

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.



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/





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

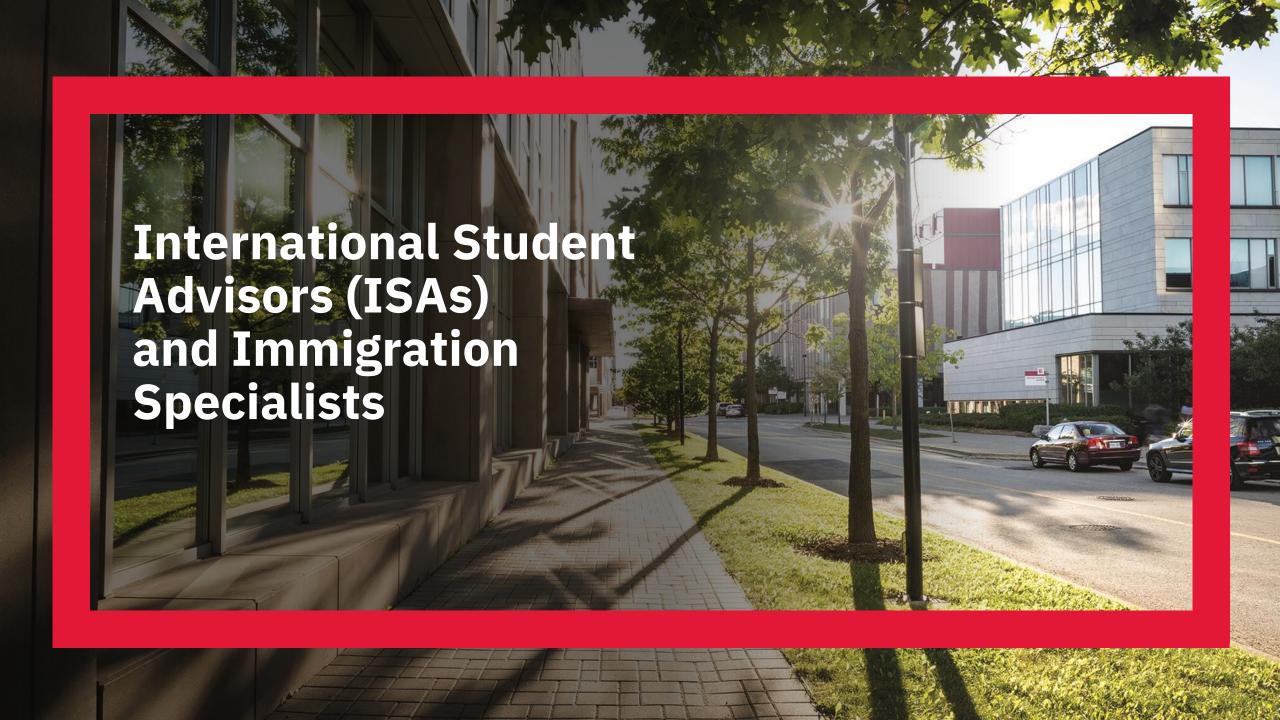


Agenda for Today:

The agenda for today's webinar is:

- International Student Advisors (ISAs) and Immigration Specialists
- Applying for a Study Permit
- Questions & Answers session
- Upcoming Webinars and Events







York International:

