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



As of July 2020

# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

## Welcome to the Schulich Community!

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We look forward to the opportunity to welcome you to the Schulich community!

As an international student, there are some **important first steps** on your journey to Canada and Schulich. The **Schulich International Relations** office is here to support you every step of the way.

With a large and diverse group of students from across the world studying at Schulich, the International Relations office at Schulich focuses on providing you with information and services you need be successful in your transition to Canada.

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Website:		<a href="#">International Relations</a>
Phone:		+1-416-736-5059 ( <i>phone line not monitored during campus closure</i> )

**Webinar Guest:**  
**Gabriela Moreno Kahn**

International Relations,  
Graduate Business Council (GBC)  
[gbcinternational@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:gbcinternational@schulich.yorku.ca)

Online Q&A Sessions for  
International Students

<https://schulich.yorku.ca/international-relations-qa-webinars/>

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Pre-Arrival Checklist

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- ☐ Apply for your [Study Permit](#)
- ☐ Understand [Travel Restrictions](#)
- ☐ [Self-Quarantine](#)
- ☐ Secure [Accommodations](#)
- ☐ Learn about [Health Insurance](#)
- ☐ [Connect](#) with other Students
- ☐ [What to Bring](#) with you

**Please note:** Immigration and border information is valid as of 24 July 2020. Monitor the [IRCC COVID-19 website](#) for updates as information may change rapidly.

# 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 inside Canada
  - **COVID-19:** You are strongly encouraged to apply for your study permit before 15 September 2020.
  - Study permit is not required before starting online from overseas (is required if you are physically in Canada)
  - For PGWP eligibility, must [apply for study permit before 15 September](#)
- Review the [application guide](#), [supporting documents](#) and [processing times](#) before applying
  - Attend a [Study Permit webinar](#) if you need additional support. Next session: 31 July 2020
- 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 should receive a [Letter of Introduction](#) from the visa office; required to board a flight
- Remember, being exempt from the travel restrictions and authorized to board your flight does not guarantee that you will be permitted entry to Canada
  - Entry to Canada is at discretion of border officer
- Continue to monitor [IRCC COVID-19 website](#). Information may change without notice.

Information is valid as of 24 July 2020.



# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Study Permit and Entry to Canada

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### 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 International Student 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
- Will require a "travel authorization letter" in addition to visa approval (based on current travel restrictions)

### 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 (if offices are open):
  - 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
    - Online application during COVID-19 Service Canada closure

Information is valid as of 24 July 2020.



# COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

## Travel Restrictions

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Travel restrictions extended until 31 July 2020

1. Must have **study permit approval** on or before 18 March 2020 (*for entry from all countries other than the USA*)
2. Must have an **essential (non-optional) purpose** for entering Canada
3. Must pass a **health check** at the port of departure
4. Must have plan to quarantine for 14 days after arrival

### “Non-optional purpose of travel”

- Both IRCC and CBSA are discouraging those who are studying completely online in Fall 2020 from entering Canada
- Onus is on you to demonstrate that your entry to Canada is non-optional/essential
  - Online studies are considered “non-essential” reason
  - Consideration of personal factors preventing you from studying online (internet/timezone issues, etc)
- Risk of refusal at border if no in-person requirement for you to be in Canada
- Travel to Canada at this time is at your own risk

**All students in Canada or planning to enter Canada MUST inform Schulich before travelling**



# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## COVID-19: Self-Quarantine

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Upon arrival, all individuals are required by law to immediately quarantine for 14 days

- **Must have a plan in place to fulfill [quarantine requirement](#)**
  - Use private vehicle from airport
  - Proof of suitable accommodations
  - Must wear a mask while travelling until you reach your accommodation
- **Go straight to place of accommodation**
  - York U is developing quarantine plan; details being finalized
  - Most hotels are available for quarantine
  - Airbnb *may* be available
    - Must contact landlord and clarify terms of stay
- **14-day quarantine period;** fines for non-compliance
  - Cannot leave quarantine accommodation, unless requiring medical attention
  - Do not use public transportation
  - Do not have visitors
  - Contact your “[Quarantine Buddy](#)” for information and resources; may need to organize deliveries/services in advance of your arrival (food, cleaning supplies, etc.)
  - Contact International Relations for quarantine guide



# 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

- Housing for graduate students and families
- Lease-based occupancy
- Furnished and unfurnished apartments (note: bedding, small appliances, dishes, etc. are not included)
- York University finalizing an arrival plan to assist with quarantine requirement. Details will be sent once confirmed
- If not arriving for Fall, you can defer your offer to Winter
- [York Apartments COVID-19 FAQ](#)

