Welcome to Schulich’s webinar. We will begin shortly.

Please mute your microphone and disable your video sharing.
We will be using the chat box.

Please tell us your name, country you are coming from and the program you will be entering.
Welcome to the Schulich Community!

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

Our office is dedicated to making your transition to Canada a smooth one. We have compiled this arrival guide for international students which is designed to address some of the most frequently asked questions about your arrival in advance of our New to Canada Orientation. We hope that you will find this guide helpful.

Please get in touch with us if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you at the New to Canada Orientation.

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PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Apply for your Study Permit
- Secure Accommodations
- Learn about Health Insurance
- Connect with other Students
- What to Bring with you
- Plan to arrive for Orientation
PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Study Permit and Entry to Canada

Study Permit and TRV/eTA
- International students studying for longer than 6 months require a study permit to study in Canada
- Review the application guide, supporting documents and processing times before applying
- To avoid delays, we encourage you to apply early to allow sufficient time to receive your immigration documents. You can apply as soon as you receive your Letter of Acceptance
- Depending on your country of citizenship, you will also be issued a temporary resident visa (TRV) or electronic travel authorization (eTA) to enter Canada (exception for US citizens)
- Upon approval, you may receive a Letter of Introduction from the visa office to give to the border officer when you arrive

Work Authorization
- Your study permit may authorize you to work in Canada. Authorization begins only after you start your classes at Schulich
- More detailed information on work authorization and immigration status will be provided at the New to Canada Orientation

Accompanying Family Members
- Your spouse/partner and children may be eligible to come with you to Canada. Accompanying spouses/partners are eligible to apply for an open work permit

Social Insurance Number (SIN)
- The SIN is a 9-digit number that you need to work in Canada and file your taxes. You can apply for a SIN with a valid study permit that states work authorization (check this when they print your permit at the point of entry)
- You may apply for one in person:
  a) From the Service Canada office at Pearson Airport (after passing through Immigration) – Office hours vary
  b) From any other Service Canada location. For more information, please visit Service Canada website
PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

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 – APPLY NOW!
- York University Apartments - apartment buildings for graduate students and families
- Lease-based occupancy
- Furnished and unfurnished apartments
- Note: bedding, small appliances, dishes, etc. are not included
- For more details including rental rates and move-in dates, contact the York Student Housing Office

Off-Campus Housing
- There are many options to search for off-campus housing, including:
  - York University - Off-Campus Housing Service
  - Places4Students - Off-Campus Housing Website
  - The Quad - off-campus student residence within 2 min walk to Schulich

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

York Student Housing Office:
340 Assiniboine Road, York University
Tel: +1-416-736-5152
Email: yorkapts@yorku.ca
Website: Student Housing website

Executive Learning Centre Hotel:
Students and parents may stay here at a reduced rate upon arrival. Use promo code ‘SSB INTL STU’
Tel: +1-416-650-8300
Website: ELC Accommodation
University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

- **Mandatory** for all international students and dependents (dependents must be enrolled within 30 days of arrival to avoid a $500 late fee)
- New Permanent Residents require UHIP during the waiting period until they receive OHIP. Visit the UHIP Office to enrol
- Coverage includes services such as doctor’s visits and hospital accommodation in Ontario
- Does not cover medications, routine dental care, etc. Supplemental insurance recommended
- The approximate cost is $424 (Jan 1st – Aug 31st)*
- Students are automatically registered by the University
- Coverage begins on the 10th day of the month prior to the month of the first day of classes (i.e. April 10th, Aug. 10th or Dec 10th). If arriving earlier, ensure you have your own private insurance
- For more information visit the [UHIP website](#) or the [York University UHIP website](#)
- Covers emergency services outside Ontario but in Canada. Additional health insurance should be purchased for travel outside of Canada

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Supplemental Insurance

- Students starting the program full-time in the fall are automatically registered
- Students starting in the winter/summer term can opt-in or obtain other insurance themselves
- Coverage includes items such as prescription drugs, paramedical services, dental benefits, etc.
- To be exempt, students must provide proof of an alternative coverage to the GSA Office
- The approximate cost is $285 from Jan 1st – Aug 31st* 
- For more information, including plan options, please visit the [GSA website](#)

Both these fees will be billed to your student account

Further details will be provided at the New to Canada Orientation Session

*Fees are subject to change*
PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Connect

New to Schulich Website
Stay connected and up-to-date. The New to Schulich website has a number of resources to help you along the way.