Prepare to Apply for a Study Permit

Information Current as of Oct 16, 2024





Content





Introduction to York International



Study permit application process

- Documents
- IRCC online application system
- IMM forms



Refusals reasons



Questions

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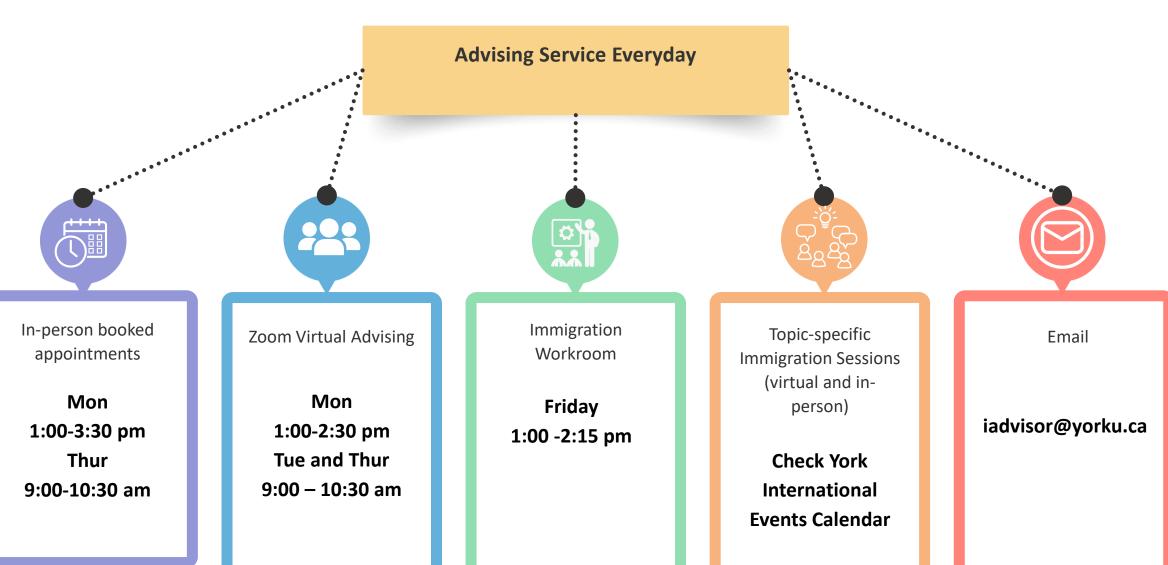
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IMMIGRATION ADVISING SERVICES





STUDY PERMIT
APPLICATION
PROCESS



Steps to Apply

01

Gather your documents and complete the forms

02

Complete biometrics and/or medical exam, if required

03

Monitor your IRCC account for updates, requests and a decision. You can check the current processing time through IRCC's website.



Receive a final decision. If your application is approved, you will receive a letter of introduction and passport request letter if required.

Important Concepts

Letter of Introduction (LOI)

June 03, 2019

Unique Client Identifier: 11-0904-9874

Application Number: \$302618819

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BEREBERREREE

FALGUNI JITENDRA GIANCHANDANI 3008 AL ATHAR TOWER MEAR DIPC SHERKH ZWED ROAD PO Box 49300 DUBN WIRDE AND SHIMBES

Dear FALGUNI JITENDRA GIANCHANDANI.

Your application to study in Canada has been approved. A permit authorizing your studies will be issued to you on your aminal to Canada following an examination by an officer of the Canada Border Services Agency, subject to your compliance with the requirements of the firmispation and Refugee Protection Act and its Regulations. The officer will ask to see this letter, your passport and may request to see your supporting documents, such the letter of acceptance from your educational institution. On not pack these or other valuable pagers in your checked luggage. You can find out more about which documents you will need to bring with you by visiting interesting or developed to the production of the prod

As you gather your documents, please take note of the following:

- This letter is not a passport or travel document. You will not be permitted to board your fight without your passport, even if you have this letter with you.
- This letter is not an authorization permitting you to enter or remain in Canada. An officer of the Canada Border Services Agency will make that determination upon your arrival to Canada.
- This letter is important because it contains information that will be used by the Canada Border Services Agency to issue your study permit. Please do not misplace it.

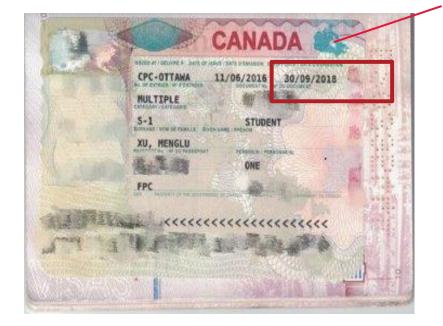
You must seek entry to Canada to obtain your study permit by 2022/07/30 (typy/immidd). Your passport must be valid beyond the period you intend to remain in Canada. If not, the validity of your study permit will not be issued beyond the expiry date of your passport, or, for United States obtains and permanent residents, the validity date of your identity document.

Note: As an international student in Canada, it is your responsibility to ensure that you continue to meet the conditions of your study permit, including the requirement to actively pursue studies. Your study permit will automatically become invalid 80 days after you complete your study program, regardless of the expiry date indicated on your study permit. For more information, please consult: http://www.nc.go.go.catengs/hithsbyfrindes.asg.

