

# Pre-Arrival Guide: i/BBA International Students Fall 2021





# Planning for Canada Overview

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## **Pre-Arrival Checklist**

- <u>Immigration Documents</u>
- PGWP Update
- Understand Travel Restrictions
- ☐ Self-Quarantine
- Secure Accommodations
- Learn about <u>University Health Insurance</u>
- Connect with other Students
- What to Bring with you

# <u>Please note</u>: Immigration and border information is valid as of 13 July 2021

Monitor Government of Canada information for updates as information may change rapidly:

- COVID 19- Travel, quarantine and borders
- IRCC COVID-19 website
- Flying to Canada checklist
- Canada Travel Wizard

# **Immigration Documents**

International students studying for longer than 6 months require a study permit to study inside Canada

### COVID-19:

- Fall 2021 course delivery will be both online and in-person
- o If not in Canada, you do not require study permit approval before starting online outside Canada
  - HOWEVER, strongly encouraged to apply for your study permit before your program begins; important for future Post-Graduation Work Permit eligibility
- o If inside Canada, you MUST have valid study permit before starting your classes
- NOTE: you can still apply for a study permit even if you did not apply by May 15<sup>th</sup>
- In some countries, expect delays in processing and likelihood of study permit not being approved before September
- Review the <u>application guide</u>, <u>supporting documents</u> and <u>processing times</u> before applying
  - Attend a <u>Study Permit webinar</u> if you need additional support
- Depending on your <u>country of citizenship</u>, 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 <u>Letter of Introduction</u> from the visa office; required to board a flight
- Study permit will be issued at the border when you arrive

Continue to monitor

## Visas and Work Authorization

### Work Authorization

- Your study permit may <u>authorize you to work</u> in Canada. Authorization begins only after you start your classes in Canada
- More detailed information on work authorization and immigration status available during International Student Orientation in August 2021

### 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 <u>in person</u> (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

## **Post Graduation Work Permits**

- ALL online studies completed outside Canada, up to 31 December 2021, will <u>count toward</u> future PGWP eligibility
  - o Can complete courses online from outside Canada (up to 31 December 2021)
    - o Online terms will be counted in total duration of future work permit length
    - Must still meet other eligibility requirements (i.e.: full-time studies; no unauthorized breaks)
  - Adds flexibility to travel plans

See: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-further-measures-to-support-international-students.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-further-measures-to-support-international-students.html</a>

# Travel Restrictions/Exemptions

## <u>Travel exemptions</u> for international students:

- 1. Must have appropriate travel documents (i.e. study permit approval)
  - Visa/eTA/US passport and Letter of Introduction from visa office
- 2. University must have an approved COVID-readiness plan
  - York University is an <u>approved DLI</u>
- 3. Must have <u>negative COVID test</u> taken within 72 hrs of departure
- 4. Cannot be entering Canada for an optional purpose\*
  - Must be enrolled in classes or will be starting classes within 3-4 weeks after arrival
- 5. Must have valid immigration medical exam
  - · Exams are valid for 1 year from date of exam
  - There is no vaccine requirement for Canada (at this time)
- 6. Must have plan to quarantine for 14 days after arrival
  - York University is offering quarantine accommodation upon request
- 7. Must undergo COVID test upon arrival
- 8. Monitor country-specific travel bans (India)

## You should **not** travel to Canada until 3-4 weeks before your classes begin

Review: Find out if you can enter Canada

## \*Optional/non-optional purpose of travel

- Students meeting above criteria will be considered to be travelling for a <u>non-optional purpose</u>, regardless of mode of program delivery (online/in-person)
- Must show proof of enrollment; request <u>Confirmation of Enrollment with Entry Support</u> Letter from Schulich

# Mandatory Quarantine

Upon arrival, required by law to immediately quarantine for 14 days; fines in place for non-compliance

