International Student Arrival Guide (BBA/iBBA)
Dear International Student,

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

Our team in the International Relations Office look 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 International Students to address some of the most frequently asked questions about arriving on campus and getting settled in the community. We hope that you will find this guide helpful.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions. You may also have questions about course enrolment and academic advising. Don’t worry! You will be in regular contact with the Undergraduate Programs Unit on these topics throughout the summer months, and as you begin your Schulich journey in September.

We look forward to speaking with you on July 17, 2019 at the Pre-Arrival Webinar and meeting you in person at the International Student Orientation on August 29 – August 30, 2019.

Sincerely,  
Tina, Ann, Lan and Lindsay
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Pre-arrival Checklist

- Apply for your Study Permit
- Secure Accommodations
- Learn about Health Insurance
- Sign up for the Buddy Program
- What to Bring with you
- Plan to arrive for Orientation
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**Immigration Documents**

**Study Permit and TRV/eTA**

- International BBA/iBBA students require a study permit to study in Canada.
- We encourage you to apply early to allow sufficient time to receive your travel documents.
  - Review the application guide, supporting document requirements and processing times before applying.
- You will also be issued a temporary resident visa (TRV) or electronic travel authorization (eTA), depending on your country of citizenship (exception for US citizens).
- Bring a copy of your acceptance letter along with other documents with you when you arrive. Your study permit will be issued at the border upon your arrival in Canada. Be sure to review it carefully before leaving the airport.

**If you are already in Canada with a study permit to attend high school**, you can apply to change and extend your study permit within Canada, if it is expiring soon or to obtain work authorization.

**Work Authorization**

Work authorization and work permits available to international students during and after your program will be discussed at the International Student Orientation in August. If you arrive early, you cannot work until you begin classes.

**Social Insurance Number (SIN)**

The SIN is a 9-digit number that you need to work in Canada and file taxes. You can apply for a SIN using your study permit as long as it indicates that you can work in Canada (check this when they print your permit). You may apply for a SIN in person:

- From the Service Canada office at Pearson Airport (after passing through Immigration) – Office hours vary
- From any other Service Canada location. For more information, please visit Service Canada website.
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Accommodation

It is your responsibility to secure accommodations in Toronto. Consider the type of accommodation that is best for you by researching costs, location, etc.

**On-Campus Housing**
- 8 Residence buildings at York’s Keele Campus
- Meal-Plan is available for students
- Variety of social and educational activities are provided for residence students
- For more details including Virtual Tours and rates, please visit the [Student Housing Website](https://studenthousing.yorku.ca)

**Early Move-In:** Wednesday August 28th, 2019—request form available online soon

**Off-Campus Housing**
There are many options to search for off-campus housing, including:
- York University [Off-Campus Housing Service](https://studenthousing.yorku.ca)
- Places4Students- [Off-Campus Housing Website](https://places4students.com)

Note - Tenants in Ontario have certain rights and responsibilities. Familiarize yourself with the general guidelines before entering into a lease or rental agreement by visiting the [Landlord and Tenant Board website](https://ltb.gov.on.ca).

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**York Student Housing Office:**
340 Assiniboine Road, York University
Tel: +1-416-736-5152 Press “2”
Email: undergradres@yorku.ca
Website: [Student Housing website](https://studenthousing.yorku.ca)

**Executive Learning Centre Hotel:**
Students and parents may stay here at a reduced rate upon arrival. Use promo code ‘SSB INTL STU’ – up to 50% off
Website: [ELC Accommodation](https://executivelearningcentre.ca)
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 recommended.
▪ The approximate cost is $612 per year.*
▪ Coverage begins on the 10th day of the month prior to the month of the first day of classes (Aug 10th).
▪ For more information visit the UHIP website or the York University UHIP website.
▪ Additional travel health insurance should be purchased for travel outside of Ontario.
▪ Fees will be billed to your student account.

York Federation of Students (YFS) Health and Dental Plan

▪ Automatically registered for students if they are enrolled in 15 or more credits per term.
▪ Coverage includes items such as prescription drugs, dental benefit, eye exam, etc.
▪ Exemption: Students must submit a request through YFS website.
▪ The approximate cost is $254.52 (12 months of coverage).*
▪ For more information, including fees, please visit the YFS website.

Further details regarding health insurance and how to make claims will be provided at the International Student Orientation Session.

* Fees are subject to change.
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Engage in Student Life

The Undergraduate Business Society
The Undergraduate Business Society (UBS) is the Schulich student representative council for all undergraduate level students. The UBS recently appointed an International Student representative and executive that will help ease international students transition to Canada and integrate them into the Schulich student body.

Each term the UBS organizes events and initiatives which help to engage students with the larger student body. Aside from social and athletic activities, the UBS serves as the student body’s voice to the faculty and administration.

