Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

Prepare to Apply for a Study Permit

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Land Acknowledgement

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University.

York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat.

It is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.

Centre for Indigenous Student Services: https://aboriginal.info.yorku.ca/about-us/

Native Land Digital: https://native-land.ca/
By the end of this webinar, new incoming international students will have more knowledge about:

- The process of applying for a Study Permit
- The timeline of Study Permit application
- Documents needed for Study Permit
The agenda for today’s webinar is:

- International Student Advisors (ISAs) and Immigration Specialists
- Questions & Answers session
- Upcoming Webinars and Events
International Student Advisors (ISAs) and Immigration Specialists
Study Permit Application
Information Session for Admitted Students

YORK INTERNATIONAL
Agenda

- Introduction to York International
- Disclaimers
- Study permit application process
- Documents
- IRCC online application system
- IMM forms
- Refusals
- Contact information
- Questions
Introduction to York International

- York University is home to a diverse and dynamic community of over 10,000 international students, which now includes you!
- York International is a department within the University that is dedicated to supporting the needs of all international students, as well as domestic and international students who wish to study or work abroad.
International Student Advising

WHAT WE DO
➢ Study permit
➢ Temporary residence visa (TRV)
➢ Work on/off campus
➢ Co-op work permit
➢ Post-graduation work permit
➢ Permanent residence

HOW TO CONTACT US
➢ Email: iadvisor@yorku.ca
➢ Advising options:
  ➢ Virtual drop-ins
  ➢ In-person drop-in at 200 York Lanes
  ➢ 1:1 appointments upon invitation for special circumstances

➢ Check the YI events calendar for times and dates: https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/calendar/

Only get immigration advice from a licensed professional
Disclaimer on scope of service

As licensed immigration professionals, we are authorized to provide immigration advice and represent individuals on Canadian immigration matters.

However, as International Student Advisor and Immigration Specialists:

- Immigration law is complex and providing accurate and comprehensive legal advice requires complete understanding of personal/immigration history. This is out of our scope.

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The following slides were prepared by a licensed immigration professional in compliance with section 91 of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (IRPA).

This is not a legal document and does not constitute legal advice. It is for information purposes only, designed for York international students.

Immigration information may change without notice and it is your responsibility to refer to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for the most up to date information and to be sure you meet the eligibility criteria.

IRCC is the authoritative source for immigration legislation, policies, instructions and information.

The information in these slides is current as of March 15, 2024.
Study Permit Application Process
What is a study permit?

- A study permit is required for any program that is over 6 months long unless you are a permanent resident or Canadian citizen.
- Confirms your temporary resident status as a student in Canada. You must maintain a valid study permit to be able to study in Canada.
- If you applied from outside Canada, it will be issued at the border.
- Put your best foot forward with your first application. Ensure you include all mandatory and supporting documents.
- Don’t underestimate the importance of this application. Decisions are up to the discretion of the officer. Nobody can guarantee a result for you.
Steps to applying

1. Gather your documents and complete the forms
2. Complete biometrics and/or medical exam, if required
3. Monitor your IRCC account for updates, requests and a decision
4. Receive a final decision. If your application is approved, you will receive a letter of introduction and if required, a visa/eTA.
Applying from inside Canada

Who can apply from inside Canada?

- Only some people can apply from inside Canada. Notably:
  - Ukrainians
  - Minor children in secondary school
  - If you, your parent or your spouse has a valid study/work permit

- If you are not eligible to apply from inside Canada, you should apply from outside Canada and wait for approval before making travel plans.

I have a study permit. Can I continue using it?

- Check the expiry date and the conditions.
- If your study permit isn’t expiring soon and you have the conditions to work on/off campus on your study permit, you can continue to use it. You must update your DLI online before you start your courses at York.
- If your study permit is expiring soon or you need to change the conditions on your study permit, you must apply for an extension before your current study permit expires. You should apply as soon as you get your letter of acceptance to York.

How is the application different?

- When applying from inside Canada, you apply for your study permit first. If you need a new visa, you will apply for it after you receive your new study permit.
- The IMM forms and the document checklist may look different for those applying from inside Canada.

