

Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

Financial Planning for International Students

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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.



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:

- *Expectations of cost of living in Canada*
- *Financial aid available for International students*
- *Resources to support financial planning*

Agenda

The agenda for today's webinar is:

- *Financial expectations at York University as an international student*
- *Resources for financial planning*
- *Question and Answers*
- *Upcoming pre-arrival webinars*

Student Financial Services

Resources, Opportunities and Responsibilities

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Agenda for Today:

The agenda for today's webinar is:

- Estimated Expenses
- Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries
- Work/Study Program
- Your York Student Account



Estimated Tuition Costs

Average Cost By Program	Tuition and Ancillary Fees	Books and Fees
Most programs (Arts and Sciences)	\$37,281	\$1,407
Business	\$40,370	\$2,552
Commerce	\$40,259	\$1,658
Computer Science	\$34,835	\$1,620
Design	\$37,297	\$2,332
Engineering	\$43,424	\$2,024

- Fees listed are approximate values based on a full courseload.
- Tuition fees are based on an average for the current 2024-2025 academic year and are subject to change.

Residence/Living Expenses

Estimated Living Expenses	Residence	Off-Campus Living
Residence/Off Campus Housing	\$8,738 to \$12,776*	\$13,800 (based on average cost bachelor/studio)
Meal Plan/Food	\$5,650 to \$7,200**	\$4,000 (\$500 x 8 mths.)
Personal Expenses	\$4,600 (i.e., cell phone, transportation, personal items, entertainment, etc...)	\$5,500 (i.e., cell phone, cable, internet, transportation, personal items, entertainment, etc..)
Health and Dental Care	\$1,071***	\$1,071***

*View detailed residence fees for 2025-2026 at <https://www.yorku.ca/housing/keele-undergraduate-residence/undergraduate-residence-rates>.

** View detailed meal plan fees for 2025-2026 at <https://www.yorku.ca/foodservices/meal-plans/>.

*** Includes UHIP and YFS/Glendon Plan. For more information visit <https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/uhip/>.

All costs are subject to change.

DIVISION OF STUDENTS

Automatic Entrance Scholarships for International Applicants

Scholarship	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Maximum value
York International Scholarship of Distinction* (international high school and transfer applicants admitted with less than 24 transfer credits and average of 85%+)	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$37,500
York International Merit Award* (international high school and transfer applicants admitted with less than 24 transfer credits and average of 80% -84.9%)	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$25,000
York International Entrance Award (international high school and transfer applicants admitted with less than 24 transfer credits and average of 75% -79.9%)	\$5,000				\$5,000
York International Transfer Award (international transfer applicants admitted with a min. 24+ transfer credit and final average of 75%+)	\$2,500				\$2,500

*Renewable and regainable with a minimum 7.5 gpa (B+).

Terms and Conditions of International Entrance Scholarships

- All international students are required to pay a **\$2,000** non-refundable acceptance deposit.
- All admission conditions must be satisfied, and the recipient must accept their offer of admission by the deadline indicated in their offer letter to maintain scholarship eligibility.
- Decisions for application-based entrance awards will be communicated to all applicants by late March/early April.
- Entrance scholarships cannot be deferred beyond the current academic year. The President's International Scholarship of Excellence (PISE) or the Tentanda Via Award cannot be held in conjunction with Automatic Entrance Scholarships.
- International entrance scholarships/awards are applicable to students paying international tuition rates only. For PISE and the Tentanda Via Award, if a recipient's immigration status changes at any time while studying at York, the value of this award will be adjusted accordingly.

In-Course Funding Opportunities

Financial Aid, Awards and Scholarships (FAAS) Application



- Each year there will be an opportunity to apply for scholarships, awards and bursaries on the FAAS (Financial Aid, Awards and Scholarships) application which opens in August annually.
- Many awards are designated for students who are Canadian citizens, Permanent Residents or who have Protected Person status; international students will be considered for any award that does not list these immigration statuses as a requirement.
- Bursary funding is limited; applications in which the applicant has indicated they have little or no resources are considered incomplete and will be excluded from consideration.

