

Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

**Getting Ready for
Orientation Week**

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The Indigenous Students' Association at York's (ISAY) 21st All Nations Pow Wow

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

Native Land Digital: <https://native-land.ca/>



Webinar Outcomes

By the end of this webinar, new incoming international students will have more knowledge about:

- *Available resources to connect with York University*
- *What Orientation Week is at York.*
- *Benefits of Orientation Week for international students.*
- *How to register for Orientation Week.*

Agenda for Today:

The agenda for today's webinar is:

- › *Preparing for York University*
- › *Orientation Week*
- › *International & Exchange Student Orientation*
- › *Questions & Answers*
- › *Upcoming Pre-Arrival Webinars and Events*

Learn All About: Transition Programming & Services

2024

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By the end of this presentation, new students will have more knowledge about:

- What Summer Transition Programs there are available for new students and their family
- The online communication tools available to students that provide another way of connecting with other students and the New Student Transition Team
 - Slack Community
 - Emails



Why We Have Transition Programming

- › The programming York University implements is unique, as it allows students have a stress free and fun transition to University life.
- › We are also students, so we understand the anxieties around of transitioning to university and experiencing a new environment!

- › **Why should you get involved?**
 - To connect with your fellow peers
 - Ask questions and hear from upper-year students
 - Hear from professionals at York University through panels
 - Learn about the tools to success you will need for your first year

Finally, to start University off with a BANG!



Types of Transition Events: CAMPUS TOURS

CAMPUS TOURS

› **Mode of Delivery:** In-Person

› **This will help you:**

- 1) Create a sense of familiarity to campus locations for new students
- 2) Introduce academic, wellness and student service resources to students
- 3) Support new student transition with peer-to-peer engagement opportunities

LOCATIONS WE VISIT

- › Vari Hall
- › Ross Building
- › Campus Walk (Lassonde Building, William Small Centre etc.)
- › Tate McKenzie
- › First Student Centre
- › York Lanes
- › ...and more



Types of Transition Events: Q&A INFO SESSIONS

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› **Mode of Delivery:** Virtual

› **This will help you:**

- 1) Explore resources more in-depth that are key to first year student success
- 2) Interact with York staff that provide student support services
- 3) Clarify processes involved with using specific York resources

THESE COVER TOPICS LIKE...

- › Finances
- › Sports Clubs and Recreation
- › York International
- › Accessibility Services
- › Residence Life (Living on Campus)
- › A Tour of E-Class
- › Meal Plans and Healthy Eating
- › Orientation Week



Types of Transition Events: YORK 101S, 201S, & PRIORITY FOCUS EVENTS

YORK 101S, 201S, & PRIORITY FOCUS EVENTS

- › **Mode of Delivery:** Sessions will be offered both virtually & in-person
- › **This will help you:**
 - 1) Describe the benefits of various services available to them
 - 2) Examine tips and tricks used by upper year students in navigating campus life
 - 3) Differentiate between high-school and university environments
 - 4) Identify online and in-person resources
 - 5) Interact with other incoming new students and make connections

TYPES OF EVENTS

- › York 101+ Events include those catered to...
 - › Students first in their family
 - › BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour)
 - › 2SLGBTQ+ Students
- › York 201 Events include...
 - › Black Excellence
 - › Learning Skills



Types of Transition Events: PARENT & FAMILY SESSIONS

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- › **Mode of Delivery:** Sessions will be offered both virtually & in-person
- › **This will help you:**
 - 1) Recognize financial opportunities for students to receive funding from the university
 - 2) Understand how government issued financial aid is processed by the university
 - 3) Learn about different career opportunities available to students both during and after completion of their degree

THESE COVER TOPICS LIKE...

- › About YorkU
- › Learning and Academic Support
- › Student Finances

- › They will also...
 - Have the chance to meet other parents
 - Talk to York's Senior Administration

Types of Transition Events: CAMPUS SERVICE FAIR & CLUBS FAIR

CAMPUS SERVICE FAIR & CLUBS FAIR

› **Mode of Delivery:** In-Person

› **This will help you:**

- 1) Get to know the various services offered by campus partners on campus like Security Services, Parking and transportation and many more!
- 2) Have your questions answered and receive knowledgeable information straight from the source of information.
- 3) Interact with various clubs offered at York during club fairs and learn how to get involved

SOME SERVICES ON CAMPUS...

