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Pre-Arrival Information for Exchange Students

Congratulations on Being Accepted as an Exchange Student to the Schulich School of Business at York University in Toronto, Canada!

Main Contacts

International Relations, Schulich School of Business

The Office of International Relations is pleased to provide services to incoming students. Staff of the Office of International Relations will provide you with an orientation and additional information and assistance. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact:

Office of International Relations
W263, Schulich School of Business
Tel: 1-416-736-5059
E-mail: exchange@schulich.yorku.ca

Exchange Program Coordinators

The Exchange Program Coordinator is a member of the International Relations Office and your main point of contact. The Exchange Program Coordinator will liaise with your home university's exchange coordinator and will assist you with your preparations to study at the Schulich School of Business.

Cheryl Stickle
Graduate International Program
Coordinator

Keshia Gray
Undergraduate International Program
Coordinator

Open Arms Committee

The Open Arms Committee (OAC) is a student-run organization at Schulich with the purpose of facilitating the transition of both undergraduate and MBA exchange students by trying to help them adjust to their new environment and settle into Schulich. Throughout the year, the OAC will organize various events. In addition to these efforts, each exchange student is partnered with a Schulich student "buddy" who is available to answer any questions or concerns. To contact the OAC send an e-mail to:
Undergraduate – bbaoac@schulich.yorku.ca
MBA – mbaoac@schulich.yorku.ca





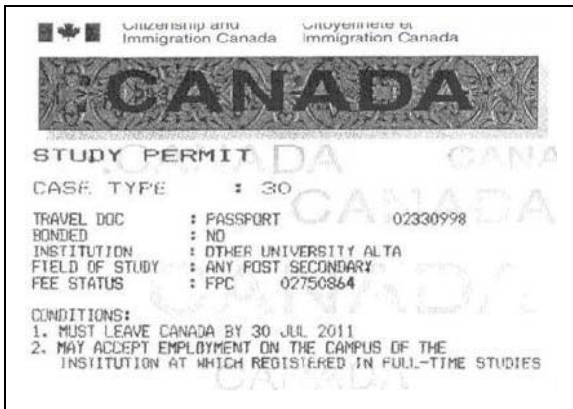
Preparing to Come to Canada

Study Permit and Visa Requirements

As an exchange student, you may require a Study Permit and/or a Temporary Resident Visa depending on the length of intended stay, country of citizenship, and activities other than study. Please note that it is not possible to receive a Study Permit once you are in Canada. **For most countries, you do not need a Study Permit if you are studying in Canada for a duration of six months or less.** Please refer to the Citizen and Immigration Canada (CIC) website at www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp for a list of countries that require a Visa to enter Canada.

Complete information on study permits and visa requirements can be found on the Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) website: www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/index.asp.

For more details, please contact the Schulich International Relations Office at exchange@schulich.yorku.ca.



Citizenship and Immigration Canada / Citoyenneté et Immigration Canada

CANADA

STUDY PERMIT

CASE TYPE : 30

TRAVEL DOC : PASSPORT 02330998

BONDED : NO

INSTITUTION : OTHER UNIVERSITY ALTA

FIELD OF STUDY : ANY POST SECONDARY

FEE STATUS : FPC 02750864

CONDITIONS:

1. MUST LEAVE CANADA BY 30 JUL 2011
2. MAY ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT ON THE CAMPUS OF THE INSTITUTION AT WHICH REGISTERED IN FULL-TIME STUDIES



Canada VISA

DATE OF ISSUE: 07/08/2005, EXPIRES: 31/08/2009

MULTIPLE ENTRIES

STATUS: STUDENT

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: ONE

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Health Insurance

It is **compulsory for all exchange students (except those from Norway) to purchase health coverage under the** University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) www.uhip.ca. UHIP covers services such as doctor's visits, hospital ward accommodation, non routine dental treatment and limited coverage for medical care outside Ontario or Canada. UHIP only covers dental care required as a result of a major accident. All exchange students, including accompanying family members, are required to purchase UHIP. (Please note that this plan does not cover medications, routine dental care, etc. therefore it is recommended that students purchase supplemental insurance to cover such items.) For more information visit the York International UHIP website at <http://international.yorku.ca/uhip/index.htm>.

Supplementary Insurance – If you are not already covered from a health plan purchased from home, you can purchase a supplemental health plan offered at York University in addition to UHIP, to cover items such as prescription drugs, paramedical services, medical equipment and appliances, dental benefits, etc.

Please note:

Undergraduate Students are automatically registered for the York Federation of Students (YFS) supplemental health plan if they are enrolled in 15 or more credits. To be exempt, students must provide proof of coverage to the YFS Office. For more information, including fees, please visit the YFS website at: www.yfs.ca.