If you apply from inside Canada while on visitor or worker status, you CANNOT start studying until your study permit is approved.
CHECK YOUR PASSPORT EXPIRY DATE
A study permit and visa can only be issued up to the expiry date printed on your passport.
Gather the Required Documents
Major components of your study permit application

- Documents required by IRCC for **ALL** applicants
- Very important to provide all documents outlined in [your local visa office instruction guide](#).

1. **LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE & PROVINCIAL ATTESTATION LETTER (PAL)**
   - Found in your “MY File”
   - Upload the letter titled “Acceptance/VISA letter”
   - The process for obtaining an attestation letter will be announced soon.

2. **PROOF OF FINANCIAL ABILITY**
   - Demonstrate ability to pay for **at least** one year of tuition + living expenses.
   - Additional funds for dependents, if applicable
   - Additional requirements for the Nigeria Student Express Stream.

3. **STUDY PLAN/LETTER OF EXPLANATION**
   - About 1-2 pages to explain that you are a genuine student and that you will leave Canada at the end of your authorized stay
Letter of Acceptance & Provincial Attestation Letter (PAL)
Where do I get my letter of acceptance to York?

- You can find it in MyFile.
- Verify your LOA includes tuition, start date, the DLI#, etc.
- Letters of acceptance are issued once.
- Under “application status,” will be confirmation that you accepted your offer.
- Under “supporting documents” will be a list of the documents you need to upload and a separate column indicating whether the documents were received by York. You can screenshot this page and include it as part of the proof you have cleared your admissions conditions.
- Under “admissions letters,” you’ll find important documents:
  - Proof of payment receipts
  - Decision letter
  - Acceptance/visa letter
What if my letter of acceptance is conditional?

- If you have a **conditional letter of acceptance**, you can and should still apply for a study permit. “Full acceptance” letters are not generally issued.

- What do I write in my study plan?
  - Confirm whether or not you have a prerequisite course
  - Explain that you have submitted all documents requested by the University to finalize your admission e.g. transcripts, etc. (If you cannot do this explain why and state when you will provide them)
  - Attach a screenshot of the “supporting documents” page from your MyFile

- **Student Direct Stream**: SDS in some countries (e.g. India, Philippines) require an unconditional letter of acceptance. In this case, you should apply through the regular stream.

- **ESL and prerequisites**: If you must complete a prerequisite course or program before you begin your studies, your study permit will typically be valid for up to 1 year after completing your prerequisite. Even if your prerequisite program is short, you should apply for a study permit from outside Canada and wait for approval before travelling.
Beginning January 22, 2024, most international students will require an attestation letter from the province or territory in which they plan to study with every new study permit application. York University will provide important information and updates as they become available. Students can also visit the FAQs for more information and ongoing updates. Current international students in Canada will not need an attestation letter for study permit renewals.

Who needs a provincial attestation letter?
- Most post-secondary study permit applicants
- Most non-degree granting graduate programs (for example, certificate programs and graduate diplomas)
- Anyone else not included in the exception list below

Who doesn’t need a provincial attestation letter?
- Primary and secondary school students
- Master’s or doctoral degree students
- In-Canada visiting or exchange students studying at a designated learning institution Corrected on February 27, 2024
- In-Canada study permit and work permit holders (includes study permit holders applying for an extension)
- In-Canada family members of study permit or work permit holders
- Students whose application we received before 8:30 a.m. EST on January 22, 2024
Proof Of Financial Ability
Budgeting for your education

- As part of your study permit application, you will need to show that you have sufficient funds to support yourself (and any accompanying family members) while you are in Canada.
- Take time to sit down with your family to discuss your finances.
  - What costs will you have: flights, tuition, housing, food, books, health insurance, entertainment, etc?
  - Where will your funds be coming from?
  - How often will funds be sent to you?
  - What if there is an emergency, inflation or currency conversions are not in your favour?
- Note that while you may be eligible to work while you are in Canada, it is meant to provide you with valuable work experience to boost your resume. You must be able to support yourself without relying on work in Canada.
- While there are some scholarships and bursaries available to international students, these will also not fund your entire education.