- › Student Financial Services
- › Learning Skills Services
- › GoSafe at York
- › The Writing Centre
- › York international
- › ...and more!
- › Clubs include...
 - Cultural clubs like the Indian Students Association
 - Religious clubs like the Muslim students Association
 - Clubs relating to your major like Undergraduate Political Science Council

**Scan the QR code to see
all upcoming transition
events!
(They're FREE!)**

**Or visit:
<https://www.yorku.ca/orientation/>**



Additional Resources





Slack and Online Communication

SLACK

- › Our online Slack community allows student to connect with each other
 - Introduce yourself and find common interests with others!
- › The transition team also posts events for students to connect with each other both virtually and on campus
- › Ask questions to our student staff about programming and any concerns you may have will be swiftly addressed

EMAILS

- › newstudent@yorku.ca
 - Email us with any questions you have about transitioning to York and we will answer your question or direct you to the correct department that can address your concern.



WHAT IS IT?

- YU START is a New Student Transition Program designed to support you as you make your way into and through your first Year of York University.
- It is filled with modules that you will go through informing you on York Services
- YU START will help you enroll in courses, connect with fellow classmates, student leaders, faculty members and student services staff, and become more familiar with campus life, supports and resources available to you.

WHY IS IT USED?

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Stay Connected!

Follow us on...



Instagram: @StudentLifeYorkU



X (Formerly Twitter): @StudentLifeYorkU

Visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/orientation/summer-transition-events/>

Email us if you have any questions:

newstudent@yorku.ca



"Sometimes it's the journey that teaches you a lot about your destination"
~Drake



Orientation Week

The Scope of Orientation Week 2024



August 25

**Move-In
(Keele – New
Students)
(Glendon &
Markham – All
Students)**



August 25-26

**Residence
Orientation**



August 25-26

**International
Orientation**



**August 27 –
September 2**

**Social
Orientation
(Orientation
Week)**



August 28-30

**Academic
Orientation**



September 5

Open Doors York

What is Social Orientation (O-Week)?

Orientation Week is a program of social and academic activities designed to introduce first-year students to life at university.

It is a great opportunity to help you find your way around the campuses, meet new people, and learn more about the traditions and communities at York.



A Peek at Last Year's Orientation Week

TIME:

10 AM

11 AM

12 PM

1 PM

2 PM

3 PM

4 PM

5 PM

6 PM

7 PM

8 PM

9 PM

10 PM

11 PM

12 PM

ORIENTATION WEEK 2023

STUDENT COMMUNITY & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
 SCHEDULES VARY BY COLLEGE/FACULTY

	SAT AUG 26	SUN AUG 27	MON AUG 28	TUES AUG 29	WED AUG 30	THUR AUG 31	FRI SEPT 1	SAT SEPT 2	SUN SEPT 3	MON SEPT 4
	<p>RESIDENCE MOVE IN</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">LOCATED AT EACH RESIDENCE BUILDING</p>	<p>KIT PICK UP & RESIDENCE ORIENTATION</p>	<p>INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p> <p>ACADEMIC ORIENTATION</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">AMPD, EDUCATION, EUC, LAPS, LASSONDE</p>	<p>MANDATORY</p> <p>ACADEMIC ORIENTATION</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">GLENDON, HEALTH SCIENCE, SCHUILICH,</p>	<p>TAIT MCKENZIE TOURS</p>	<p>SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">CLUB FAIRS, ICEBREAKERS, SCANEGER HUNTS</p>	<p>BEACH DAY</p>	<p>CLOSING CEREMONIES</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">FORMAL WEAR, DANCING AND CELEBRATIONS</p>	<p>A&R FROSH FRENZY</p>
		<p>OPENING CEREMONIES</p>	<p>GLENDON CARNIVAL</p>							
		<p>BETHUNE SILENT DISCO</p>	<p>FOUNDERS DOUBLE QUAD</p>		<p>NC FEST</p>	<p>WINTERS NUIT BLANCHE</p>	<p>STONG PIT</p>	<p>CAL/MAC QUAD</p>		

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW

TICKETS CAN BE FOUND ON COLLEGE/FACULTY-SPECIFIC PAGES



How Does Orientation Week Work?



Orientation Week at York is run and operated by the nine colleges and the Faculties of Lassonde and Schulich School of Business.



