



Pre-Arrival Guide: i/BBA International Students Fall 2022



Schulich
School of Business

YORK U

Planning for Canada Overview


Pre-Arrival Checklist

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

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- Transportation
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PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Pre-Arrival Checklist

- ☐ [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 23 June 2022.

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

- [COVID 19- Travel](#)
- [Flying to Canada checklist](#)
- [Canada Travel Wizard](#)

PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Fall 2022

- ❑ 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 August 25, 2022*



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

PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Immigration Documents

Study Permits

- International students studying for longer than 6 months **require a [study permit](#)** to study inside Canada
- You must have a valid study permit prior to the start of the program

Continue to monitor [IRCC COVID-19 website](#)

If you are outside of Canada:

- Apply online for your study permit. APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, as processing times are lengthy.
- Review the [application guide](#), [supporting documents](#) and [processing times](#) before applying.
- 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
- Study permit will be issued at the border when you arrive

If you are inside Canada with a valid study permit:

- You should apply to extend your study permit BEFORE your current permit expires
- You can begin your program with your current study permit IF it is still valid, or if you apply to extend your current permit before it expires
- Your new permit will be mailed to you

Attend a [Study Permit webinar](#) or drop in to a [Q&A Session](#) if you need additional support.

Next session: Tuesday, July 11, 2022

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Visas and Work Authorization

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 International Student Orientation on August 25 and August 26, 2022.

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 you receive your study permit document**)
- You may apply for one [online](#):
 - a) From the Service Canada Virtual SIN Clinic at Fall 2022 Orientation (**recommended**)
 - b) From the [Service Canada Online Application Portal](#)
- 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

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Travel Restrictions/Exemptions

Travel 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 have **valid immigration medical** exam
 - Exams are valid for 1 year from date of exam
3. Must be fully vaccinated with a Health Canada approved vaccine to be authorized to enter Canada.
4. May be selected for random mandatory COVID-19 arrival testing. You do not need to quarantine while you wait for your test results.
5. Download [ArriveCAN app](#) and submit your travel and vaccine information within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada

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

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

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.

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

- 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 [Student Housing Website](#)

York Student Housing Office:
340 Assiniboine Road, York University
Tel: +1-416-736-5152 Press "2"
Email: undergradres@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 (UBS, buddy, etc)

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](#)*



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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 \$750 (Sept 1 – Aug 31)*
- Your coverage will begin on 10th day of the month prior to your program start (i.e.: August 10th); 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 [YFS Health & Dental website](#).
- Coverage includes items such as prescription drugs, dental benefit, eye exam, etc.
- 2021-2022 fees: \$262.76 (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.



** Fees are subject to change*

PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Connect

The Undergraduate Business Society

The [Undergraduate Business Society](#) (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 2022

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 2022.



@schulichubs
@ubsinternational

Student Clubs and Associations

Get involved with one of [York](#) or [Schulich's](#) many clubs and associations. From the York Finance Club to the Schulich Charity Association there is a group for every interest.

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 [questionnaire](#), 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](#)!

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](#). Download the [ArriveCAN app](#).

Living on-campus? - Check the move-in times/dates so you can plan your arrival in time for Orientation. Early move-in details will be shared over the summer

☒ Important Items to Pack

- ☐ Valid Passport, with your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) / eTA; or US passport*
- ☐ Letter of Introduction letter from visa office*
- ☐ Schulich Letter of Acceptance (*printed copy acceptable*)*
- ☐ Proof of funds*
- ☐ Ensure your immigration medical exam is still valid (valid for 12 months)
- ☐ Photocopies/digital copies of important documents (and send to your email)
- ☐ Download ArriveCan App 72 hours prior to departure.
- ☐ Proof of vaccination (Health Canada approved vaccine)
- ☐ 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

- ☐ [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 Pre-Arrival Series [Information Sessions](#)
- ☐ [Explore](#) (post COVID)

ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Transport from Pearson International Airport

Airport Taxi (recommended)

- Taxi fares from the airport are based on a flat rate tariff.
- Fare : \$55-70 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](#) 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

- As of March 1, 2022:
 - 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 still in place in some indoor settings (public transit, hospitals)
 - 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