⚠️ Starting January 1, 2024, the financial requirement for study permit applicants has been raised from $10,000 to $20,635.
Tips for financial support section

› It is very important to provide documentation that is clear, and organized and demonstrates that you are financially equipped to pay for your education and stay in Canada.

› To keep your application organized, we recommend you write a cover letter for this section listing all the documents you are submitting with your application. This letter should include:
  • Your name, date of birth and UCI number (if you have one)
  • The title “Proof of Funds and Financial Support”
  • A brief summary confirming that you meet the eligibility requirement for having sufficient funds
    ▪ The funds required for me to study and live in Canada are approximately [amount]. This amount is based on an estimated cost of tuition for one year [amount] as indicated in my letter of acceptance and [amount] for living expenses. Below is a list of documents proving that I have sufficient financial funds to cover these costs.
  • A list of the documents you are providing and a brief description
    ▪ 1. Bank statements from November 2022 – April 2023, of my father, [name] (Balance: CAD $)....pages 1-10
    ▪ 2. Proof of property ownership for my mother, [name].....pages 11-13
    ▪ 3. Proof of employment for my [spouse/father/mother]....pages 13-16
    ▪ 4. Proof of funding from York University [e.g. graduate student funding/scholarship]....page 17

› Check your local visa office instruction guide for specific financial documentation that is required.
Do I need to provide proof of paid tuition?

› Check your local visa office instructions.
› Even if you are not required to prepay tuition, it can help strengthen your application if you do. Paying tuition fully or partially can lend credibility to the fact that you are a genuine student, with genuine intentions to study in Canada. Depending on how much you pay upfront, it can also help to demonstrate to IRCC that you have the financial means to afford your education and living expenses in Canada.

What documents do I need to show paid tuition?

› You can make a deposit of any amount using one of the two methods listed and a payment receipt will be added to your MyFile in 4-5 working days from the date the payment is received. Your deposit will be posted to your student account and applied toward your fees when they are due.
› Proof of paid tuition can include a receipt from your bank confirming that the payment was submitted to York University.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RE: PROOF OF PAID TUITION

• How can I pay my tuition?
  • https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/your-student-account/paying

• Can I apply for a study permit before selecting my courses?
  • Yes, you may choose to pay the estimated fee that is noted on your acceptance letter
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- The purpose of your study plan is to demonstrate to IRCC that you are a genuine student and that you have sufficient ties to your home country/residence.
- Since a study permit is an application for temporary residence, you must satisfy the officer that you will leave Canada once you have completed your studies/at the end of your authorized stay. IRCC has a wide range of decision making power to decide what will be factored into this analysis.
- You should be specific, factual and practical in your study plan.
- Check your local visa office requirements for any specific instructions regarding the study plan, such as questions you need to answer, a format you must follow or a page/word limit.
Guiding questions for the study plan

**GENUINE STUDENT**
- Why do you want to study at York University?
- Why this step in your education journey is logical/beneficial?
- Why can’t you do it in your home country or neighbouring countries?
- How your studies will help your employment prospects (provide proof where possible e.g. letter from an employer who will hire you on your return)?

**TIES TO HOME COUNTRY/RESIDENCE**
- What aspects of your life bind you to your home country?
- Why would you want to or need to return home after your stay in Canada?
- Do you have family, family obligations, social relationships at home?
  - Sworn affidavits can help
- Do you have an existing business or employment you will return to? Property or assets? Have you paid bonds to your government or scholarship funders to guarantee your return?
  - Provide documentation
- What is your career potential? Are your skills in high demand?
  - Provide statistics from a reputable source, such as your government or a letter from a potential employer
Other mandatory supporting documents
Other mandatory supporting documents

- Medical exam
- Valid passport (check the validity)
- Visa photo
- Biometrics
- Any forms or other documents required by your visa office

What language should my supporting documents be in?
- All documents must be in English or French. If they are translated, you must provide the translation, a certified photocopy of the original and an affidavit from the person who completed the translation.
Do I need to do an upfront medical exam?

- **Find out if you need a medical exam**
- If you have lived in a designated country or territory for over 6 months or plan to work in certain fields (mostly jobs in the medical field or working with children/elderly), you will need to do a medical exam.
- Depending on your **country specific requirements**, you may be required to do this medical upfront.
- Even if you are not required to do the medical upfront, you may be able to do it upfront to so that processing can be faster.
- **Find a panel physician**.
What about biometrics (fingerprints and photo)?

