

# Schulich

## New-to-Canada Arrival Guide (Graduate)

**Welcome to Schulich's webinar. We will begin shortly.**

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We will be using the chat box.**

**Please tell us your name, country you are coming from and the  
program you will be entering.**

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Welcome to the Schulich Community!

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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

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- 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

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### 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](mailto: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](#)





# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Health Insurance

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>)\*
- Students are automatically registered by the University
- Coverage begins on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to the month of the first day of classes (i.e. April 10<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> or Dec 10<sup>th</sup>). 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

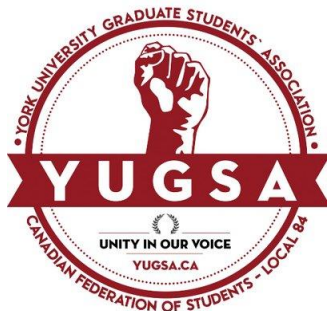
### Graduate Student Association (GSA) Supplemental Insurance

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup> \*
- 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

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### New to Schulich Website

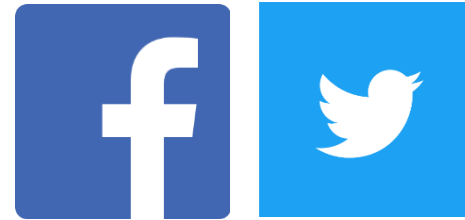
Stay connected and up-to-date. The [New to Schulich](#) website has a number of resources to help you along the way.

### 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 [@SchulichSchool Twitter](#) 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

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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/>
  - 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

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- [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

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](#)



#### 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](#)



#### 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](#)



#### 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

#### Mississauga Transit - MiWay

- Fare: \$3.75 cash, \$3.10 PRESTO
- Serves Mississauga region
- Closest stop: Islington TTC station
- For more information, visit: [MiWay website](#)



*Note: Additional fare if transferring systems*

# ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

## Know your Campus

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### 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



Download it today - [York U Safety App](#)



# ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

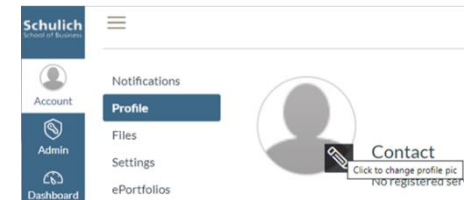
## YU-card

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 20<sup>th</sup>**

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



YU-card



Manage Your  
YU-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](mailto: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...

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### 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...

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### 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

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**New to Canada Orientation – Monday, January 6, 2020**

[Register here!](#)

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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

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

### NOTES:

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

### Contact:

#### Student & Enrolment Services

Email: [studentservices@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:studentservices@schulich.yorku.ca)

Tel: +1-416-736-5303



**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:

#### Financial Aid

Email: [finaid@Schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:finaid@Schulich.yorku.ca)

Tel: +1-416-736-5303

# ARRIVAL IN CANADA

## Explore!

### Toronto

Information: [www.toronto.ca](http://www.toronto.ca)

Visitor Information: [www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm)

Tourism: [www.seetorontonow.com](http://www.seetorontonow.com)

Festivals & Events: [www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/festivals-events-calendar/](http://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/festivals-events-calendar/)

### Ontario

Moving to Ontario: [www.ontarioimmigration.ca/](http://www.ontarioimmigration.ca/)

Tourism: [www.ontariotravel.net/en/home](http://www.ontariotravel.net/en/home)

Festivals & Events: [www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca/](http://www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca/)

### Canada

Information: [www.canada.gc.ca](http://www.canada.gc.ca)

### Travel to the USA

Visa information: <https://ca.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/toronto/>



York U Safety



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Shopping  
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