Temporary Resident Visa

Study Permit

Check expiry date!

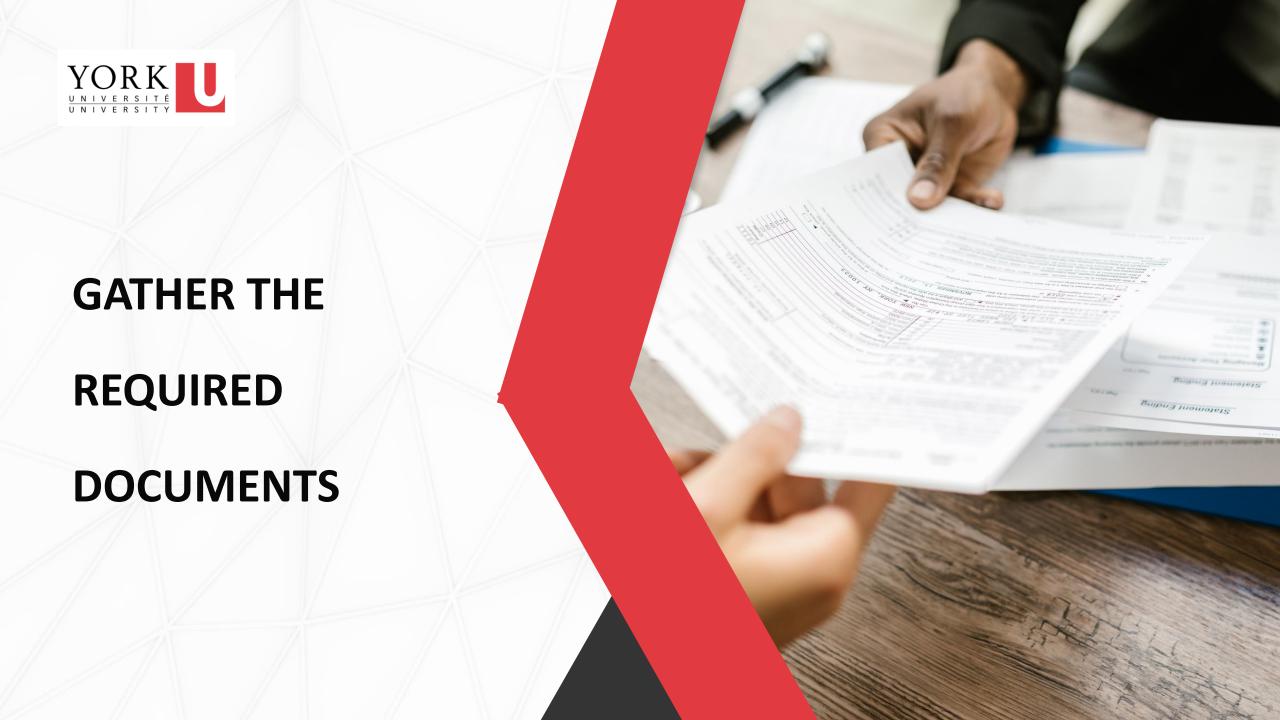


Check the conditions to see if you can work



Understand The Different Study Permit Categories

	REGULAR STUDY PERMIT STREAM	STUDENT DIRECT STREAM		
Processing time	Approximately 15 weeks	Approximately 20 days		
Required documents	 Letter of acceptance Attestation letter Proof of identity (e.g. passport) Proof of financial support of total amount of first year tuition fee + CAD \$20,635 	 Letter of acceptance Attestation letter Proof of identity (e.g. passport) Proof of financial support First-year paid tuition fee receipt \$20,635 in GIC account Results of an in-person test of your English proficiency 		
Other documents	Review <u>county-specific instruction</u> <u>guide</u> for any additional documentation requirements.	Review <u>county-specific instruction guide</u> for any additional documentation requirements.		



Major Components of Your Study Permit Application



1 LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

2 PROOF OF FINANCIAL ABILITY

3 STUDY PLAN/LETTER OF EXPLANATION

PROVINCIAL ATTESTATION LETTER (PAL)

1 LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE



- Find your Letter of Acceptance in "My File"
- Apply using the UG "Acceptance/Visa Letter"



- A letter of acceptance (LOA) from a designated learning institution and recent official transcripts are mandatory to apply for a study permit.
- Applying with a conditional LOA is acceptable



• In your study plan, explain how you have or will meet your conditions (e.g. submitting transcripts, most recent mark sheets).