Schulich Facebook Group
Join your program’s Facebook group to connect with other students in your program

Schulich GradBlog & Twitter
Follow the Schulich GradBlog and @SchulichSchoolTwitter for Schulich stories, news and reminders

Apply for the Buddy Program
The Graduate Business Council (GBC) Buddy Program helps incoming international students connect with a current student who will utilize their experience and knowledge to help you transition to life in Toronto and the Schulich School of Business
PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

When to Arrive and What to Bring

Students are expected to attend Schulich events starting with the New to Canada Orientation. 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, with your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) or electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), as required; or US passport*
☐ Letter of Introduction from the visa office (if applicable)*
☐ Your Schulich Offer of Admission (copies acceptable)*
☐ Proof of funds*
☐ Address where you will be residing*
☐ Photocopies/digital copies of all important documents (also send them to your email)*
☐ Medications, health documents and prescriptions (if applicable); check import limits for medications
☐ Medical insurance documents for any additional health/travel coverage (if applicable)
☐ 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/](https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/canada/)
☐ Business attire for presentations and career events
☐ Weather appropriate clothing for the season
☐ Credit card(s) and money for immediate use upon arrival
☐ York U Campus Map

* Pack in your carry-on luggage as you will be required to show these to the border officer upon arrival (before getting your checked luggage)
ARRIVAL IN CANADA

Arrival Checklist

- Transfer from the airport and check into your accommodation
- Orient yourself with the York campus
- Learn how to use Public Transportation
- Obtain your YU-card
- Engage in Student Life
- Shop for Food and Living Essentials
- Attend New to Canada Orientation and INEO
- Explore!
ARRIVAL IN TORONTO
Transportation from Pearson Airport

Airport Taxi (recommended)
- Fare: $50-60 CAD approximately (baggage handling and tipping the driver are extra)
- Travel time: Approximately 30 minutes to the York campus
- Taxis will be waiting once you exit the airport terminal. Use only authorized taxi providers
- For more information on taxi services, visit the Pearson Airport website

Ride-Hailing Apps
- Fare: $50 CAD approximately
- Use Uber or Lyft to and from airport (Uber Black and Lyft Lux are more expensive)
- New: Uber Rider kiosk

York Apartments Housing Office:
340 Assiniboine Road, York University
(Building #47 on the campus map)
Tel: +1-416-736-5152

Schulich School of Business:
111 Ian Macdonald Boulevard,
York University
Tel: +1-416-736-5060

Off-Campus Housing:
Make sure you have your apartment or hotel address available.
ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Public Transit from Pearson Airport

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC); not recommended for first arrival

- Fare: $3.25 cash or $3.10 by PRESTO
- Difficult to carry your luggage through crowds
- Travel time: 2+ hours to York University
- Pick up locations and bus schedules, see TTC Website

Airport Train to Downtown - Union Pearson Express

- Fare: $12.35 by cash/credit card or $9.35 by PRESTO
- Connects to Union and Bloor subway stations
- Travel time: 25 minutes to Union Station (downtown)
- Pick up locations and schedules, see UPExpress at Pearson

PRESTO Card

- Purchase a card at the kiosk near the UP Express Station (credit card or Canadian dollars)
- See PRESTO information on the Public Transportation slide for more details