### 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
  - Use your network (GBC, buddy, etc)
  - Contact IR for off-campus housing resources

#### 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](#)

**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](#)*





# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

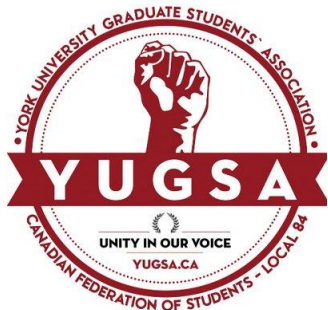
## Health Insurance

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### University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

- Mandatory for all international students and dependents who are physically in Canada (dependents must be enrolled within 30 days of arrival to avoid a \$500 late fee)
- Coverage includes:
  - doctor's visits and hospital accommodation in Ontario
  - emergency services only in Canada (health insurance should be purchased for travel outside of Canada)
- Does not cover medications, routine dental care, etc. (supplemental insurance recommended)
- The approximate cost is \$720 (Sep 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>)\*
- Students are automatically registered by the University; **must notify Schulich of arrival in Canada**
- 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](#)



### Graduate Student Association (GSA) Supplemental Insurance

- Full-time students who are physically in Canada are automatically registered (dependents can be enrolled)
- 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 \$410 from Sept 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 during the Pre-Arrival Series on Health Insurance Session

*\* Fees are subject to change*

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Connect

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### 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](#)



### 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, Instagram & Twitter

Follow the Schulich [GradBlog](#) and [@SchulichSchool](#) 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. Sign up [here](#). Quarantine buddies also available!

### 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](#)

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## What to Bring

**COVID-19 Note:** Travel to Canada at this time is at your own risk, given the current travel restrictions. Entry is not guaranteed.

Review what to [expect at the airport](#) when you arrive in Canada as an international student. If you are arriving as a permanent resident, please also review [PR arrival requirements](#). Download the [ArriveCAN app](#).

### ☒ 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\*
- ☐ Your Schulich Letter of Acceptance and [Confirmation of Enrollment \(with Entry Support\)](#) letter\*
- ☐ Proof of funds\*
- ☐ Address where you will be residing\*
- ☐ Quarantine Plan\*
- ☐ Photocopies/digital copies of important documents (and send 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 TORONTO

## Arrival Checklist

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- ☐ [Transfer](#) from the airport and check into your accommodation
- ☐ Post-Quarantine
- ☐ Orient yourself with the [York campus](#)
- ☐ Learn how to use Public [Transportation](#)
- ☐ [Shop for Food](#) and [Living Essentials](#)
- ☐ Attend Pre-Arrival Series [Information Sessions](#)
- ☐ [Explore!](#)

# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Transportation from Pearson Airport

**COVID-19: You MUST use private transportation from the airport; you are prohibited from using public transportation (bus, subway, train)**

### 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



Have your apartment or hotel address available



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## COVID-19 in Ontario

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### States of Emergency & Physical Distancing Rules

- In force in Ontario and City of Toronto
- Stage 2 of “[Reopening Ontario](#)” plan in Toronto – partial reopening of some businesses/services (patio restaurants, salons, retail businesses, parks, etc)
- Must wear a mask in all indoor public spaces, including transit system
- Stay home as much as possible
- Must practice physical distancing (2 metres apart)
- Social circles of up to 10 people
- Monitor the [Toronto COVID-19 website](#)

**WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?**

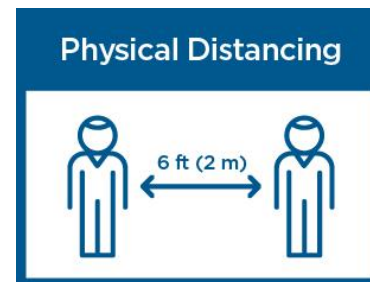
Social distancing means avoiding close contact with others to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and can include:



Avoiding non-essential trips in the community    Limiting, postponing or cancelling gatherings    Working from home, where possible    Conducting meetings virtually    Keeping kids away from group settings    Avoiding visits to long-term care homes and other care settings

**Keep a distance of 6 feet from others when going for walks or shopping for groceries.**

TORONTO.CA/COVID19     **TORONTO** Public Health



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Know your Campus

**Most services on campus are currently closed; access to most buildings is prohibited.**

### Connect to Wi-Fi

- AirYorkPLUS – use your Passport York credentials

### York Lanes

- Includes places to eat, grocery shops, the bookstore, public transit passes, pharmacy, dentist, doctor, etc. Check for currently open services: <https://www.yorklanesmall.com/covid-19-updates>

