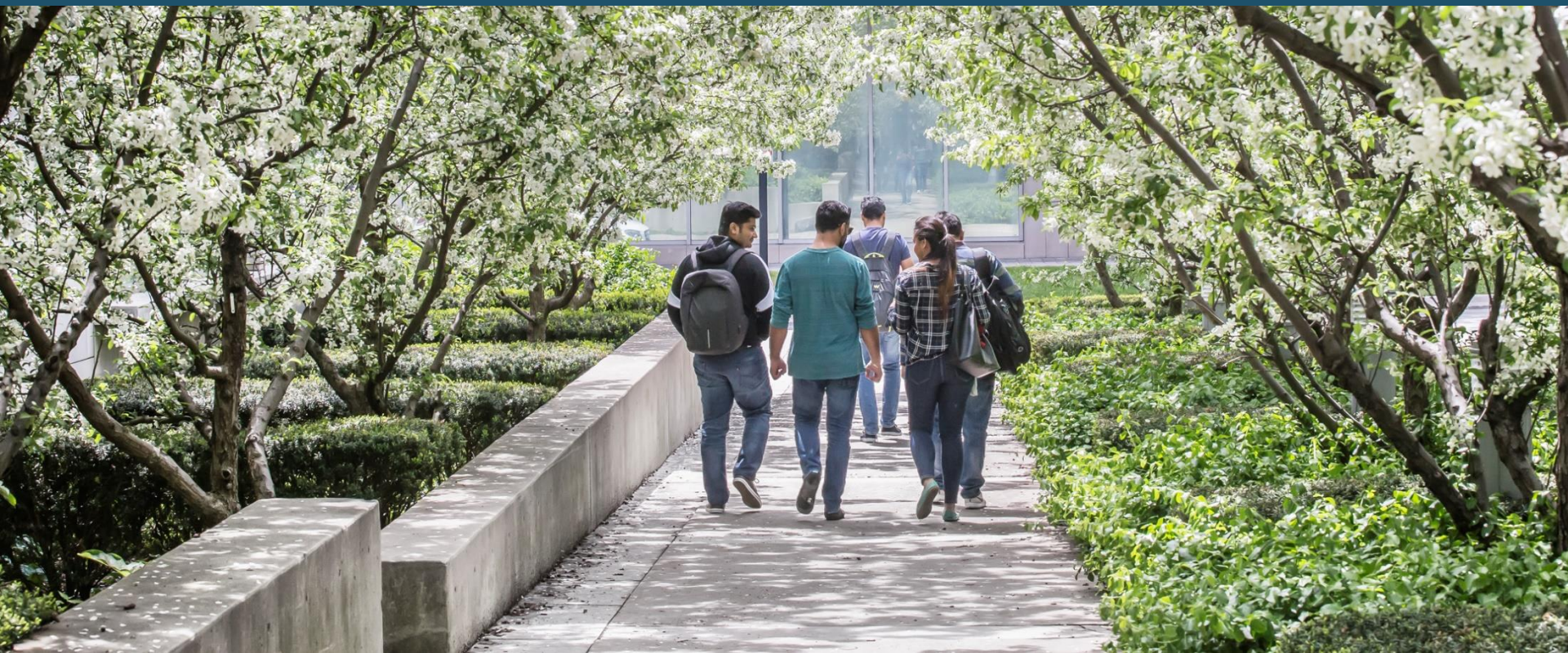




Pre-Arrival Guide: BBA International Students Fall 2024



Planning for Canada Overview

Pre-Arrival Checklist

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

Life in Toronto

- Transportation
- Shopping
- YU Campus
- Orientation!



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PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Pre-Arrival Checklist

- [Immigration Documents](#)
- 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 19 June 2024.

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

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 the [weekly Q&A Session](#) if you need additional support.

PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

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 26, 2024.

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 SIN Clinic at York University (*recommended*)
 - b) From the [Service Canada Online Application Portal](#)
- You may apply for one [in person](#) :
 - a) From the SIN clinic at Schulich on Aug. 30th, 2024
 - b) Service Canada office at Pearson Airport (after passing through Immigration) – Office hours vary
 - c) From any other Service Canada location. For more information, please visit [Service Canada](#) website

PREPARING TO ARRIVE IN CANADA

Accommodation

It is your responsibility to secure accommodations in Toronto. Consider the type of accommodation that is best for you by researching costs, location, etc. **APPLY EARLY!!**

On-Campus Housing

- 8 Undergrad 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](#)
- Early move-in starting August 25th will be available for Schulich international students. Details will be sent in July.