- Must have a plan in place before travelling to fulfill <u>quarantine</u> requirement
  - 1) York U Quarantine Accommodation Program; OR
  - 2) Self-Arranged Quarantine
- 3-day initial quarantine at government-authorized hotel is required to await COVID test results
  - York U will arrange and cover this 3-day quarantine in Ontario, regardless of what your quarantine plan is

### York U Quarantine Accommodation Program

- No-cost quarantine hotel accommodations available (recommended)
- Visit <u>York U Quarantine webpage</u> for more information
- Note: York U hotel accommodation is a standard hotel (3-star)
  - Basic accommodations and meals; Requests for upgrades, etc cannot be considered

### Self Arranged Quarantine

Review <u>quarantine requirements</u>

As of July 5<sup>th</sup>, fully vaccinated travelers are exempt from the requirement to guarantine:

- Only Health Canada approved vaccines are accepted
- Received last dose at least 14 days prior to arrival
- Must still have a plan to quarantine in case exemption not granted on arrival
- Pre and post arrival COVID testing still required
- · Review all details on

Mandatory! Must Complete York
U Quarantine Accommodation Form
at least 3 weeks before travel date,
regardless of where you intend to
quarantine

# Required Steps

Before travelling to Canada, you must complete the following:

Review York University Essential Information for International Travelers

### **University Requirements**

At least 3 weeks before you travel:

- Complete the York University <u>Quarantine Accommodation Form</u>
- Request a <u>Confirmation of Enrollment with Entry Support letter</u> from Schulich

### Canadian Government requirements

- Obtain <u>negative COVID test</u> taken within 72 hrs before travel
- Download the <u>ArriveCAN app</u> and submit your travel and quarantine information to the Canadian government before boarding your flight

Links: Find out if you can travel to Canada



# Vaccine Requirement – On Campus Housing

York University has implemented a vaccine requirement for students living in on-campus residence this fall.

### Requirement for Vaccination

- Applies to students living in undergraduate residence in Fall 2021
- Should have 1<sup>st</sup> shot before moving into residence (taken at least 14 days before move-in)
- Only <u>Health Canada</u> and <u>WHO</u> approved vaccines are accepted
- Students who cannot get vaccinated before move-in will have 14 days after move-in date to receive 1<sup>st</sup> dose
- York U will help to facilitate access to vaccines
- International students are eligible to receive vaccine in Canada at no charge

Review York U FAQ on Vaccines and Vaccinations

## 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 \*Vaccine required

- 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 <u>Student</u> <u>Housing Website</u>

### **Off-Campus Housing**

- There are many options to search for off-campus housing, including:
  - o York University Off-Campus Housing Service
  - o Places4Students- Off-Campus Housing Website
  - o The Quad off-campus student residence within 2 min walk to Schulich
  - Use your network (UBS, buddy, etc)

York Student Housing Office: 340 Assiniboine Road, York University Tel: +1-416-736-5152 Press "2" Email:

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



# University Health Insurance



### **University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)**

- Mandatory for all international students and dependents who are physically in Canada
- Coverage includes services such as doctor's visits and hospital accommodation in Ontario and emergency services in Canada.
- UHIP does not cover medications, routine dental care, etc (supplemental insurance recommended)
- The approximate cost is \$720 (Sept 1 Aug 31)\*
- All students will be enrolled. If outside of Canada, complete UHIP form to opt out. Details will be sent in August.
- If arriving in Canada, must complete the Quarantine Accommodation Form before arriving
- Your coverage will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to your program start (i.e.: August 10<sup>th</sup>); if arriving earlier, ensure you have your own private insurance.
- For more information visit the UHIP website and the York University UHIP website

### York Federation of Students (YFS) Health and Dental Plan

- Students automatically registered if they are enrolled in 15 or more credits per term.
  - Students not physically in Canada or have alternative coverage can opt-out. Details and form on the <u>YFS</u> Health & Dental website.
- Coverage includes items such as prescription drugs, dental benefit, eye exam, etc.
- 2020-2021 fees: \$262.40(12 months of coverage).\*
- For more information, including fees, please visit the YFS website.