O Week 2019
You will first be introduced to the UBS during the annual O Week - An event where you will meet friends, find mentors and be welcomed to the Schulich community. You will find out more about this event during Summer 2019.

Check out the O-Week 2018 video to see what it’s all about.

Buddy Program
All new BBA/iBBA international students at Schulich will be matched with an upper year buddy to help you with any questions you have! If you haven’t already filled out the questionnaire, you should to be matched to someone with similar interests.

Student Clubs and Associations
Get involved with one of York or Schulich’s many clubs and associations. From the York Finance Club to the Schulich Charity Association there is a group for every interest.

York International
Your support network extends beyond Schulich! Get involved with York International activities!
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When to Arrive and What to Bring

Plan to arrive in Toronto at least a day or two before the International Student Orientation. This will allow you to beat the jet lag, set-up your accommodations and become familiar with the campus. Review what to expect at the airport when you arrive in Canada.

Living on-campus? Check the move-in times/dates so you can plan your arrival

☑️ Important Items to Pack

- Valid Passport and other travel documents (TRV or eTA)*
- Correspondence / letter from visa office (if applicable)*
- Your York University Letter of Acceptance (copies acceptable)*
- Proof of funds (i.e.: bank statement, etc)*
- The address where you will be staying*
- Photocopies/digital copies of all important documents and send to your email address*
- Credit card(s)
- Driver’s license or international driver’s license (drivetest.ca)
- Medical and eyeglass prescriptions if necessary
- Medical insurance documents for extended health care coverage if you have it
- Business attire for presentations and career events
- Weather appropriate clothing for the season
- Unlocked phone
- Laptop
- Power type A and B: Standard voltage is 120V, standard frequency is 60Hz https://www.power-plugssockets.com/canada/
- Canadian dollars or money to exchange for immediate use upon arrival
- York U Campus Map

* Pack in your carry-on luggage, as you may be required to show this to the border officer after getting off the plane
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Arrival Checklist

- Transfer from the airport and check into your accommodation
- Orient yourself with the York campus
- Obtain your YU-card
- Contact your Schulich Buddy
- Learn how to use public Transportation
- Go Shopping for Food and Living Essentials
- Attend International Student Orientation
- Explore!
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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.

On-Campus
York Student Housing Office:
340 Assiniboine Road, York University, Toronto, ON M3J 1L2
Tel: +1-416-736-5152
(Building #47 on the campus map)

Schulich School of Business:
111 Ian Macdonald Boulevard, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3
Tel: +1-416-736-5060

Off-Campus
Make sure you have your apartment or hotel address available.
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Public Transit from Pearson Airport

Public Transit: Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)
- 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)
- 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 a schedule, please visit the TTC Website: 192 Airport Rocket.

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

From Pearson Airport, take the 192 Airport Rocket Bus to the Kipling Subway Station (Bloor-Danforth subway line)
Take the Eastbound subway from Kipling to St. George subway station
Exit the train at St. George station, walk up the stairs to the University-Spadina subway line and take the Northbound subway to the York University subway station
Walk to your destination on campus
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Know your Campus

Banking & 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 Student Centre. ATM Only.
- **TD Canada Trust:** Located in Central Square. ATM Only.

York Lanes

- Includes places to eat, the bookstore, post office, public transit tokens & 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 - [York U Safety App](#)
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YU-card

The YU-Card is York University's official photo identification & campus debit card. It provides access to key services such as library, recreation facilities, exams, food, shopping, events, discounts and more.

How to get your YU-card:

1. **YU Upload** You should have already uploaded a photo and will receive your YU Card at Academic Orientation.

2. If you are living on-campus and want to have your YU-card as soon as possible to access the recreational facilities, laundry, etc. visit the **YU-card Office** to have your photo taken and receive your card on the spot!

   **What do I need to bring?**
   - Your York U student number
   - One piece of valid government-issued photo identification such as a Passport.

**How to load money in your YU-card**

- Add money online [here](#).
- YU-card station located in one of the campus libraries or at the YU-card Office located at 200 William Small Centre.
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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

York Region Transit (YRT) ▪ Serves areas north of York University (York Region).  
▪ The YRT Jane – Concord Route 20 Line runs along Jane St. to Interchange Way at Highway 7 (IKEA & Walmart)  
Jane St. to Rutherford Rd (Vaughan Mills Mall).  
▪ Bus stops on the York campus : Close to York Lanes.  
▪ Fare : $4 (One way), or Presto

Paying on the TTC:  
▪ You can pay cash fare or reloadable Presto Card to ride the TTC.  
▪ Fare: $3.25 (source–to-destination). Presto: $6 for card, minimum load $10.  
▪ Bus drivers do not give back change.  
▪ Presto Card Purchase: Subway stations or in Shopper’s Drug Mart in York Lanes.  
▪ Obtain a transfer from the driver for stopover or to change routes if you paid cash fare, retap with Presto (will not be charged again if transfer is within 2 hours of initial tap).