Receiving York Funding

- Scholarship/award decisions will be communicated by email or through the FAAS portal for in-course awards.
- University funding is applied directly to recipients' York student account first to cover tuition and other student fees.
- A refund for surplus entrance scholarship funds can be requested in November. Students should obtain a Canadian bank account and provide the university with their banking information to allow for direct deposit of funds to their bank accounts.
- Where applicable, eligibility for renewal will be automatically assessed by the university in May. Students will be notified of the decision, and the funds will be posted to their accounts in August. For more information, please visit <https://students.yorku.ca/sfs/scholarships-awards-bursaries#renewable-scholarships>.
- University reserves the right to reverse an award if a student withdraws or no longer meets the criteria/terms.

Work/Study Program

Approximately 1900 part-time employment opportunities available annually under three programs:

- RAY (Research at York)
- LEAP (Leadership, Engagement and Ambassadorship Program)
- General Work/Study

Benefits of the program:

- Competitive wages, from minimum wage up to \$24/hr
- Manageable work hours; roughly 10 – 15 hrs/wk for Fall/Winter, up to 35 hrs/wk for Summer
- Opportunity to work with other students, staff and faculty; skills learned will supplement classroom learning.
- Gain valuable Canadian work experience



Work/Study Eligibility for International Students

To participate in the Work/Study program, students must:

- Be a full-time (see below), undergraduate student enrolled in a degree program
- Hold a valid study permit with a condition that permits the student to work in Canada
- Meet the specific skills and requirements needed to perform the job responsibilities

Full time status is defined as:

Fall/Winter - enrolled in a minimum of 18 credits for the Fall/Winter academic year (min. 9 credit or more per term); if you are a student with a disability, full time status is enrolment in a minimum of 12 credits for the Fall/Winter academic year (min. 6 credit or more per term)

Restrictions:

- All students are permitted to accept **ONE** Work Study position only per program period.

How to apply for Work/Study Positions

Application Process:

- Complete the Work Study Application; opens in August for Fall/Winter program
- Search applicable sites and apply directly to positions
- Visit <https://students.yorku.ca/sfs/work-study-programs> to access application and for more information

Where to view jobs:

- Work/Study and LEAP – York University Employee Career Portal (<https://about.yorku.ca/careers/>)
- RAY – Career Education and Development Centre (careers.yorku.ca)



Welcome to the York University Employee Career Portal

For internal career resources and supports please visit the new Career Navigation page on yulink.

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- CPM
- CUPE 1356 PT
- Confidential and Professional Temporary Contract
- CUPE 1356-2 PT
- CUPE 1356
- IUOE
- Summer Student
- YUSA 1
- YUSA 2 Interim
- YUSA 2 PT
- Work Study - LEAP
- Work Studv



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Records & Data Entry Assistant

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Records & Data Entry Assistant

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Sound & Light Technician (Bilingual)

Job Title *	Department/Faculty (BU)	Affiliation *	Band/Salary Grade *	Posting Date
Career Peer Educator	Career Centre	Work Study - LEAP	W01	02-07-2024
Special Projects Assistant	Innovation York	Work Study	W01	01-24-2024
Records & Data Entry Assistant	Advancement - Office of Advancement Services and Operations	Work Study	W01	01-17-2024
Records & Data Entry Assistant	Advancement - Office of Advancement Services and Operations	Work Study	W01	12-12-2023
Records & Data Entry Assistant	Office of the Counsel	Work Study	W01	12-06-2023
Sound & Light Technician (Bilingual)	Cultural Affairs/Theatre, Glendon College	Work Study	W02	07-18-2023

Keywords



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Your York Student Account

All student financial transactions (i.e., tuition, awards, residence charges, refunds and payments) are reflected on the online Student Account accessible through Passport York. Entrance scholarships will be applied to your account in August.

Statements are released online between the **18th and 20th** of each month. **They are not mailed.**

Payments made through financial institution by phone or online banking. **York University is the 'payee' and the student number is the "account" number.** International students can make payments through two providers (CIBC and Convera). Go to <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/your-student-account/paying> for more information.