MBA students here for two terms are registered for the Graduate Student Association (GSA) supplemental health plan. To be exempt, students must provide proof of coverage to the GSA Office. For more information, including fees, please visit the GSA website at: www.yugsa.ca.

Further details regarding health insurance will be provided at the Orientation Session.

Accommodation

Prior to your arrival, you should consider the type of accommodation that will work best for you factoring in costs, location, etc. Please note that it is your responsibility to secure accommodations in Toronto.

On-Campus Housing

There are eight undergraduate residences on the Keele campus. Residences are available in both traditional style and apartment style. Please visit www.yorku.ca/stuhouse/undergrad for rates and details.

Graduate students are housed in furnished bachelor apartments on Assiniboine Road. Occupancy is by lease for a specified period of time. Students are responsible for their own pillows, beddings, pots, pans and utensils. For complete rates and detail, visit the housing website at: www.yorku.ca/stuhouse

Exchange Coordinators will notify students if they have been assigned on-campus accommodations. A housing application will be e-mailed to you at a later date. Exchange students cannot apply on-line for on-campus housing.

Please note: Due to demand, Fall term exchange students may have limited on-campus options. However, we are usually able to accommodate all on-campus housing requests in the Winter (Spring) and Summer terms.

Off-Campus Housing

While private accommodation may be found in Toronto upon arrival, appropriate and affordable options can be difficult to come by, particularly during the late August/early September period. Also short-term accommodation (4-6 months) is generally difficult to arrange.

There are many useful websites for searching for off-campus housing. The York University Off-Campus Housing provides listings and support for students looking for accommodation in and around the Greater Toronto Area. For more information, please visit: www.yorku.ca/sclد/offcampushousing/index.html

If you require temporary accommodation, you can find hotel information at: www.1sttorontohotels.com Alternatively, you can use the link below for hotel information in close proximity to the airport. www.gtaa.com/en/travellers/arriving/area_hotels

From May 1 until August 31st, the Schulich International Relations Office will have a Housing Coordinator who can assist you with your housing search. For details, please e-mail: exchange@schulich.yorku.ca

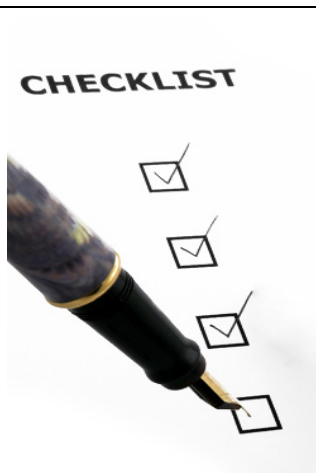
When to Arrive & What to Bring

It is important for you to reach Toronto prior to Orientation so that you can settle in. We recommend that you arrive a few days before the orientation. This will allow you to adjust to the time difference and become familiar with the campus.

It is best to arrive on a weekday, Monday to Friday, between the working hours of 9am and 5pm.

The Schulich School of Business will e-mail you the Orientation details.

For students starting in the winter term, please note that York University is closed for the Christmas holiday (reopening early January).



Packing Checklist

- Valid Passport, Study Permit and other travel documents
- Original copy of your Schulich Letter of Acceptance
- Credit card(s)
- Driver's license or international driver's license
- Medical and eyeglass prescriptions if necessary
- Medical insurance documents for extended health care coverage if you are purchasing this in your home country
- Marriage Certificate (if you are married)
- Photocopies of all important documents listed above kept in a place separate from originals
- International Student Identity Card (ISIC)
- Business attire if you plan to attend any career events
- Laptop
- Approximately **\$200 CAD in cash** for taxi fares, meals and for emergency use upon arrival

Arriving in Toronto

Airport Taxis

Airport taxi fares are based on a flat rate tariff. For example, a taxi ride from the airport to the York University campus should be approximately \$40 CAD (tip and extra luggage fee not included)

Where to Direct the Taxi and Check-in Directions

Off-Campus Make sure to have your apartment or hotel address available.

On-Campus The address for York University (Keele Campus) is 4700 Keele Street (Keele and Finch).
The Graduate Housing Office is located at 340 Assiniboine Rd. (Building #47 on the campus map).
The Undergraduate Housing Office is located at: Complex 1: 108 McLaughlin (Building #51 on the campus map)
Complex 2: 101 Bethune (Building #11 on the campus map)

A **Campus Map** is located at: www.yorku.ca/yorkweb/maps

On-Campus Services

Accessing Money



Need money now? There are four places on campus where you can get money quickly!



BMO Bank of Montreal - Location: York Lanes. Access ATM machines, open an account or cash traveler's cheques.



