



# Pre-Arrival Guide: International Students

## Fall 2022



**Schulich**  
School of Business



**Updated June 22, 2022**

Information can change rapidly. Please  
consult official Government of Canada  
links before travelling

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.

# Planning for Canada Overview

## Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Immigration
- Travel Requirements
- Accommodations
- University Health Insurance
- Connect with Other Students
- Packing List

## Arrival in Toronto / at York U

- Transportation from airport
- COVID in Ontario
- Transportation
- Shopping



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# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Pre-Arrival Checklist

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- ☐ [Fall 2022](#)
- ☐ [Immigration Documents](#)
- ☐ Understand [Travel Restrictions](#)
- ☐ Secure [Accommodations](#)
- ☐ Learn about [University Health Insurance](#)
- ☐ [Connect](#) with other Students
- ☐ [What to Bring](#) with you

**Please note:** Immigration and border information is valid as of June 22, 2022

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](#)

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Fall 2022

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- ❑ All classes for the Fall 2022 term will be **in person**
- ❑ Plan to be physically present in Canada and prepared to attend classes in person by Fall 2022; *in-person orientation events begin on September 1, 2022*



Complete the [Schulich Travel to Canada](#) form and update as necessary

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Immigration Documents

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### International Degree-Seeking Students

- A study permit is required for all students completing a program longer than 6 months in Canada. **You should have already applied for your study permit.**
- If you are **OUTSIDE** of Canada:
  - ☐ Must apply [for your study permit](#) in sufficient time to receive approval before the start of classes; processing times may be lengthy
  - ☐ Review the [application guide](#), [supporting documents](#) and [processing times](#) before applying
  - ☐ Attend the [Study Permit Webinar](#) on **June 7, 2022**, if you need additional support.
- Depending on your [country of citizenship](#), to enter Canada you will also require:
  - ☐ Temporary Resident Visa (TRV); or
  - ☐ Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA); or
  - ☐ US Passport
- [Letter of Introduction](#) (study permit approval letter) will be sent by IRCC; you will need to show this letter at the border.
- Study permit will be issued at the border when you arrive
- If you are **INSIDE** Canada:
  - ☐ Must have a valid study permit before starting your classes. Apply to extend study permit, or change conditions (for work/visitor permit holders)

Continue to monitor IRCC  
COVID-19 website

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Visas and Work Authorization

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### Work Authorization

- Your study permit may [authorize you to work](#) in Canada. Authorization begins only after you start your classes in Canada
- More detailed information on work authorization and immigration status available during the International Student Orientation on September 1, 2022

### Accompanying Family Members

- Your spouse/partner and children may be eligible to [come with you](#) to Canada. Accompanying spouses/partners of study permit holders 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**)
- **How to apply?**
  - From Service Canada during International Student Orientation Fall 2022 (expedited process available)
  - Alternatively, you can apply [in person](#) or [online](#) (*from within Canada*)
  - At Pearson airport upon arrival, if Service Canada kiosk is open

# PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

## Travel Restrictions/Exemptions

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### Travel exemptions 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. Must be fully vaccinated with a Health Canada approved vaccine to enter Canada
3. Must have **valid immigration medical** exam
  - Exams are valid for 1 year from date of exam
4. Show proof of studies at Schulich
  - **Travel with your letter of acceptance**
5. Download ArriveCAN app and submit your travel and vaccine information within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada
6. You may be selected for random mandatory COVID testing upon arrival. You do not need to quarantine while you wait for your test results.

You should only arrive 3-4 weeks prior to the start of your Fall 2022 term

**Review:** [Find out if you can enter Canada](#)

**NOTE:** Pre-entry COVID testing and [quarantine plan is no longer required](#) for fully vaccinated travellers.

**HOWEVER,** travel requirements are subject to change. Please review the official Government of Canada travel information before departure.

\*information current as of 22 June 2022. This is not a legal document. Refer to IRCC for most up-to-date information

# 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 – York Apartments

- Housing for graduate students and families
- Lease-based occupancy
- Furnished and unfurnished apartments - you will need to obtain your own bedding, small kitchen appliances and other items
- [York Apartments website](#)
- Apply early!