2 PROOF OF FINANCIAL ABILITY

Do I need to provide proof of paid tuition?

Check your <u>local visa office instructions</u>.

- 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.

What documents do I need to show paid tuition?

- You can <u>make a deposit</u> of any amount and a payment receipt will be added to your <u>MyFile</u> 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.

What is a study plan?

- A study plan is like a cover letter of 1-2 pages
- To establish that your true intention is to seek a permit to study in Canada
- The purpose of your study plan is to demonstrate to IRCC that you a **genuine student** and that you have **sufficient ties** to your home country/residence.
- You should be specific, factual and practical in your study plan.

Study Plan-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?
- –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?
- –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

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Provincial Attestation Letter

Step 1: Accept Your Offer

Step 2: Pay Your Non-Refundable Acceptance Deposit

Pay your deposit within 10 business days of accepting your offer.

Whether or not you need a PAL to apply for a study permit, the \$1,500 non-refundable acceptance deposit is required to maintain your offer.

Step 3: Access Your Attestation Letter in MyFile



Hi

Main Page Admission Letters

Letter

<u>Application</u>

Status

Provincial Attestation Letter

Payment Receipt

<u>Scholarship</u>

Decision Letter

Acceptance/VISA letter

Supporting Documents

Do I need a PAL?

YES, YOU NEED A PAL IF

- You're currently outside of Canada
- You are applying for a new study permit
- You will be studying in one of the following:
 - Undergraduate degree program
 - Diploma or certificate program
 - English language program (YUELI)
 - Dual degree or pathway program

NO, YOU DO NOT NEED A PAL IF

- You will be studying in a Masters or PhD program
- You are currently inside Canada and:
 - You are applying for an extension
 - You are studying at another institution (ie high school, university, college) and you have a valid study permit
 - You have or are the dependent of someone with a valid work permit
 - Other category of exemption

Visit the Study Permit Application page to see if you need a PAL and for additional info



Other documents

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

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.

Commonly asked questions

Do I need to do an upfront 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; Find out if you need a medical exam

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 <u>biometrics check status tool</u>.



ONLINE
APPLICATION
SYSTEM



Gouvernement du Canada

Search Canada.ca





Home > Immigration and citizenship > My immigration or citizenship application

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.

Need help signing in or applying online?

Option 1: GCKey

Sign in with your GCKey user ID and password.

Sign in with GCKey

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

https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugeescitizenship/services/application/account.html

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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 persona 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.

<u>Citizenship: Apply for a search or proof of citizenship</u>

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



Personal Reference Code

If you have already completed the Come to Canada or the Express Entry wizard, you would have code, based on a group provided.

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I do not have a Personal Reference Code

If you do not have a personal reference code, you may answer a series of questions to find out if y Express Entry, and begin an online application.

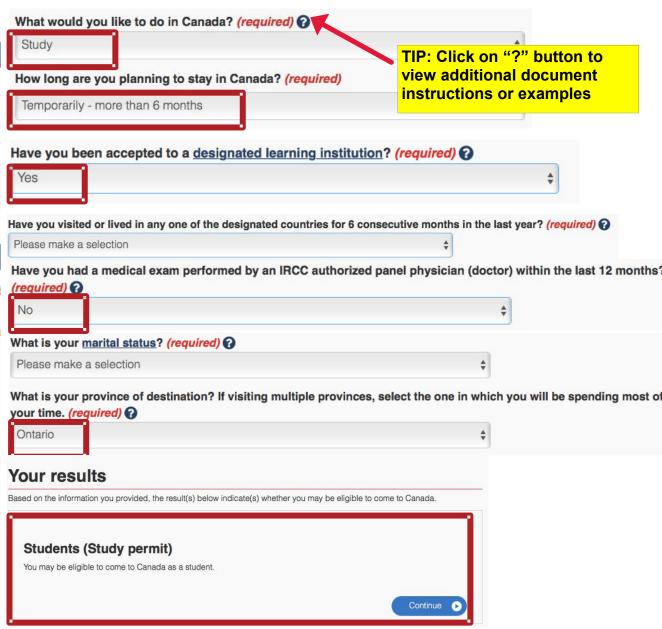
If you begin your application after you have logged into your account, you will not receive a per checklist right into your account.