ATM locations:



TD Canada Trust - Location: Central Square



Royal Bank (RBC) - Location: Schulich School of Business (near the main floor washrooms)



Scotia Bank - Location: Student Centre

Emergency and York Security

If an emergency arises when you are on campus, **call 911** free of charge from any phone and contact **York Security at 416-736-5333**. The York Security Office is located in Parking Structure 2 (Arboretum Parking Garage) William Small Centre.

Health Services

The York Lanes Health Centre is located on campus. You can either walk-in or book an appointment to see a doctor. Health care and dental services are provided.

Transportation: How to Get Around

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is Toronto's public transportation system. The subway system connects with buses and streetcars. The bus stops at York are located in front of York Lanes. The following are the bus routes from York University to various subway stations:

- York University 196 Express A (TTC)
- York University 196B (TTC)
- Steeles West 60C and 60F (TTC)
- York University 106 (TTC)

For more information visit: www3.ttc.ca

PAYING ON THE TTC:

You can pay cash fare to ride the TTC however, bus drivers do not give change back. **Each one way trip is \$3.** Tokens can be purchased at subway stations or in Inkblotz in York Lanes (10 tokens for \$25).

You should obtain a transfer from the driver if you need to stopover or change routes.

York Region Buses-not the TTC

VIVA and YRT service areas north of York University known as York Region. www.vivayork.com
The VIVA Purple line runs along the Highway 7 corridor east of Keele Street, with the brief exception on Centre Street and on Bathurst Street when the line runs through the Thornhill area.
YRT buses can be found next to York Lanes.



Shopping

Groceries (bags cost 5 cents each so bring your own)

The General Store - York Lanes, York University
Not a full grocery store but can pick up some non-perishable food items,

Food Cents - University City Mall, Sentinel Road

Convenience Store - Corner of Finch and Sentinel at Petro Canada Gas Station (Milk, bread, pop, juice and baked items)

Grocery Gateway - Online orders only delivered to your apartment (minimum \$45 per order)
www.grocerygateway.com

No Frills - Keele St. & St. Regis
Directions: Take 41 TTC bus, after crossing Finch Ave,

SuperStore - Dufferin St. & Steeles Ave.
This is more than just a grocery store. It has everyday home needs as well. Many other shops and restaurants are available close by.
Direction: Take the 60 TTC bus to Dufferin and Steeles

Other Grocery Stores
There are other supermarkets and grocery stores found near campus Please visit the York International website for more specific details:
<http://international.yorku.ca/intlstud/new/grocery>

Stores

Yorkgate Mall - Jane St. & Finch Ave.
It is an ideal place to shop for some essential items.
Directions: Take Finch West 36 TTC, get off at Jane.

Zellers – is a store inside of Yorkgate mall. This store sells reasonably good quality goods for a bargain price. You can purchase bed sheets, linens, pillows, clothes, kitchenware, appliances, and electronics.

IKEA – 200 Interchange Way, Vaughan
Directions: Take YRT Route 20

Wal-Mart - 101 Edgeley Blvd. (Intersection Hwy # 7 & 400)
It is the most popular store amongst Canadians due to its low prices and good quality. Can also buy groceries.
Directions: Take Viva Purple or Viva Orange or YRT Route 20 (Jane-Concord).

Large Shopping Malls

- Vaughan Mills
- Eaton Centre
- Yorkdale Shopping Centre

Useful Websites

Sightseeing

- CN Tower www.cntower.ca
- Kensington Market www.kensington-market.ca
- The Hockey Hall of Fame www.hhof.com
- Toronto Islands www.toronto.ca/parks/island

Museums

- Royal Ontario Museum www.rom.on.ca
(Half price Friday starting at 4:30pm)

Art Galleries

- The Art Gallery of Ontario www.ago.net
(Free on Wednesday from 6-8:30pm)

Taxi Services

For taxi tariff maps please visit:

www.gtaa.com/en/travellers/airport_information/ground_transportation/axis_limousines

Airport Transportation (to and from)

Airport transportation information on fees, routes, and related public transportation:

www.gtaa.com/en/travellers/airport_information/ground_transportation

Toronto Pearson International Airport

www.gtaa.com/en/home

Toronto

- Information: www.toronto.ca
- Tourism: www.seetorontonow.com
- Visitor Guide: www.toronto.com/guide/visitors
- Events: www.toronto.ca/visitors/index.htm

Ontario

- Information: www.ontario.ca
- Tourism: www.ontariotravel.net
- Visitor Guide: www.visitor.on.ca
- Events: www.ontariofestivalsvisited.ca

Canada

- Information: <http://canada.gc.ca>
- Tourism: www.canada.travel/selectCountry.html
- Visitor Guide: <http://gocanada.about.com>
- Events: <http://canadaeventscalendar.ca>

If you are in Canada and plan to travel to the USA and need a Visa:

www.consular.canada.usembassy.gov