#### York Student Housing Office:

340 Assiniboine Road, York University

Tel: +1-416-736-5152

Email: [apstatus@yorku.ca](mailto:apstatus@yorku.ca)

Website: [Student Housing website](#)

### 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

**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

## University Health Insurance



### 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 \$500 late fee
- 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 \$756 (Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>) \*
- Your coverage will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month prior to your program start (i.e.: Aug 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](#)

### Graduate Student Association (GSA) Supplemental Health Insurance

- All full-time students are automatically registered and charged
  - Check your [student account](#) for the GSA Health plan charge (you should also receive an email from the YUGSA Health Plan Office).
- Coverage includes items such as prescription drugs, paramedical services, dental benefits, etc.
- The approximate cost is \$410 from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup>\*
- If you're in Canada and have **dependents**, contact: [Wespeakstudent.com](#) to have them enrolled
- **Deadline for all to opt-in, opt-out or change plan option: TBA (typically late Oct)**

For more information, including plan options, please visit the [GSA website](#)

\* 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:

Website: [GBC Website](#) Instagram: [@GBCSchulich](#)

Reach out for support: [GBCInternational@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:GBCInternational@schulich.yorku.ca)



### 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](#).

### 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

## When to Arrive and What to Bring

Review what to [expect at the airport](#) when you arrive in Canada as an international student, as well as the [COVID-19 border examination](#). Plan to arrive in Canada in time for International Student Orientation. **Download the [ArriveCAN app](#).**

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

### ☒ Important Items to Pack

- ☐ Valid Passport, with your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) / eTA; or US passport\*
- ☐ Letter of Introduction letter from visa office\*
- ☐ Your Schulich Letter of Acceptance (*printed copy acceptable*)\*
- ☐ Proof of funds\*
- ☐ Proof of Vaccination\*
- ☐ Ensure your immigration medical exam is still valid
- ☐ Photocopies/digital copies of important documents (and send to your email)

- ☐ Medications, health documents and prescriptions (if applicable); check [import limits](#) for medications
- ☐ Credit Cards
- ☐ Documents for extended health care insurance, if applicable
- ☐ Driver's license or international driver's license ([drivetest.ca](#)); driver's abstract/history
- ☐ 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](#)
- ☐ Canadian dollars or cash to exchange for immediate use
- ☐ [York U Campus Map](#)

**\* 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)**

### IMPORTANT LINKS:

- [COVID 19- Travel, quarantine and borders](#)
- [IRCC COVID-19 website](#)
- [Flying to Canada checklist](#)
- [Canada Travel Wizard](#)

# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## 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](#)
- ☐ [Shop for Food](#) and [Living Essentials](#)
- ☐ Attend Orientation
- ☐ [Explore](#) (post COVID)



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Transport from Pearson International Airport

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### 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 [Pearson Airport](https://www.pearsonairport.ca/) website.



### Ride-Hailing Apps

- Use [Uber](#) or [Lyft](#) 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

- Capacity limits have been lifted in indoor settings
- Proof of vaccination requirements have been lifted (some businesses may still optionally choose to require proof)
- Mask requirement lifted in most public spaces
- Physical distancing where possible
- Visit the [Reopening Ontario](#) website for the details
- Monitor the [Toronto COVID-19 website](#) and [Toronto Public Health Measures](#)

#### 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



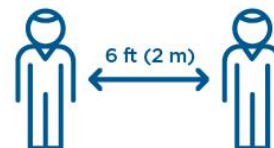
Keeping kids away from group settings



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.**

#### Physical Distancing



#### Mandatory Face Masks



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

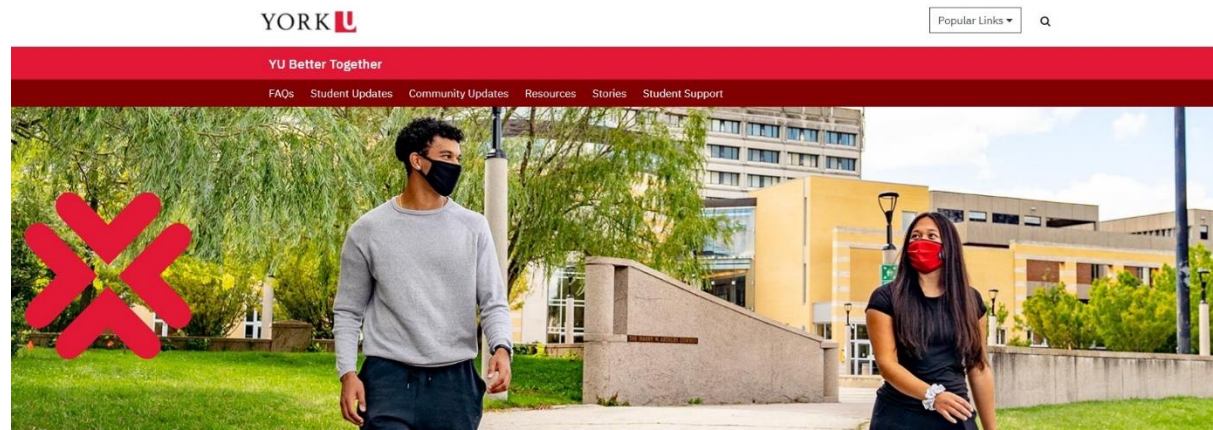
## COVID-19 at York U

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

- York's [mask protocol](#) is extended until further notice in all indoor spaces (i.e.: Schulich building, York Lanes, common areas in residence)
- York U vaccine mandate has been paused as of May 1, 2022. It is still recommended that you [upload vaccination proof](#).
- All buildings and services are open on campus
- Remote services are available such as mental health and wellness, academic advising, etc

