTC route so you do
 not have to pay again



TTC Directions to York University



ARRIVAL IN TORONTO Public Transportation



Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)

- TTC is Toronto's public transportation system.
- The subway system connects with buses and streetcars.
- The following are the bus routes to/from York University:
 - 41 To Pioneer Village Station and Finch West Station
 - 60C To Finch Station
 - 106 To Pioneer Village Station and Sheppard West Station

Paying on the TTC:

- You can pay cash fare or reloadable Presto Card to ride the TTC
- Fare: \$3.25 cash (source-to-destination). Bus drivers do not give back change. Obtain a transfer from the driver for stopover or to change routes
- Presto: \$6 for card, minimum load \$10. Fare is \$3 with on/off privileges for 2 hours. Presto Card Purchase: Subway stations or in Shopper's Drug Mart in York Lanes.

For more information, visit: <u>TTC Website</u>







ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY Know your Campus

Banking & ATM Machines

- Bank of Montreal (BMO): Located in York Lanes. Branch & ATM machines.
- CIBC: Located in the Schulich School of Business. ATM only.
- Royal Bank (RBC): Located in 340 Assiniboine Residence & Bennett Centre. ATM only.
- Scotiabank: Located in Bergeron Centre for Engineering. ATM only.
- **TD Canada Trust:** Located in Central Square. ATM only.

York Lanes

 Includes places to eat, the bookstore, post office, public transit passes, pharmacy, dentist, doctor, etc.

Emergency and York Security

- Contacts in case of emergency
 - In general: call 911. Free of charge from any phone
 - On campus: York Security at +1-416-736-5333
- York Security Office Location: Parking Structure 2, William Small Centre

York U Safety Mobile Application

One-stop access to all of the University's safety resources: direct call to campus security; Key student safety services such as goSafe; Campus Shuttle; interactive campus maps. Download it today - <u>York U Safety App</u>