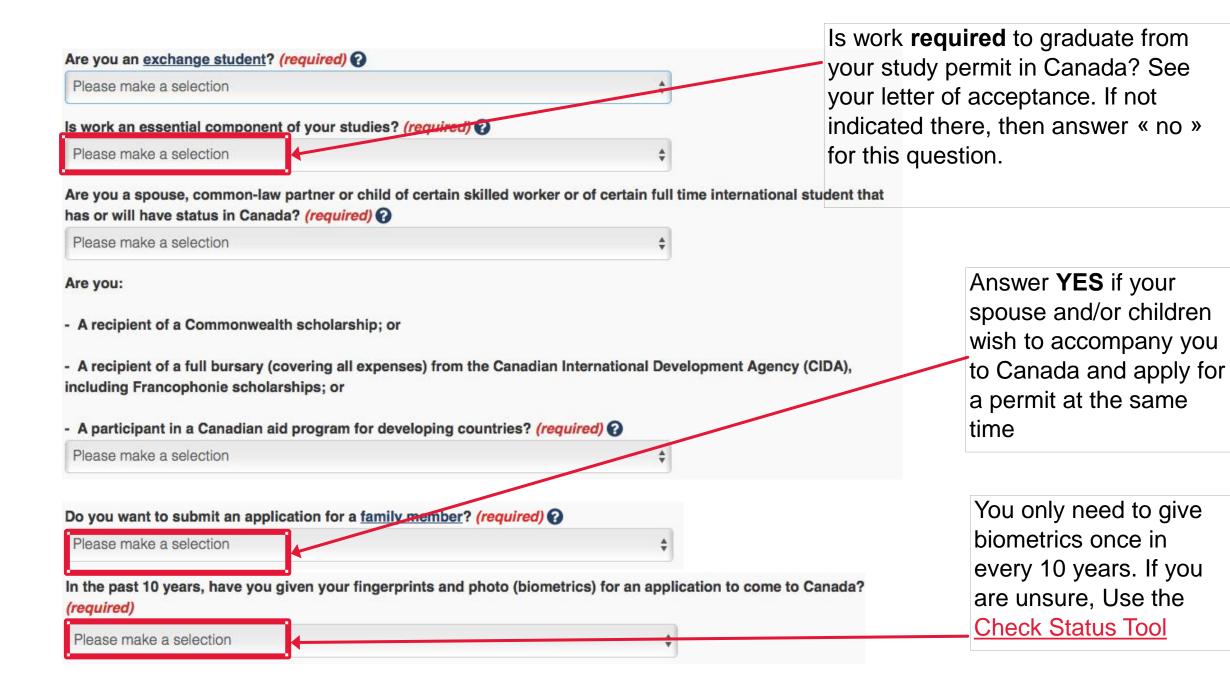
Determine your eligibility and apply online:

Visitor visa, study and/or work permit

Express Entry (EE)

International Experience Canada (IEC)