Payment Schedule

FEE TYPE	TERM	DUE DATE
new student registration deposit		depends on date of first course enrolment
undergraduate course enrolment	Summer	May 10
undergraduate course enrolment	Fall	September 10
undergraduate course enrolment	Winter	January 10
undergraduate course enrolment	Year	*50% due September 10 *50% due January 10
undergraduate program-based course fees (e.g., BDes)	Year	*50% due September 10 *50% due January 10
residence and meal plan charges	Year	*50% due September 10 *50% due January 10
health plan fees	Year	10th of the month following appearance on your statement

Contact Information for Enquiries

Student Support and Advising (<https://students.yorku.ca/ssa-contact>)

Can assist you with:

- Understanding your [student account](#), [tuition and fees](#);
- Assisting with [financial aid](#) and [OSAP](#) inquiries;
- Resolving [financial](#) or [admissions](#) related issues;
- Providing guidance on university [policies and guidelines](#);
- And much more.

Telephone: **416-872-YORK (9675)**

Email - rscheck@yorku.ca (Please remember to include your name and reference/student number in your email.)

Visit site for information on how to book virtual or in-person appointments.

Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries – email bursary@yorku.ca

TIPS TO SAVE MONEY

*From an international student's
perspective*

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A close-up photograph of a white bowl filled with food. It appears to be a meal consisting of white rice, a yellow-orange curry or sauce, and several pieces of golden-brown fried food, possibly chicken or fish. The food is garnished with finely chopped green herbs. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the same food.

How to save on food?

1 **Cooking at home can save you a lot of money**



**Think about how much eating out
costs vs a home-cooked meal**

2 **Whenever you go out for grocery, make sure to:**



Read the flyers for good deals



Download rewards app



**Go to cost-saving grocery
stores (No Frills, FreshCo,
etc)**

Take advantage of student discounts



Leisure activities

Museum
Cinema
Concerts
Parks



Public transit

Trains
Buses
Streetcars



Online subscription

Youtube
Spotify
Netflix
Grammarly
Uber One



Student Union

Check out discounts offered through [York Federation of Students](#)

Feeling like going on a shopping spree?



01

Not urgent?

Hold off your purchase until Black Friday or Boxing Day

- ✓ Christmas presents
- ✓ Pricy tech products

02

Do not need it new?

Shop or thrift second-hand products

- ✓ Textbooks
- ✓ Furniture

However, there are some stuff worth spending on...

GOOD QUALITY WINTER CLOTHES

- ✓ Improve your winter experience in Canada
- ✓ Recommended to wait until you arrive to buy
- ✓ Good quality can last long



Good winter jackets can protect you from the wind and snow

Good winter boots can prevent from slipping on ice



Good gloves can keep your hands warm and prevent frostbite



Staying healthy on a budget at York University



Stay active

Gyms, studios, courts
Intramural sports
(tennis, volleyball, etc)
Fitness classes (yoga,
dance, spin,..)

And stay hydrated!

Stop buying plastic water
bottles and start using
the water refill stations!



Learn new recipes

Free cooking classes with
York's resident registered
dietician and on-campus
executive chef

And try new dishes!

FUEL cookbook
Value meal program



Talk to a counsellor

Free walk-in/virtual
counselling session
Support group

And utilize well-being and health services

Events/workshops
Virtual Well-Being hub
Podcasts

Upcoming Webinars

A close-up photograph of a person's hands typing on a silver laptop keyboard. The person has red nail polish and is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The laptop screen displays the Zoom logo in large blue letters. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

Study Permit Support

Study Permit Application Support Session



For students who have paid their deposit ONLY

Join us for an insightful session on crafting a compelling study permit application and effectively addressing refusals. Discover the common reasons international students face refusals and learn how to enhance your application for a better chance of success.



Wednesday, April 9th, 2025



9:00AM to 10:00AM


York International Event Calendar







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A large crowd of students is gathered at a night event, likely a school sports game. Many students are wearing red t-shirts with a white lion logo and the text "WE ARE ALL LIONS". The crowd is dense and fills the frame, with students in the foreground looking towards the camera. The background shows stadium seating and some banners. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

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don't miss our next session!**