For more information, visit: TTC Website

GO Transit ▪ Connects YU to out of town locations: Mississauga, Brampton, Hamilton, Scarborough, Milton etc.  
▪ Bus stops on the York campus : Close to York Lanes.  
▪ Fare : $10-$20 (Depending on the distance)  
▪ Tickets can be paid using Cash/Credit card/PRESTO Card

For more information, visit: GO Website
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Shopping for food...

**Grocery Checkout**
- York Lanes

**Your Community Grocers**
- University City Mall, Sentinel Rd
Directions: Walk South on Sentinel Rd. (South of The Village)

**No Frills**
- 3685 Keele St., Keele St. & St. Regis Cres
Directions: TTC 41 Keele bus. To the St. Regis Cres. stop
- 1 York Gate Blvd, York Gate Mall
Directions: Take the TTC 35A to Jane Station. Get off at the York Gate Blvd

**Walmart**
- 3757 Keele St., Keele St. South of Finch Ave
Directions: TTC 41 Keele bus to the Broadoaks Dr. stop
- 101 Edgeley Blvd, Hwy #7 & Edgeley Blvd
Directions: Take TTC Subway to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station and walk 10 minutes

**T&T Supermarket**
- The Promenade, 1 Promenade Cir, Thornhill, ON L4J 4P8
Directions: Viva Purple bus to the Promenade Terminal Platform 7

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**Other Grocery Shopping Options**

**Shoppers Drug Mart**
York Lanes, York University
- Not a full grocery store but can pick up some non-perishable food items and snacks

**Online Grocery Shopping**
Many options in Toronto, such as:

**Grocery Gateway**
- Minimum $45 per order
- More costly but convenient
- Delivered to your apartment/residence
- **Note**: Many other online grocery shopping options/apps offer delivery for a fee

**Specialty Grocery Stores**
- There are other supermarkets and grocery stores found near campus that can accommodate any specific diet
- **Please visit the York International website for more details**
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Shopping for living essentials...

Regardless of where you choose to stay, you will need to purchase living essentials like pillows, blankets, dishes, etc.

Stores close to campus

**Walmart**
A popular store due to its low prices and good quality. You can also buy groceries.
- 3757 Keele St., Keele St. South of Finch Ave. Directions: TTC 41 Keele bus to the Broadoaks Dr. stop.
- 101 Edgeley Blvd, Hwy #7 & Edgeley Blvd Directions: Take TTC Subway to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station and walk 10 minutes.

**IKEA**
Known for ready-to-assemble furniture and home accessories at an affordable price.
- 200 Interchange Way, Vaughan Directions: Take TTC subway to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station or YRT #20 to Peelar Rd.

**DOLLARAMA**
Known for affordable shopping. Broad range of products at fixed price from $1 to $3. **Many locations in the area!**

Large Shopping Malls

- **Vaughan Mills** (YRT #20)
- **Toronto Eaton Centre** (TTC Queen or Dundas Subway Stations)
- **Yorkdale Shopping Centre** (TTC Yorkdale Subway Station)
ARRIVAL IN CANADA
Transitioning to Schulich, Toronto and Canada

International Student Orientation – August 29-30, 2019
Register here!

The International Student Orientation provides information you need to successfully adjust to life at Schulich and settle in Toronto and Canada:

• Meet and get to know the International Relations team, other Schulich students
• Understand your health insurance coverage & services
• Get to know the opportunities to work in Canada
• Find out how to navigate Toronto via public transportation
• Learn about Canadian culture & “Canadianisms”, along with adapting to your surroundings in and outside of the classroom

** You may have received invitations to attend events by York International – webinars, orientation. In order to receive relevant Schulich information, you should prioritize attending Schulich events. You are welcome to attend York International events as well, however, you should note that the information provided may duplicate that provided by Schulich International Relations.

Schulich Events
O-Week:
Starts August 31st!
*Do Not Miss

Academic Orientation:
Sept 3rd, 2019
12:00pm – 6:00pm
*Mandatory
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Explore!

Toronto
Information: www.toronto.ca
Tourism: www.seetorontonow.com
Guides: www.toronto.com/guides
Visitor Information: www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm

Ontario
International Student Arrival: http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/
Information: www.ontario.ca
Tourism: www.ontariotravel.net
Events: www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca

Canada
Information: www.canada.gc.ca
Tourism: www.canada.travel/selectCountry.html
Events: http://www.see-canada.ca/canada_festivals.htm

Sightseeing
CN Tower: www.cntower.ca
St. Lawrence Market: www.stlawrencemarket.com
Kensington Market: www.kensington-market.ca
Toronto Islands: www.toronto.ca/parks/island

Museums
Royal Ontario Museum (ROM): www.rom.on.ca
The Hockey Hall of Fame: www.hhof.com

Travel to the USA
Visa information: https://ca.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/toronto/