Health plan fees will be billed to your York U student account. Additional details to come during orientation events.

## Connect

### The Undergraduate Business Society

The <u>Undergraduate Business Society</u> (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 2021

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 2021.



### **Student Clubs and Associations**

Get involved with one of <u>York</u> or <u>Schulich's</u> many clubs and associations. From the York Finance Club to the Schulich Charity Association there is a group for every interest.

### **Summer Virtual Series**

Join International Relations and the UBS for fun activities in July and August to learn more about Schulich and Canada and start building your Schulich family! Details will be sent via email.

### **Peer Mentor 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 <u>questionnaire</u>, you should right away to be matched to someone with similar interests.



### York International

Your support network extends beyond Schulich! Get involved with York International activities!

# When to Arrive and What to Bring

Download the ArriveCAN app. Review what to expect at the airport when you arrive in Canada as an international student, as well as the COVID-19 border examination...

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

### **Important Items to Pack Important Items to Pack**

☐ Valid Passport, with your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) /	□ Credit Cards
eTA; or US passport*	□ Documents for extended
☐ Letter of Introduction letter from visa office*	☐ Driver's license or
☐ Your Schulich Letter of Acceptance (printed copy	driver's abstract/hi
acceptable)*	□ Unlocked phone
□ Confirmation of Enrollment with Entry Support letter	☐ Laptop
(recently dated) *	☐ Power type A and
☐ Proof of funds*	frequency is 60Hz sockets.com/canad
☐ Quarantine Plan*	☐ Business attire for
☐ Ensure your immigration medical exam is still valid	☐ Weather appropria
☐ Photocopies/digital copies of important documents (and	☐ Canadian dollars o
send to your email)	☐ York U Campus Ma
☐ Medications, health documents and prescriptions (if	
applicable): check import limits for modications	

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- or cash to exchange for immediate use
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<sup>\*</sup> Pack in your carry-on luggage, as you will be required to show these to the border officer after getting off the plane (before getting your checked luggage)

## **Arrival Checklist**

- ☐ Transfer from the airport and check into your accommodation
   ☐ Post-Quarantine
- ☐ Orient yourself with the **York campus**
- Learn how to use Public <u>Transportation</u>
- ☐ Shop for Food and Living Essentials
- ☐ Attend Pre-Arrival Series Information Sessions
- ☐ Explore (post COVID)

# Transport from Pearson International Airport

COVID-19: You MUST use private transportation from the airport; you are prohibited from using public transportation (bus, subway, train); shuttle provided for York U Quarantine

### **Airport Taxi (recommended)**

- 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.
- Taxis will be waiting once you exit the airport terminal. Use only authorized taxi providers.
- For more information on taxi services, visit the <u>Pearson Airport</u> website.

### **Ride-Hailing Apps**

- Use <u>Uber</u> or <u>Lyft</u> to and from airport
- Fare: approximately \$50 from airport to York U
- Uber Rider kiosk available as you leave baggage area





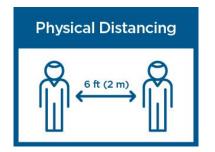
## **COVID-19 IN TORONTO**

## What does this mean for me?

### **Ontario Public Health Measures**

- Enforced in Ontario and City of Toronto
- Stage 2 of Roadmap to Reopen; stage 3 as of July 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Restrictions beginning to lift
- Must wear a mask in all indoor public spaces, including transit system
- Must practice physical distancing (2 metres apart)
- Monitor the <u>Toronto COVID-19 website</u> and <u>Toronto Public Health Measures</u>