Colleges exist to help make a big university feel small. They are a place to study, hang out, and participate in a smaller, more intimate setting. They are a place where you can feel at home.

Which College Do I Belong To?

- Just click on over to our handy [College Finder](#). Then click on your program of study to find out which college you belong to.
- You can also access your [Student Record](#) and find out there.

College Finder



Which College Are You In?

At York U, each undergraduate program belongs to a college, which provides academic and social support throughout your time here. You can find your college by clicking on your Faculty below:

Education	
COLLEGE	PROGRAM OF STUDY
Winters	Educational Studies
Environmental Studies and Urban Change	▼
School of the Arts, Media, Performance and Design	▼
Glendon	▼
Health	▼
Lassonde School of Engineering	▼
Liberal Arts & Professional Studies	▼
Schulich School of Business	▼
Science	▼

www.yorku.ca/orientation/college-finder/

Why Should You Participate in Orientation Week?



Create new and meaningful connections with other students in your program



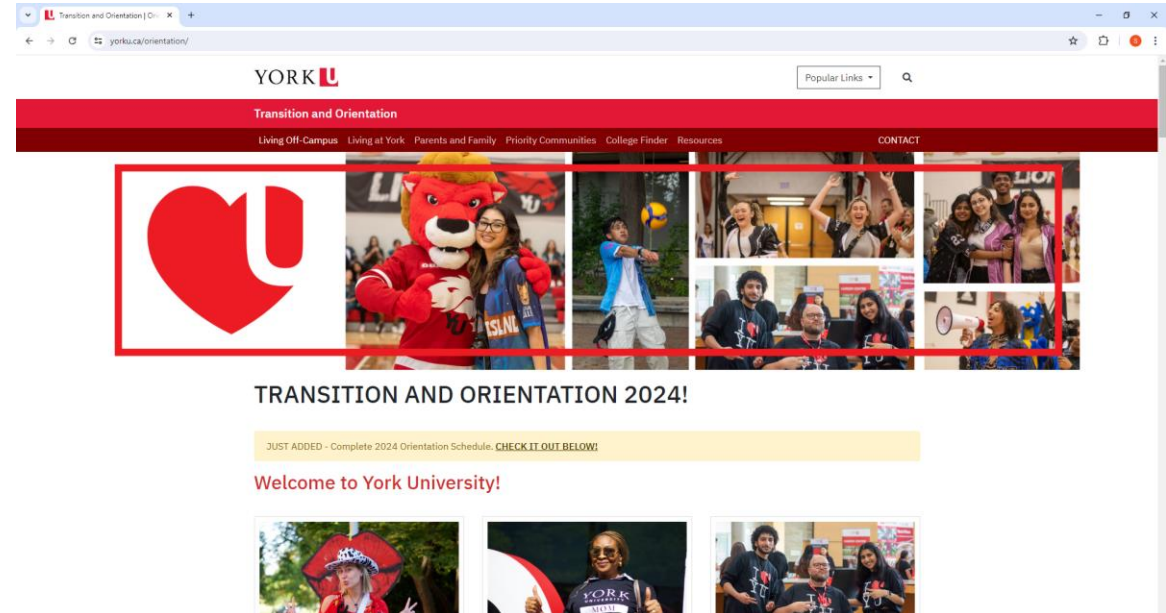
Explore the different resources and services offered to you



Familiarize yourself with York University and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)

How To Register for Orientation Week

- Through the Orientation Week website, you can find links to the 11 different orientation weeks at York University.
- You will find each group's contact information, social media, and website, which will include more information about orientation week and how to get involved.



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International and Exchange Student Orientation

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What is International and Exchange Student Orientation?

- The International and Exchange Student Orientation is a program designed to help new international and exchange students transition smoothly into life at York University.
- It includes a variety of activities and sessions that cover academic, social, and cultural aspects of university life.