TTC Directions to York University

From Pearson Airport, take the 192 Airport Rocket or 900 Airport Express 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
ARRIVAL IN TORONTO
Public Transportation in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

PRESTO accepted on all GTA transit systems
- Fares vary between systems; additional fare when transferring between systems
- Purchase a PRESTO card online, at a PRESTO vending machine (TTC subway stations) or at a Shopper’s Drug Mart location that sell PRESTO cards
- Cost: $6 for card + $10 minimum load/reload
- Tap your card to pay
- Hop on/off any direction for 2 hours without being charged again from the 1st time you tap on
- Research Post-Secondary Monthly Pass on PRESTO to save money on each transportation system

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)
- Fare: $3.25 cash, $3.10 PRESTO
- Serves City of Toronto
- Closest stop: York University station
- For more information, visit: TTC website

GO Transit
- Fare: $3-$20 PRESTO depending on the distance; must tap on and off
- Connects to regional locations: Mississauga, Brampton, Hamilton, Scarborough, Milton etc.
- Closest stop: Highway 407 TTC station and bus terminal
- For more information, visit: GO website

York Region Transit (VIVA/YRT)
- Fare: $4 cash, $3.75 PRESTO
- Serves areas north of York University (York Region)
- Closest stop: Pioneer Village TTC station
- For more information, visit: YRT website

Brampton Transit (ZÜM)
- Fare: $4 cash, $3.75 PRESTO
- Serves Brampton region
- Closest stop: 5 min walk north of Schulich on Ian McDonald Blvd
- For more information, visit: ZÜM website

Union Pearson (UP) Express
- Fare: $12.35 by cash/credit card; or $9.35 by PRESTO
- Union Station to Toronto Pearson Airport

Note: Additional fare if transferring systems
ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Know your Campus

Connect to Wi-Fi
- AirYorkPLUS – use your Passport York credentials

Schulich School of Business Building
- Take a virtual tour!

York Lanes
- Includes places to eat, grocery shops, the bookstore, public transit passes, pharmacy, dentist, doctor, etc.

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 at 95 The Pond Road. Branch location
  - 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
- **Alterna Savings:** Located in York Lanes. Branch location

Emergency and York Security
- In the even of an emergency **call 911**; Free of charge from any phone
  - On campus call: York Security at **+1-416-736-5333**
- York Security Office Location: Parking Structure 2, William Small Centre

York U Safety App:
Offers services such as goSafe, Campus Shuttle, and interactive campus maps.

Download it today - [York U Safety App](#)
ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

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:

Set up your Canvas profile picture by December 20th

1. Navigate to your Canvas dashboard and log-in with your Passport York credentials
   - Click Account > Profile
   - Hover over your profile picture and click on the pencil icon to edit/upload your photo
   - Photos should meet the following constraints:
     - Choose an appropriate picture to represent yourself. Your institution has the right to remove pictures that are not appropriate for a classroom setting
     - Images should be square in size to prevent your picture from being resized or distorted

2. Visit the YU-card Office on the York U campus to pick up your card

What do I need to bring to pick up my YU-card?

- Your York U student number
- One piece of valid government-issued photo identification, such as: Passport; Driver’s license; Citizenship card; BYID card
ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Engage in Student Life

The Graduate Business Council

The Graduate Business Council (GBC) is the Schulich student representative council for all master’s level graduate students. Each term the GBC organizes events and initiatives which help to engage students with the larger student body. Aside from social and athletic activities, the GBC serves as the student body’s voice to the faculty and administration. Check out the GBC’s programming for international students:

Email: gbc@schulich.yorku.ca Website: GBC Website Instagram: @GBCSchulich

GBC Tours

Volunteer students will lead you on a walking tour of the Schulich building and a campus tour. Visits to a grocery store can also be arranged. Contact the GBC to sign up

Buddy Program

Arrange to meet your Schulich buddy in person

Chats with the GBC

Participate in “chats” offered by the GBC leadership team to learn about success tips, do’s and don’ts and answer any queries you may have

Student Clubs and Associations

Get involved with one of Schulich’s many clubs and associations. From the Case Analysis Club to the Schulich Net Impact Association there is a group for every interest. Visit the GBC website for more details: Schulich Clubs and Associations
ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Shop for food...