### 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 case of 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 IN TORONTO

## Public Transportation

**For Reference Only:** You are prohibited from using public transportation during quarantine period

### Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)



- Fare: \$3.25 cash, \$3.20 PRESTO
- Serves City of Toronto
- Closest stop: York University station
- For more information, visit: [TTC website](https://www.ttc.ca)

### 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](https://www.go-toronto.com)

### Union Pearson (UP) Express

- Fare: **\$12.35** by cash/credit card; or **\$9.35** by PRESTO
- Union Station to Toronto Pearson Airport

### 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](https://www.yrt.ca)

### 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](https://www.zum.ca)

### Mississauga Transit - MiWay



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

**COVID NOTE: Face masks are mandatory on all public transportation**

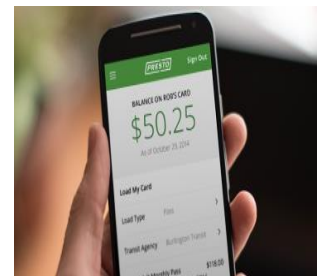


# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Presto Card

[PRESTO](#) is accepted on all GTA transit systems

- Purchase a PRESTO card
  - [Online](#)
  - at a PRESTO vending machine (TTC subway stations)
  - at a [customer service outlet](#)
  - at Shopper's Drug Mart locations that sell PRESTO cards
- Cost: \$6 for card + \$10 minimum load/reload
- Load in advance - may take up to 24 hours to reload on-line
- Manage your card at: [My PRESTO](#) to add funds & passes and manage your profile
- Fares may vary between systems
- Additional fare when transferring between systems
- 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



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Shopping for essentials... during quarantine

There are a number of online delivery services that may be useful during your quarantine period and beyond. Also connect with your quarantine buddy for insider tips on best online shopping in Toronto

### Grocery Delivery



### Restaurant / Fast Food Delivery



### Essential/ Home Items Delivery





# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Shop for food close to campus... post-quarantine

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### Grocery Checkout

York Lanes



### Your Community Grocers

University City Mall, Sentinel Rd



### T&T Supermarket

The Promenade, 1 Promenade Cir, Thornhill



### 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

# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Shop for living essentials... post-quarantine

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

- 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 subway stations)

#### Yorkdale Shopping Centre

(Yorkdale subway station)



# PRE-ARRIVAL SERIES

## Information for International Students

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These sessions are intended for students who are or will be in Canada for the Fall 2020 term. You are strongly encouraged to attend. The sessions will also run periodically throughout the fall term.



### Health Insurance & Health Services

*Cheryl Stickley, Graduate International Program Coordinator*

Learn about insurance plans and other health-related information

Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)



### Living in Toronto

*Cheryl Stickley & Gabriela Moreno Kahn, GBC*

Where to find things on and around the campus. Information on transportation and attractions. COVID-19 considerations.

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)



### Immigration Information

*Ann Welsh, International Student Support Specialist*

Important information about studying and working in Canada as an international student

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020

Time: 9:00 - 10:00 AM

[Register here](#)

# STARTING AT SCHULICH

## International Student Orientation

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The International Student Orientation is part of your Ineo Orientation and provides important information to help you successfully transition to Schulich as an international student. It's also an opportunity for you to get to know the International Relations team and connect with other Schulich students.

During orientation, we will cover:

- Canadian culture, inside and outside the classroom
- International student experience, with "pro tips" from current international students / alum
- Resources and support for international students
- Getting to know each other
- And more....

**Date:** September 3rd & 4th, 2020

Registration details will be sent closer to the date

**Note:** you may receive invitations to attend other orientations hosted by York University / York International. You are expected to prioritize Schulich events



# SCHULICH STUDENT SERVICE 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:

- Attend a Mandatory Smart Start Session (MBA) or prep course (if required)
- Complete Academic Integrity Modules
- Book orientation to receive enrollment details
- Student Accounts:
  - Access @ [York Student Financial Services](#)
  - Includes tuition, UHIP/GSA, on-campus rent
  - Tuition payments due: Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup> for the respective term

### Contact:

#### Student & Enrolment Services

Email: [studentservices@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:studentservices@schulich.yorku.ca)  
[New to Schulich](#) website



**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)  
[Financial Aid](#) website



# ARRIVAL IN CANADA

## Explore!

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### 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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