Review and monitor the [YU Better Together](#) site for FAQ's and Community Updates



# ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

## Know your Campus

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### 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

[York U Safety App](#)





# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Public Transportation

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### 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-transit.com)

### Union Pearson (UP) Express

- Fare: **\$12.35** by cash/credit card; or **\$9.25** by PRESTO
- Union Station to Toronto Pearson Airport
- For more information, visit: [UP Express](https://www.up-express.com)

### York Region Transit (VIVA/YRT)



- Fare: \$4 cash, \$3.10 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: \$4 cash, \$3.10 PRESTO
- Serves Mississauga region
- Closest stop: Islington TTC station
- For more information, visit: [MiWay website](https://www.miway.ca)

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

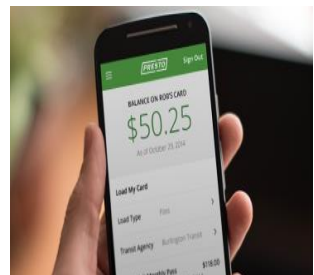


# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## 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 + \$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 [Post-Secondary Monthly Pass](#) on PRESTO to save money on each transportation system



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Shopping for Essentials...

There are a number of online delivery services available. Connect with your buddy for insider tips on best online shopping in Toronto

### Grocery Delivery

**Cornershop**  
by Uber



### Restaurant / Fast Food Delivery



**SKIP** THE **DISHES**



### Essential/ Home Items Delivery



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Shop for Food Close to Campus

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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  
670 Applewood Cres & Portage Pkwy, Vaughan



# ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

## Shop for Living Essentials

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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.
- 670 Applewood Cres & Portage Pkwy, Vaughan



#### 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 \$4.

- Many [locations](#) in the area!

### Large Shopping Malls

#### Vaughan Mills

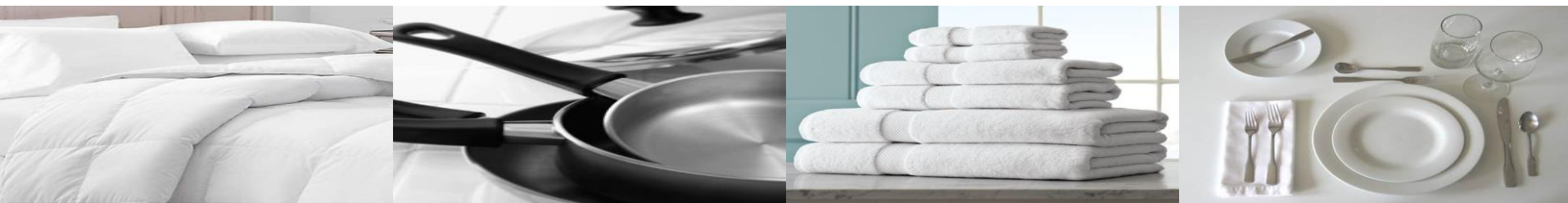
(YRT #20)

#### Toronto Eaton Centre

(TTC Queen or Dundas Subway Stations)

#### Yorkdale Shopping Centre

(TTC Yorkdale Subway Station)



# 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
- Health insurance and how to make a claim
- Important immigration information
- International student experience, with "pro tips" from current international students / alum
- Resources and support for international students
- Toronto public transportation and suggest some things to see & do in and around Toronto
- Getting to know each other
- And more....

**Date:** September 1 & 2, 2022

**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! (Post-COVID)

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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



Weekly  
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Travel Guide



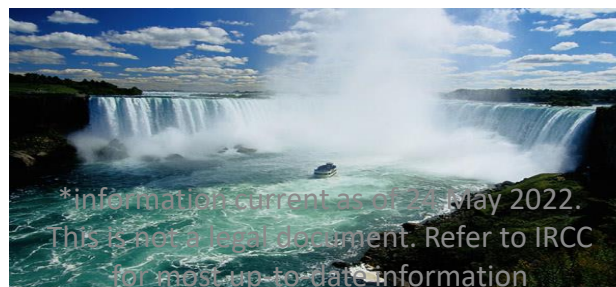
My TTC



Presto



Shopping  
(find deals)





# Q&A

## **Q&A Sessions:**

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

## **1:1 Advising:**

<https://grad-advising.schulich.yorku.ca/>

## **Email:**

[intlrelations@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:intlrelations@schulich.yorku.ca)

## **Academic/Enrollment questions?**

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

## **Financial Aid questions?**

[finaid@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:finaid@schulich.yorku.ca)

## **Do you have a Schulich buddy?**

If not, contact the GBC to request a current Toronto-based student who you can connect with for support during your transition to Canada