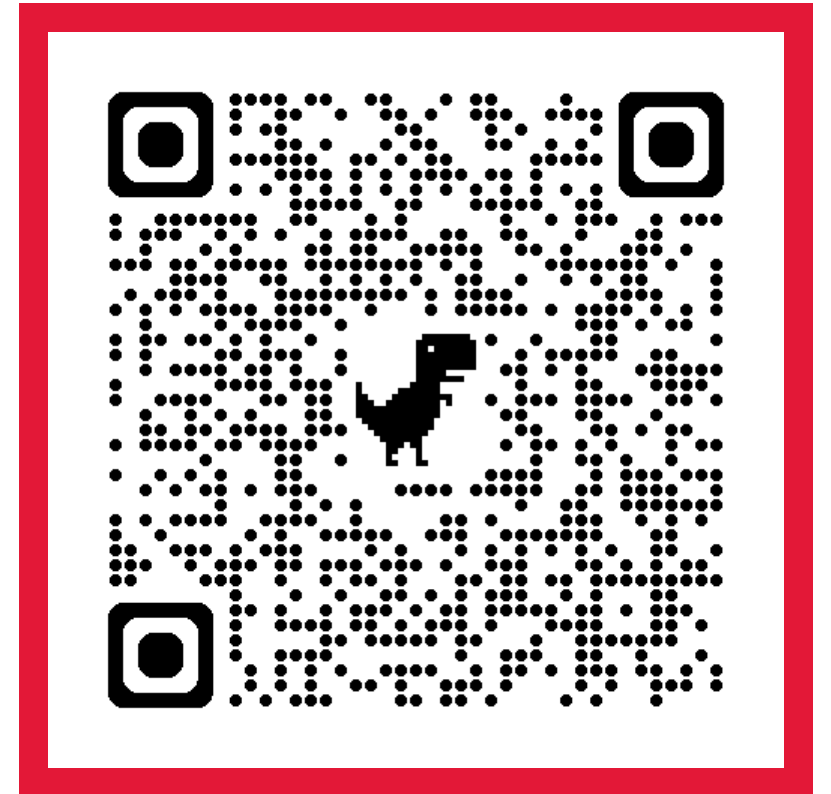
Vari Hall



August 26th, 2024



9:00am – 5:00pm



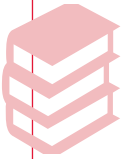
Here's what you'll expect!!



Importance of Orientation



Smooth transition to a new environment



Learn about essential resources available



Meet and connect with international peers



Vari Hall, York University



August 26th, 2024





9:00am – 5:00pm

Fall 2024 International & Exchange Student Orientation (Alternate Day 1)

This is open only for new incoming international students who are arriving at York University after August 26th.

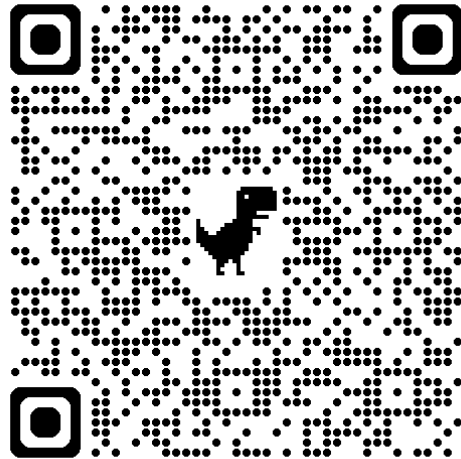
 **Founders Assembly Hall – FC 152**

 **September 13th, 2024**

 **9:00am – 2:00pm**

There will be no Service Fair nor a shopping trip for Alternate Day 1 Student Orientation


Deadline to register is September 9th at 9am!




Fall 2024 International & Exchange Student Orientation (Alternate Day 2)

This is open only for new incoming international students who are arriving at York University after September 13th.

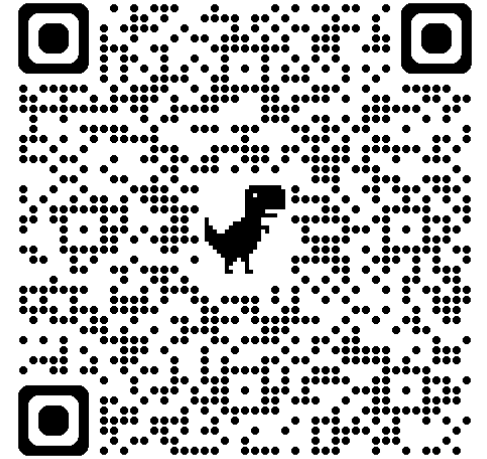
 **York Lanes 280N**

 **September 27th, 2024**

 **9:00am – 2:00pm**

There will be no Service Fair nor a shopping trip for Alternate Day 2 Student Orientation

Deadline to register is September 23rd at 9am!