- Biometrics for visas, study permits, and work permits are valid for 10 years. If you are not sure if/when you’ve given them in the past, you can use the biometrics check status tool.

Steps if you must give biometrics:
1. Pay the $85 fee with your application
2. Get an instruction letter
3. Book an appointment
4. Give your biometrics
What if I have accompanying family members?

- Your spouse/common-law partner and/or dependant children may apply to accompany you to Canada.
- Their applications can be made together with yours or separately after your study permit is approved.
- **Minor children intending to study in Canada** should apply for a study permit (no letter of acceptance is required).
- Spouses are eligible to apply for an [open work permit](#).
- If your accompanying family members are not working or studying, they should apply to come as visitors.
FAQ on the process

How long will it take?
▷ Processing times vary by country. You can check online for an estimate, but due to a COVID-19 backlog, these times may not be accurate. [Check processing times](#).
▷ If you are a legal resident in a country with the [Student Direct Stream](#), you may be eligible to apply through SDS for faster processing.

Do I have to apply online? Can I apply at the border or on paper?
▷ US citizens, US permanent residents and residents of Greenland or St. Pierre & Miquelon are eligible to apply at the border. However, we recommend you apply online and wait for approval before travelling to Canada.
▷ We recommend all applications be made online, even if you’re eligible not to.

Can I start studying while I wait for a decision?
▷ For those in Canada, you can only study if you had a valid study permit and applied for an extension [before expiry](#).
▷ For those outside Canada, if you do not get a decision by the time your classes start, we recommend you [request a deferral](#). Be mindful of the [tuition refund deadlines](#).

What sources should I use for information?
▷ Use only [IRCC’s website](#), official Government of Canada information or information provided by a licensed immigration professional.

Should I hire a legal representative to assist with my study permit application?
▷ You are not required to, however there are considerable benefits to hiring a licensed representative who is experienced in this particular area of immigration law, including:
  • Familiarity with the study permit application process
  • Knowledge about how to proactively address common reasons for refusal
▷ [Find out if your representative is authorized](#). (lawyer, immigration consultant, paralegal)
▷ [How to choose an immigration representative](#).
Important concepts

**LETTER OF INTRODUCTION**

Also called a *port of entry letter*, this is issued to applicants outside Canada once study permit is approved.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENT**

Depending on your nationality, you will need either a TRV (visa) or an eTA to *travel* to Canada (exception for US citizens). Your travel document is typically issued once your study permit is approved – there’s no need for a separate application from outside Canada.  
- Find out if you need a visa.

**STUDY PERMIT**

- Confirms your temporary resident status as a student in Canada. You must maintain a valid study permit to be able to study in Canada.
- If you applied from outside Canada, it will be issued at the border.
- What to expect after you apply for a study permit.
Online Application System
Quick tips

- Use “?” button to view additional instructions or examples
- Merge together and upload all additional documents under “client information”
  - Study plan, financial support cover letter, etc.
- Check your letter of acceptance and passport for information. Make sure to copy exactly.
- Ensure your forms are complete, accurate and validated. If there isn’t enough space on the form, attach an extra sheet. There is no need to print/sign your application if you are applying online.
- Answer truthfully, especially for the background information questions. Provide explanations for any “yes” answers.
- Take screenshots: once documents are uploaded, submission page, “successfully submitted” page
- Be sure to check your spam/junk mail for correspondence from IRCC and regularly check your online account
Sign in to your IRCC secure account

Your account lets you start an application, submit and pay for your application, get messages related to your application, check the status of your application and update your information.

Option 1: GCKKey
Sign in with your GCKKey user ID and password.

Sign in with GCKKey

Option 2: Sign-In Partner
Sign in with your online Canadian banking information if you have an existing account with 1 of our partners.

Sign in with Sign-In Partner

View the full list of Sign-In Partners

Don’t have an account?

Register

View the applications you submitted
Review, check the status or read messages about your submitted application.

Did you apply on paper or don't see your online application in your account? Add [link] your application to your account to access it and check your status online.