Stores close to campus

- **Grocery Checkout**
  - York Lanes

- **Your Community Grocers**
  - University City Mall, Sentinel Rd

- **No Frills**
  - 3685 Keele St., Keele St. & St. Regis Cres
  - 1 York Gate Blvd, York Gate Mall

- **Walmart**
  - 3757 Keele St., Keele St. South of Finch Ave
  - 101 Edgeley Blvd, Hwy #7 & Edgeley Blvd

- **T&T Supermarket**
  - The Promenade, 1 Promenade Cir, Thornhill

**Other Grocery Shopping Options**

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

**Grocery Delivery Services**

- Many online grocery delivery options in Toronto. Some options are listed in this [article](#).
ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Shop for living essentials...

Stores close to campus

**Walmart**
A popular store due to its low prices and good quality
- 3757 Keele St., Keele St. South of Finch Ave.
- 101 Edgeley Blvd, Hwy #7 & Edgeley Blvd

**IKEA**
Known for ready-to-assemble furniture and home accessories at an affordable price.
- 200 Interchange Way, Vaughan

**DOLLARAMA**
Known for affordable shopping. Broad range of products at fixed price from $1 to $3.
Many locations in the area!
http://www.dollarama.com/store-locator/

Large Shopping Malls

**Vaughan Mills**
(YRT #20)

**Toronto Eaton Centre**
(Queen or Dundas TTC subway stations)

**Yorkdale Shopping Centre**
(Yorkdale TTC subway station)
ARRIVAL IN CANADA

Schulich New to Canada Orientation

New to Canada Orientation – Monday, January 6, 2020

Register here!

The New to Canada Orientation provides information you need to successfully adjust to life at Schulich and settle in Toronto and Canada.

At the Orientation you will:

▪ Meet the International Relations team and other international students
▪ Learn about Canadian culture & “Canadianisms” and how to adapt to your surroundings in and outside of the classroom
▪ Learn about health insurance and how to make a claim
▪ Learn about important immigration information, including how to maintain your status in Canada and work authorization available to students
▪ Learn more about Toronto public transportation and some suggestions on things to see and do in and around Toronto

Note: You may receive invitations to attend other (non-Schulich) international student events such as webinars and orientations, hosted by York International. You are welcome to attend other York University events; however, as a Schulich graduate student, you are required to prioritize attendance at Schulich events.
OTHER SCHULICH OFFICES
Student & Enrolment Services and Financial Aid

**Student & Enrolment Services** provides support to students such as academic advising, registration & enrolment support, letters, etc.

**NOTES:**
- Mandatory Smart Start (last session: Dec 5th)
- Student Accounts:
  - Access @ York Student Financial Services
  - Includes tuition, UHIP/GSA, on-campus rent
  - W20 tuition payment due – 10th January
  - More info at New to Canada orientation

**Financial Aid** helps students with funding options such as scholarships, bursaries, loans and awards

**NOTES:**
- Entrance funding automatically assessed for international students at admission
- Encouraged to explore external loan and funding providers
- More info on scholarships & awards at New to Canada orientation

**Contact:**

**Student & Enrolment Services**
Email: studentservices@schulich.yorku.ca
Tel: +1-416-736-5303

**Financial Aid**
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Visitor Information: www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm
Tourism: www.seetorontonow.com
Festivals & Events: www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/festivals-events-calendar/

Ontario
Moving to Ontario: www.ontarioimmigration.ca/
Tourism: www.ontariotravel.net/en/home
Festivals & Events: www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca/

Canada
Information: www.canada.gc.ca

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