International Orientation vs Academic Orientation vs Social Orientation

INTERNATIONAL & EXCHANGE STUDENT ORIENTATION

- **Meet International Students:** Opportunity to meet fellow international students.
- **Learn Resources & Services:** Learn about important resources and services at York.
- **Build Community:** Build a supportive community.

ACADEMIC ORIENTATION

- **Connect with Professors:** Meet and connect with your professors.
- **Friendship with Classmates:** Begin making friends with classmates.
- **Explore Student Services:** Discover the robust network of student services at York.
- **Understand Academic Expectations:** Get to know your academic expectations.

SOCIAL ORIENTATION

- **Engage in Activities:** Participate in social activities (sports, carnival, performances, field trips).
- **Make New Friends:** Meet new friends at student-designed events.
- **Explore Services:** Explore the robust network of student services at York.



FAQs

Q: Do I need to attend all orientation sessions?

A: While not mandatory, attending all sessions is highly recommended to get the most out of the orientation.

Q: Will meals be provided during orientation?

A: Yes, we will be providing lunch.

Q: Is there a cost to attend International & Exchange Student Orientation?

A: No. Orientation is free and a great way to start your new journey at York University.

Q: What should I bring to Orientation?

A: We suggest bringing a reusable water bottle and wearing comfortable walking shoes.

Q & A

Three light-colored wooden blocks are arranged horizontally on a light surface. The first block on the left has a large, bold, black letter 'Q' on its face. The middle block has a large, bold, black ampersand '&' symbol. The block on the right has a large, bold, black letter 'A'. In the background, a stack of several books is visible, slightly out of focus.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a silver laptop keyboard. The laptop screen displays the Zoom logo in large, blue, stylized letters. The person is wearing a white long-sleeved shirt with blue stripes at the cuffs. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

Upcoming Webinars and Events



slack

Join the York International Slack Channel!

Are you an incoming international student looking for answers to your questions, ways to connect with peers, and to boost your academic journey?

Look no further! Join our exclusive Slack channel tailored for incoming students! Whether you're seeking advice or simply wanting to connect with other international and domestic students before stepping foot on campus, our community is here for you.



Scan the QR code to join!

Global Peer Program Community Event

June Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: Faculty



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.

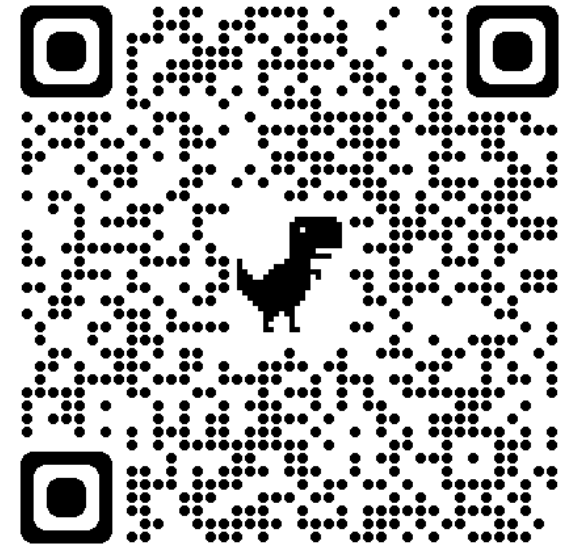
- › **Day/Date:** Friday, June 28th, 2024
- › **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
- › **Registration:** <https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvfurqrqDMtHdSaSpD8h5jXLRDlqxRLBm5r#/registration>



Program: YI Meet Up

- **Date: July 11th, 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.



Global Peer Program Drop-In

July 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, July 18th, 2024
- **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
- **Registration:** https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYrdOigpzwoE9L_GKPBRL6S1dyZRRwl67qc#/registration

Global Peer Program Community Event

July Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: Travelling to Canada



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- **Time:** 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
- **Registration:** https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcrcOmpdTsvGtClFw_3U3o6cOW1-S6h3b6g#/registration

Pre-Arrival Webinar

Arriving at the Canadian Border

Travelling to Canada



The **Arriving at the Canadian Border** webinar, provides students information regarding travelling to Canada, Canadian customs, important documents, and what to expect when you arrive at the airport in Canada.

- › **Date:** Wednesday, July 31st, 2024
- › **Time:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
- › **Registration link:** <https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqdu-rqD8uE9HOAwuopI10Xg1h3y2-h3Q#/registration>

York International Event Calendar





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Thank you!