Continue an application you haven't submitted
Continue working on an application or profile you haven't submitted or delete it from your account.

Start an application
- Apply to come to Canada
  Includes applications for visitor visas, work and study permits, Express Entry and International Experience Canada. You will need your personal reference code if you have one.
- Refugees: Apply for temporary health care benefits
  Use this application if you are a protected person or refugee claimant who wants to apply for the Interim Federal Health Program.
- Citizenship: Apply for a search or proof of citizenship
  Use this application to apply for proof of citizenship (citizenship certificate) or to search citizenship records.
- Students: Transfer schools
  For approved study permit holders only. Tell us if...
Is work **required** to graduate from your study permit in Canada? See your letter of acceptance. If not indicated there, then answer « no » for this question.

Answer **YES** if your spouse and/or children wish to accompany you to Canada and apply for a permit at the same time.

You only need to give biometrics once in every 10 years. If you are unsure, Use the **Check Status Tool**.
Medical exams

» Yes? Provide proof of your medical exam
» No? You’ll be asked the question below

A “designated” country or territory is one where a medical exam is required
In the last year, if you have lived in one of these places for over 6 months, you need a medical. Find out if you need a medical exam
## Sample document checklist

### Application Form(s)

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Will only appear if you answered « yes » to the question «Is work an essential component of your studies »

Upload your letter of explanation/study plan and other supporting documentation here
How do I sign my online application?

You have to type your name and answer a security question to submit your application. This is your electronic signature. **Do not** print out your application form to sign it.

To sign your online application:

1) Type your name in the boxes.

Your given name and last name must be **exactly** the same as on your application form. If you’re under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must sign your form for you.

2) Answer the security question.

This will be one of the four security questions you created when you registered your account. You must answer exactly as you did when you created them.
IMM forms
Filling Out the IMM 1294

- Download the form to your computer and open it using Adobe Acrobat Reader
- Use the information from your passport and letter of acceptance i.e. exact spelling
- National ID: optional
- Employment history: employment is not mandatory. You must complete at least one line and can fill in your most recent education details instead.
- Refer to the guide to help you complete the form.
- On December 1, 2023, a new version of the study permit application form (IMM1294) became available. Applications submitted on or after December 1, 2023, that use the old version of the form will not be accepted.
Download current form(s)

- Download the applicable form(s) by putting your cursor over the document name. You’ll see a note that says, “Open in a new window.” This indicates that a form can be downloaded.
- If you see a “Please wait...” message when you’re downloading a form:
  - Click on the download arrow at the top right to save the file onto your computer and open it with Adobe Reader
  - If you do not see the arrow, move your cursor to the top of the screen and it will appear.
## Details of Intended Study in Canada

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### Notes:
- **Must match** the total amount of funds you are showing as proof.
  - e.g. If you have a combination of $20,000 in your bank account, $500 from a scholarship and $53,000 from your parents, you would indicate $73,500.

### See Letter of Acceptance:
- York University - Bachelor's Degree |
- Arts/Humanities/Social Science
- Complete address of school in Canada:
  - Province: ON
  - City/Town: Toronto
  - Address: 4700 Keele Street

If you are less than 17 years of age, you must fill out the Custodian Declaration (IMM 5256) form.
You must answer the background questions truthfully and provide an explanation for any “yes” answers.

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<td>a) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended school without authorization or worked without authorization in Canada?</td>
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<td>c) Have you previously applied to enter or remain in Canada?</td>
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<td>In January 2018, I came to Canada on a visitor visa, and stayed for 3 weeks.</td>
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Refusals
What should I do if I receive a refusal?

- We hope this doesn’t happen to you. We host these sessions so that you can make a strong application and proactively address some common reasons for refusal.
- Make sure to “put your best foot forward” in your first application.
- If you are concerned about a refusal or have had refusals in the past, you may want to hire a legal representative to help you with your application.
- Should you receive a refusal, please connect with an international student advisor. We will need to see your refusal letter to provide advice on next steps.
Common reasons for refusal

- Unclear and/or insufficient financial documents
- Unreasonable studies
- Not satisfied you will leave at the end of your stay

☑ Other reasons:
Your proposed studies are not reasonable in light of one or more of: your qualifications, previous studies, missing marksheets, academic record, level of establishment, language abilities, or your future prospects and plans.