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)

York Student Housing Office:
340 Assiniboine Road, York University
Tel: +1-416-736-5152 Press "2"
Email: undergradres@yorku.ca
Website: [Student Housing website](#)

Executive Learning Centre Hotel

Short/long term stays available; discounts for international students
Website: [ELC Accommodation](#)
[ELC Extended Stay Packages \(4-week min.\)](#)

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
- 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 – Aug 31)*
- Students will be automatically registered and charges will be applied to your student account
- 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 who have comparable alternative coverage may be eligible to opt-out. Details and form on the [YFS Health & Dental website](#).
- Coverage includes services such as prescription drugs, dental and vision care, eye exam, and paramedical services (physiotherapy, massage therapy, psychotherapy, etc)
- The approximate cost is \$281.32 (Sept 1st – Aug 31). Charges will be applied to your student account
- For more coverage information, including fees, please visit the [YFS website](#)

Health plan fees will be billed to your York U student account.

Additional details provided 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. Each term the UBS organizes events and initiatives to engage students in a variety of ways. In addition to social and athletic activities, the UBS serves as the student body's voice to the faculty and administration.

The UBS International team is committed to supporting Schulich international students and ensuring your integration into the Schulich community.

Connect with the UBS!!

Email: ubsinternationalrep@gmail.com
ubspresident@gmail.com

 @schulichubs

Schulich Summer Series

Join the UBS International team online this summer and get a head start on building your Schu-fam! These interactive online sessions are all about making connections with each other and ensuring you feel at home before you even arrive in Canada!



O-Week 2024

Where the fun and friendships begin! O-Week is a “can’t miss” week of in-person orientation activities for Schulich students. Follow @schulichoweb on Instagram and Facebook. More details to come!

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 mentor to help you with any questions you have! Be sure to fill out the [questionnaire](#) 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,.

Important Items to Pack

- Valid Passport, with your Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) / eTA; or US passport*
- Letter of Introduction letter (study permit approval 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)
- 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)



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 Orientation
- [Explore!](#)

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

Airport Train to Downtown - Union Pearson (UP) Express

- Fare: **\$12.35** by cash/credit card or **\$9.35** by PRESTO
- Connects to Union and Bloor subway stations
- Travel time: 25 minutes to Union Station (downtown)
- Pick up locations and schedules, see [UPExpress at Pearson](#)



Note: we strongly discourage the use of public transportation (TTC) when first arriving in Toronto

ARRIVAL IN TORONTO

Public Transportation in the GTA

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)



- Serves City of Toronto
- Can tap multiple times in 2-hr window for one fare
- Closest stop: York University station
- For more information, visit: [TTC website](#)

York Region Transit (VIVA/YRT)



- Serves areas north of York University (York Region)
- Closest stop: Pioneer Village TTC station
- For more information, visit: [YRT website](#)

Mississauga Transit - MiWay



- Serves Mississauga region
- Closest stop: Islington TTC station
- For more information: visit: [MiWay website](#)

Consider a [PRESTO Card](#) for student discount and other perks.

GO Transit



- Connects to regional locations: Mississauga, Brampton, Hamilton, Scarborough, Milton etc.
- Closest stop: Highway 407 TTC station and bus terminal
- For more information, visit: [GO website](#)

Brampton Transit (ZÜM)



- Serves Brampton region
- Closest stop: 5 min walk north of Schulich on Ian McDonald Blvd
- For more information, visit: [ZÜM website](#)

Note: Fares vary across transportation systems (usually approx. \$3.30-\$4.00/ride) and can be paid by cash or by tapping debit/credit card/PRESO card. Cash fares are usually slightly more expensive. [OneFare Program](#) in effect for most GTA transportation systems.



ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Know your Campus

Connect to Wi-Fi

- AirYorkPLUS – use your Passport York credentials

Schulich School of Business Building

- Take a [virtual tour!](#)
- York U [Interactive Campus Map](#)

York Lanes

- Includes doctor, dentist, pharmacy, hair salon, places to eat, grocery shops, bookstore, public transit passes, etc

Banking & ATM Machines

- **On Campus Bank Branches:**
 - Bank of Montreal (BMO): York Lanes
 - Royal Bank (RBC): 95 The Pond Rd
 - Alterna Savings: York Lanes
- **ATMS from all major banks located across campus**

Emergency and York Security

- In life-threatening emergency call **911**; Free of charge from any phone
- On campus York Security at **+1-416-736-5333**, William Small Centre
- Download YorkU [SaferTogether App](#)



ARRIVAL AT YORK UNIVERSITY

Know your Campus

The YU-card is York University's official photo identification & campus debit card. It provides access to key services such as library, recreation facilities, exams, food, shopping, events, discounts and more.


York has recently instituted a mobile YU-Card. Please note: students must choose between a physical card and the mobile version – having both is not an option.

There is a fee to switch from one to the other.

[YU CARD WEBSITE](#)

Introducing
Mobile YU-card

Your York University ID Card is now on your phone!



Step 1

Apply for your YU-card

Submit a [YU-card Application](#).



Step 2

Get your photo approved

Once submitted, wait for email approvals.



Step 3

Get your YU-card

Add your mobile YU-card to your [digital wallet](#).

💡 **Physical YU-card** | Need a physical YU-card? Please visit the YU-card Office at [W3C222](#) once your YU-card Application is approved.

YU-card



Manage Your
YU-card



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 Orientation (in-person) – Monday, August 26, 2024

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!

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)



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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