## COVID-19 at York U

# As York U community members, we all have a responsibility to keep the campus safe

- In Level 1 of <u>Welcoming YU Back Roadmap</u>
- Before entering campus, must complete <u>COVID Screening Checklist</u>
- <u>Daily screening</u> required for those living on campus
- Vaccination required for on-campus undergrad residence
- Cannot enter campus if you have been outside Canada in previous 14 days
- Must wear a mask in all indoor spaces (i.e.: York Lanes, common areas in residence)
- Most buildings and services are closed on campus
  - All indoor fitness facilities
  - In-door dining (take out still available at some restaurants)
- Remote services are available such as mental health and wellness, academic advising, etc.
- Must practice physical distancing

Review and monitor the <u>YU Better</u>
<u>Together</u> site for FAQ's and
Community Updates



## **ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY**

# Know your Campus

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

#### **Connect to Wi-Fi**

AirYork Plus – 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): York Lanes. Branch & ATM machines.
- Alterna Savings: York Lanes. Branch location.
- CIBC: Schulich School of Business. ATM only.
- Royal Bank (RBC): 95 The Pond Road. Branch location.

340 Assiniboine Residence & Bennett Centre. ATM only.

- Scotiabank: Bergeron Centre for Engineering. ATM only.
- TD Canada Trust: Central Square. ATM only.

### **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





### York U Safety App:

Offers safety services such as goSafe, Campus Shuttle, and interactive campus maps.

Download it today



# **Public Transportation**

For Reference Only: You are prohibited from using public transportation during quarantine period and strongly discouraged from using during pandemic

### **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

#### **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

### **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

### **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

### Mississauga Transit - MiWay



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

### **COVID-19 NOTE: Face masks are mandatory on all public transportation**



## Presto Card

### PRESTO is accepted on all GTA transit systems

- Purchase a PRESTO card
  - o Online
  - o at a PRESTO vending machine (TTC subway stations)
  - o at a customer service outlet
  - o at Shopper's Drug Mart locations that sell PRESTO cards
- Cost: \$6 for card + \$0.05 minimum load/reload if purchased in person or \$5/\$10 minimum from a vending machine
- 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 <u>Post-Secondary Monthly Pass</u> on PRESTO to save money on each transportation system









# 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















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



**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

# 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 <u>locations</u> in the area!

### **Large Shopping Malls**

(YRT #20)

(TTC Queen or Dundas Subway Stations)

(TTC Yorkdale Subway Station)



## STARTING AT SCHULICH

## International Student Orientation

International Student Orientation – August 24-26th, 2021 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
- Resources and supports for international students
- Learn about Canadian culture & "Canadianisms", along with adapting to your surroundings in and outside of the classroom
- Health insurance and immigration
- Networking and building your Schulich community

You will receive email communication about these sessions over the summer. Watch your email!!

**NOTE:** You may receive invitations to attend other events at York University, including other international student orientations. In order to receive relevant Schulich information, you should **prioritize attending Schulich events**.



## **ARRIVAL IN CANADA**

# Explore! (Post-COVID)

### **Toronto**

Information: www.toronto.ca

Visitor Information: <a href="www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm">www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm</a>

Tourism: www.seetorontonow.com

Festivals & Events: <a href="https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-">www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-</a>

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: <a href="https://ca.usembassy.gov/embassy-">https://ca.usembassy.gov/embassy-</a>

consulates/toronto/



York U Safety



Weekly Events in Toronto



Toronto Travel Guide



My TTC



Presto



Shopping (find deals)







# Q&A

### **Q&A Sessions:**

https://schulich.yorku.ca/international-relations-ga-webinars/

## 1:1 Advising:

https://undergrad-advising.schulich.yorku.ca/

### Email:

intlrelations@schulich.yorku.ca

### Academic/Enrollment questions?

studentservices@schulich.yorku.ca

### Financial Aid questions?

finaid@schulich.yorku.ca

# Have you submitted your Schulich Peer Mentor questionnaire yet?

If not, to be best matched with an upper year international student who you can connect with for support during your transition to Schulich

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