☐ You have not satisfied me that you would leave Canada at the end of your stay. In reaching this decision, I considered several factors, including:

☐ travel history
☐ immigration status in country of residence
☐ family ties in Canada and in country of residence
☐ length of proposed stay in Canada
☐ purpose of visit
☐ employment prospects in country of residence
☐ current employment situation
☐ personal assets and financial status.
☐ your history of having contravened the conditions of admission on a previous stay in Canada
What if I have admissions questions?

For questions related to:
- Admission requirements
- Academic upgrade for students who do not meet admission requirements
- Application deadlines
- Documentation required
- Language proficiency requirements
- Credit transfer
- Deferral questions
- Scholarships and bursaries

Most information is available online.
- Visit [YorkU Future Students](#)
- Check [MyFile](#) for updates and documents

Can’t find the information you are looking for?
- Email [intlenq@yorku.ca](mailto:intlenq@yorku.ca)
What if I have academic questions?

For questions related to:

- Enrolling in courses
- Program and degree requirements
- Degree options: major, minor, certificates
- Peer mentoring and study groups
- Information and referrals to academic and campus services and resources
- Understanding Faculty legislation and policies, the petition process, and academic standing

Contact your Academic Advisor
Need immigration help?

Bookmark and check the YI events calendar regularly. Here you’ll find:

• The drop-in advising schedule (virtual and in-person)
• Information sessions on various immigration topics
• In-person immigration workshops where you can get real-time support as you make an application to IRCC

Visit yorkinternational.yorku.ca for information and guides to help you.

Email us at iadvisor@yorku.ca

• Always include your student number in all communications with York
• Expect a delayed response due to the high volume of inquiries, especially at peak times
Upcoming Webinars & Events
Global Peer Program Drop-In

March Drop-in
Global Peer Program

Join the monthly drop-in for one-on-one time with a mentor (upper-year York student)! You will have the opportunity to connect with a mentor and ask questions. Stop by any time between 9:00am – 10:30am!

› **Day/Date:** Thursday, March 21st, 2024

› **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST

› **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkdeqtqTwjGdUoSFfACTUbFuDHgOHJUaR](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkdeqtqTwjGdUoSFfACTUbFuDHgOHJUaR)
Global Peer Program Community Event

March Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: Living in Canada

Monthly community events will focus on a specific theme which support your successful transition to York University and Canada. You will have the opportunity to meet other new international students and connect with GPP mentors in a small group setting.

› **Day/Date:** Thursday, March 28th, 2024

› **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST

› **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqce-oqTsiEtNF2OqO3WreRPrgpjPAI3jV](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqce-oqTsiEtNF2OqO3WreRPrgpjPAI3jV)
Pre-Arrival Webinar

Understanding Your Health Insurance

Travelling to Canada

The **Understanding your Health Insurance** webinar, students get to know about University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP), important deadlines and important wellness resources available at York University.

› **Date:** Wednesday, April 3\(^{rd}\), 2024  
› **Time:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM  
› **Registration:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrcuGhqTorH9Dk3AH7zpJ4CM3qGEszibl#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrcuGhqTorH9Dk3AH7zpJ4CM3qGEszibl#/registration)
Program: YI Meet Up

▷ Date: April 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2024
▷ Time: 10:00am – 11:00am (EST)

YI Meet Up is a virtual social event that provides incoming or deferred students an opportunity to meet new people, make new connections and introduce them to campus life through a variety of activities, conversations and group initiatives. The program aims to ease the transition to York and to Canada and to help find a sense of community before even arriving.
The Meet Your Faculty webinar will provide students with an opportunity to meet with advisors from their faculty and get to learn everything about their faculty. Students will know more about the kinds of resources that are available, as well as the opportunities of engagement and professional development.

› **Date:** Wednesday, April 17th, 2024  
› **Time:** 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM  
› **Registration link:** [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtc-6gqDkpE9OXDKIVHA53gvQovj3YlrvP#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUtc-6gqDkpE9OXDKIVHA53gvQovj3YlrvP#/registration)
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