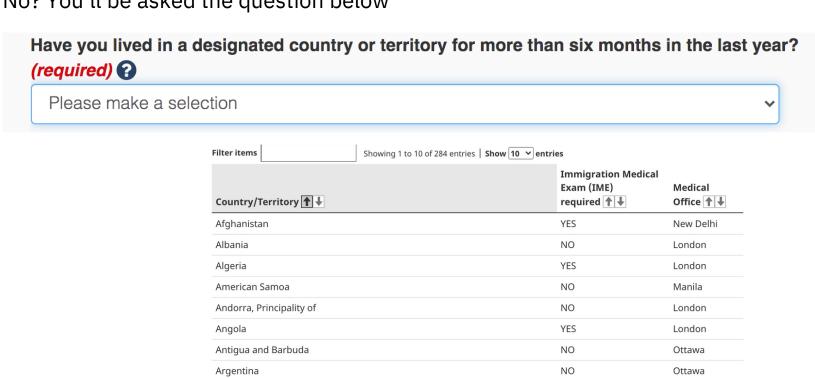


Medical exams



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

Armenia

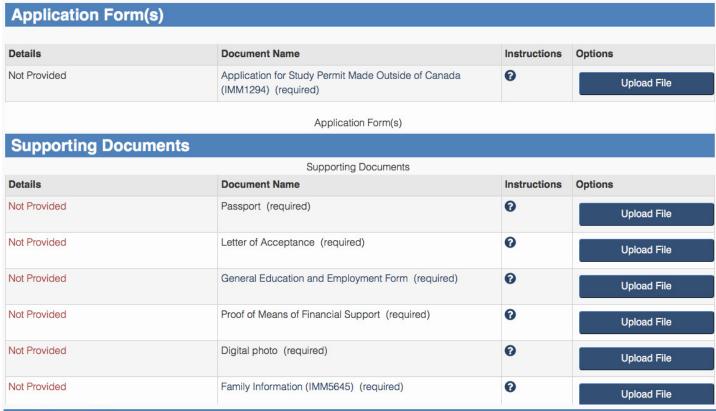


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Sample document checklist



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

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	Optional Documents		
Details	Document Name	Instructions	Options
Not Provided	Schedule 1 - Application for a Temporary Resident Visa Made Outside Canada (IMM 5257)	0	Upload File
Not Provided	Client Information	0	Upload File

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 <u>account</u>. You must answer exactly as you did when you created them.





IMM FORMS

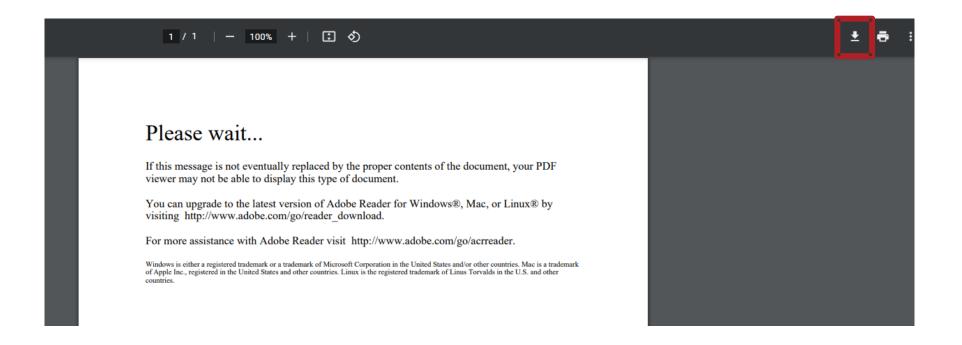


Download current form(s)

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:

- o 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



See letter of acceptance

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



You must answer the background questions truthfully and provide an explanation for any "yes" answers.

2	a) Have you ever remained beyond the validity of your status, attended school without authorization or worked without authorization in Canada?	√ No	Yes
	b) Have you ever been refused a visa or permit, denied entry or ordered to leave Canada or any other country or territory?	√ No	Yes
	c) Have you previously applied to enter or remain in Canada?	No No	√ Yes
	*d) If you answered "yes" to question 2a), 2b) or 2c), please provide details.		
	In January 2018, I came to Canada on a visitor visa, and stayed for 3 weeks.		





COMMON

REFUSAL

REASONS



Unclear and/or insufficient financial documents

How to explain the source of your fund?

Write a cover letter that includes:

- 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
- Example: The funds required for me to study and live in Canada are approximately_____. This amount is based on an estimated cost of tuition for one year _____ as indicated in my letter of acceptance and _____ 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
- Example:
 - 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 <u>local visa office instruction</u> guide for specific financial documentation that is required.

Not satisfied you will leave at the end of your stay

How to prove your 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)

Unreasonable studies

How to prove that you are a 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)?

What should I do if I receive a refusal?

- Should you receive a refusal, please connect with an international student advisor.
- We will need to see your **refusal letter** and **GCMS notes** to provide advice on next steps.
- 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.



CONTACT

INFORMATION



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 intleng@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 <u>YI events calendar</u> 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 <u>yorkinternational.yorku.ca</u> for information and guides to help you.