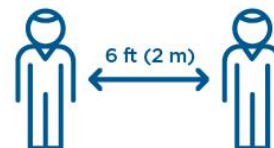
Keeping kids away from group settings



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



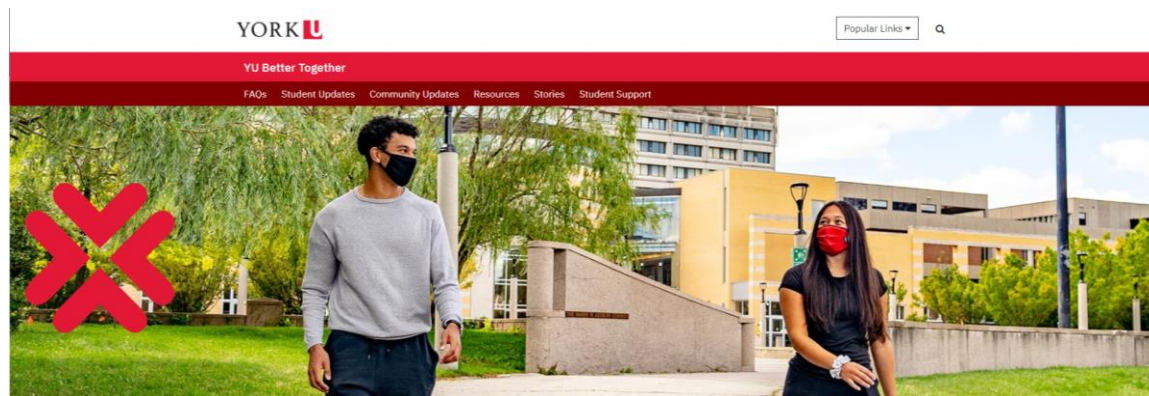
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COVID-19 at York U

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
- In-person and 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

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

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 \$9.35 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)

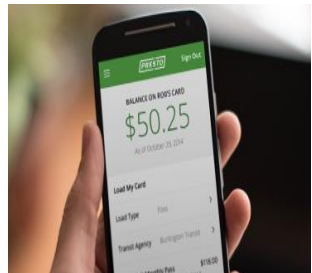


ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

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 1st time you tap on
- Research [Post-Secondary Monthly Pass](#) on PRESTO to save money on each transportation system



ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Shop for food close to campus...



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...

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!

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

Welcome Events

International Student Welcome Social! – Evening Wednesday August 24th

International Relations will host a social event to welcome international students and give them the opportunity to meet their classmates, mentors, UBS executives and the IR Team!
Stay tuned for more details to come in the Summer!

International Student Orientation – August 25 & 26, 2022

[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
- Your health insurance coverage & services
- Your study permit and opportunities to work in Canada
- How to navigate Toronto via public transportation

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: www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm

Tourism: www.seetorontonow.com

Festivals & Events: www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/festivals-events-calendar/

Ontario

Moving to Ontario: www.ontarioimmigration.ca/

Tourism: www.ontariotravel.net/en/home

Festivals & Events: www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca/

Canada

Information: www.canada.gc.ca

Travel to the USA

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



York U Safety



Weekly
Events in
Toronto



Toronto
Travel Guide



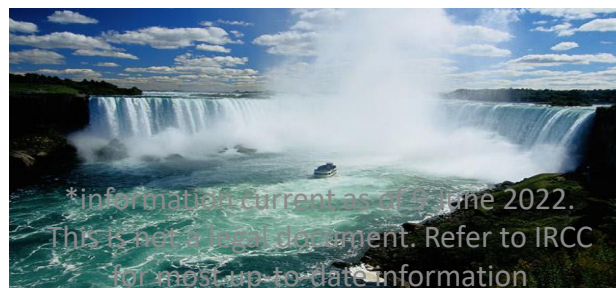
My TTC



Presto



Shopping
(find deals)



*information current as of 9 June 2022.
This is not a legal document. Refer to IRCC
for most up-to-date information



Q&A

Q&A Sessions:

<https://schulich.yorku.ca/international-relations-qa-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, [click here to submit your answers](#) 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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