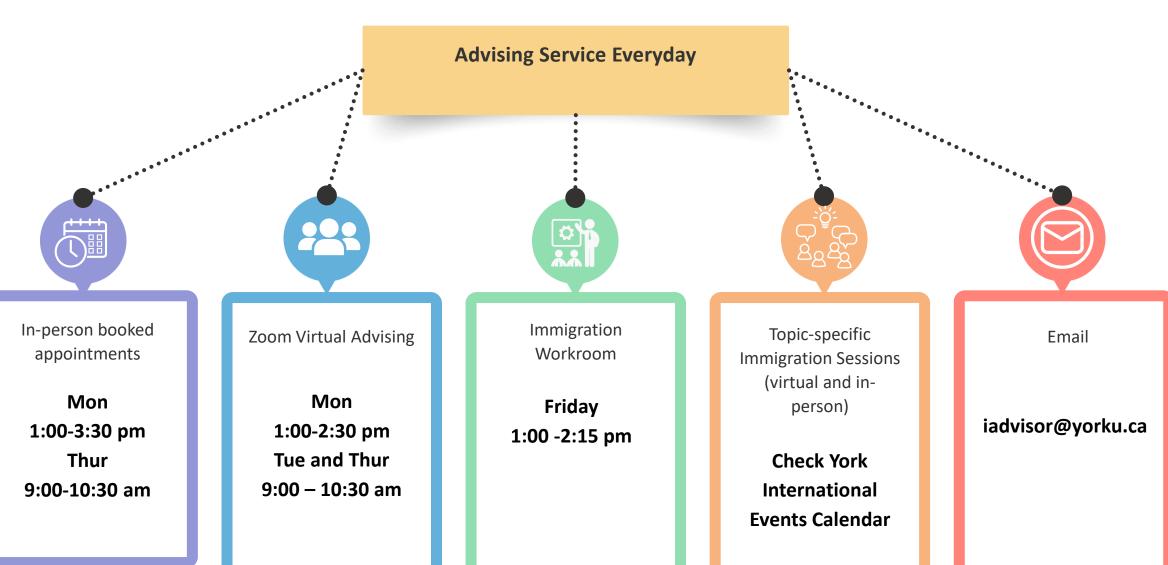


Email us at iadvisor@yorku.ca

- 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



IMMIGRATION ADVISING SERVICES





Global Peer Program Drop-In

October 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 – 10:00am!

- > Date: Thursday, October 17th, 2024
- > Time: 9:00AM to 10:00AM EST
- > Registration: https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcuf-cuqT0pE9D0hPnnjt1oPKzxnZmoFy24#/registration



Pre-Arrival Webinar

Financial Planning for International Students

Financial Literacy



The **Financial Planning for International Students** webinar provides students with the general cost of living in Canada as well as the financial resources available to aid them in making more informed decisions in their finances.

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 30th, 2024
- > Time: 9:00AM to 10:00AM
- ➤ **Registration:** https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkd-CrqjMvHNWlVVrZhS1ZfiW56va7c9z0#/registration



Global Peer Program Community Event

October Community Event

Global Peer Program

Theme: York University



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.

- Date: Thursday, October 31st, 2024
- Time: 9:00AM to 10:30AM EST
- **Registration:** https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJckd-gqj4vHND4jn-LEZAkdOlVtCkUpuBw#/registration



Pre-Arrival Webinar

Understanding Your Health Insurance

Travelling to Canada

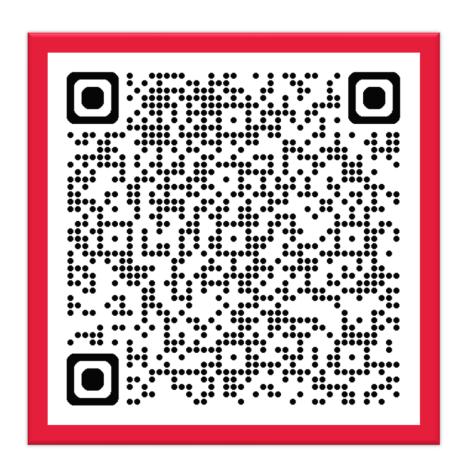


The **Understanding Your Health Insurance** webinar, students get to know about University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP), important deadlines and important wellness resources available at York University.

- **Date:** Wednesday, November 13th, 2024
- > **Time:** 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
- **Registration:** https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwsd-uopzopHNc3PJCe1zctNZpwE2r923p-#/registration



York International Event Calendar







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