

Pre-Arrival Webinar Series:

Living in Canada: What to Expect

YORK U



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:

- *Housing options available for international students at York University*
- *Housing application process and important deadlines*
- *Benefits of living on campus as a first-year student*
- *Housing options outside campus*

Agenda

The agenda for today's webinar is:

- › *Living On-Campus*
- › *Living Off-Campus*
- › *Questions & Answers session*
- › *Upcoming Webinars and Events*

On-Campus Residence

A photograph of a modern university campus. In the foreground, a wide brick walkway runs alongside a building with large glass windows. The walkway is lined with young trees and a grassy area. In the background, a multi-story building with a mix of brick and glass facades is visible. The sun is shining brightly, creating a lens flare effect through the trees. A few cars are parked on the street to the right. The entire scene is framed by a thick red border.

Introduction to Housing at York

› Keele Campus

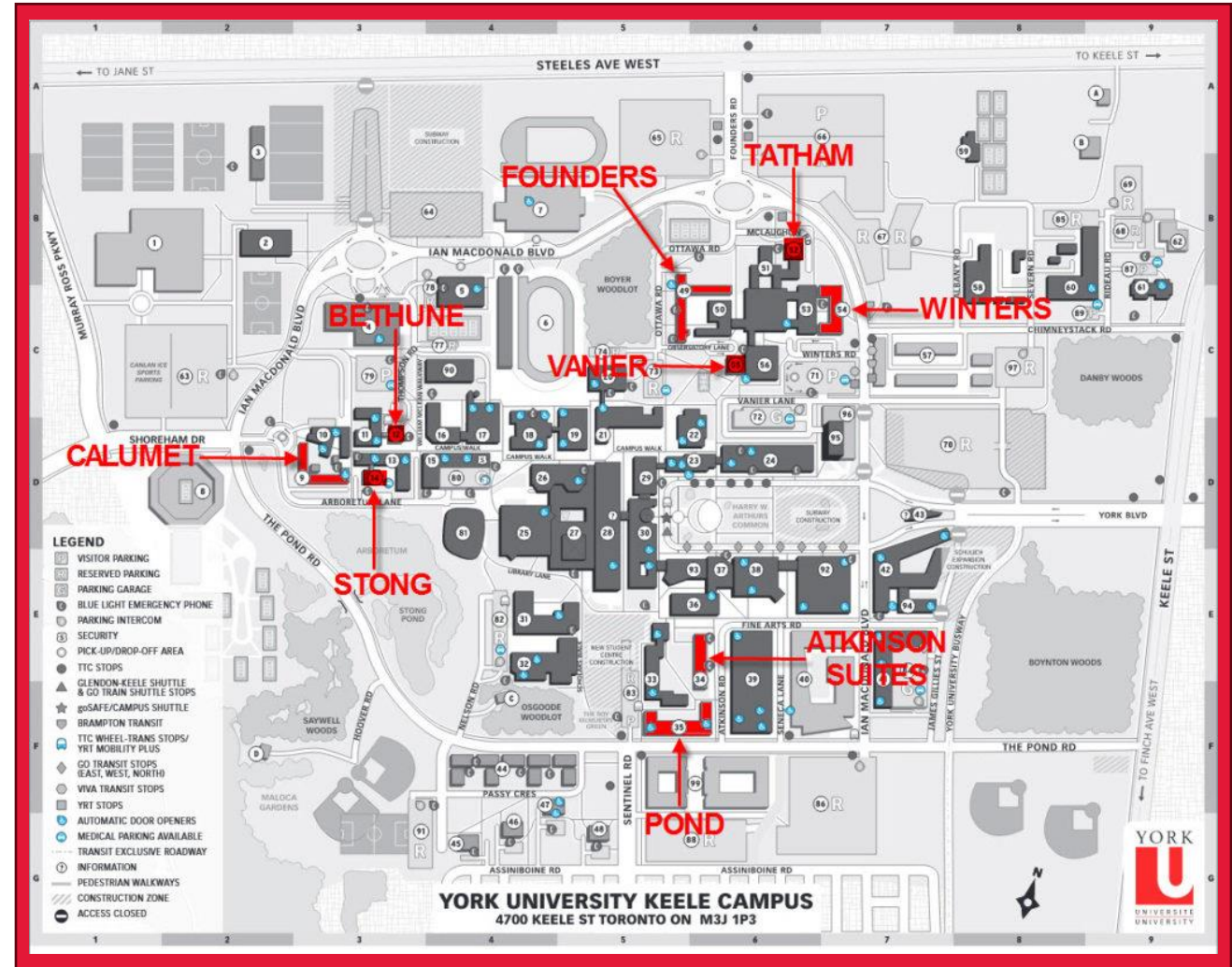
- 9 undergraduate residence buildings
- 6 graduate apartment buildings

› Glendon Campus

- 2 undergraduate residence buildings

› Markham Campus

- 1 off-campus undergraduate and graduate residence building





Keele Residences

Furnishings

What is included in my residence room?

- Single bed
- Lamp
- Desk
- Chair
- Dresser
- Closet
- Garbage bin



Room Styles

Traditional-Style

- Standard Double and Single rooms
- Sharing common washrooms and lounges where cleaning is provided
- Preferred choice for first-year students looking to make new friends and not worry about cooking/cleaning for themselves
- Dining plan is required

Suite-Style

- Single and Double rooms within a suite
- Washrooms and kitchen shared by other students in the suite
- Preferred choice for upper-year students who may like to cook and clean for themselves
- Dining plan is optional

Traditional-Style Residences

Features:

- Single and Double Rooms
- Common shared bathrooms (communal or shared single-stall)
- Dining Plan required
- Common rooms for events

Buildings:

- Founders[^]
- Stong
- Tatham Hall*
- Atkinson Suites
- Vanier*
- Winters*[^]
- Bethune (half)

*Offer some shared single-stall washrooms

[^]No elevator access



Pictured: Winters Residence exterior

Traditional-Style Residences

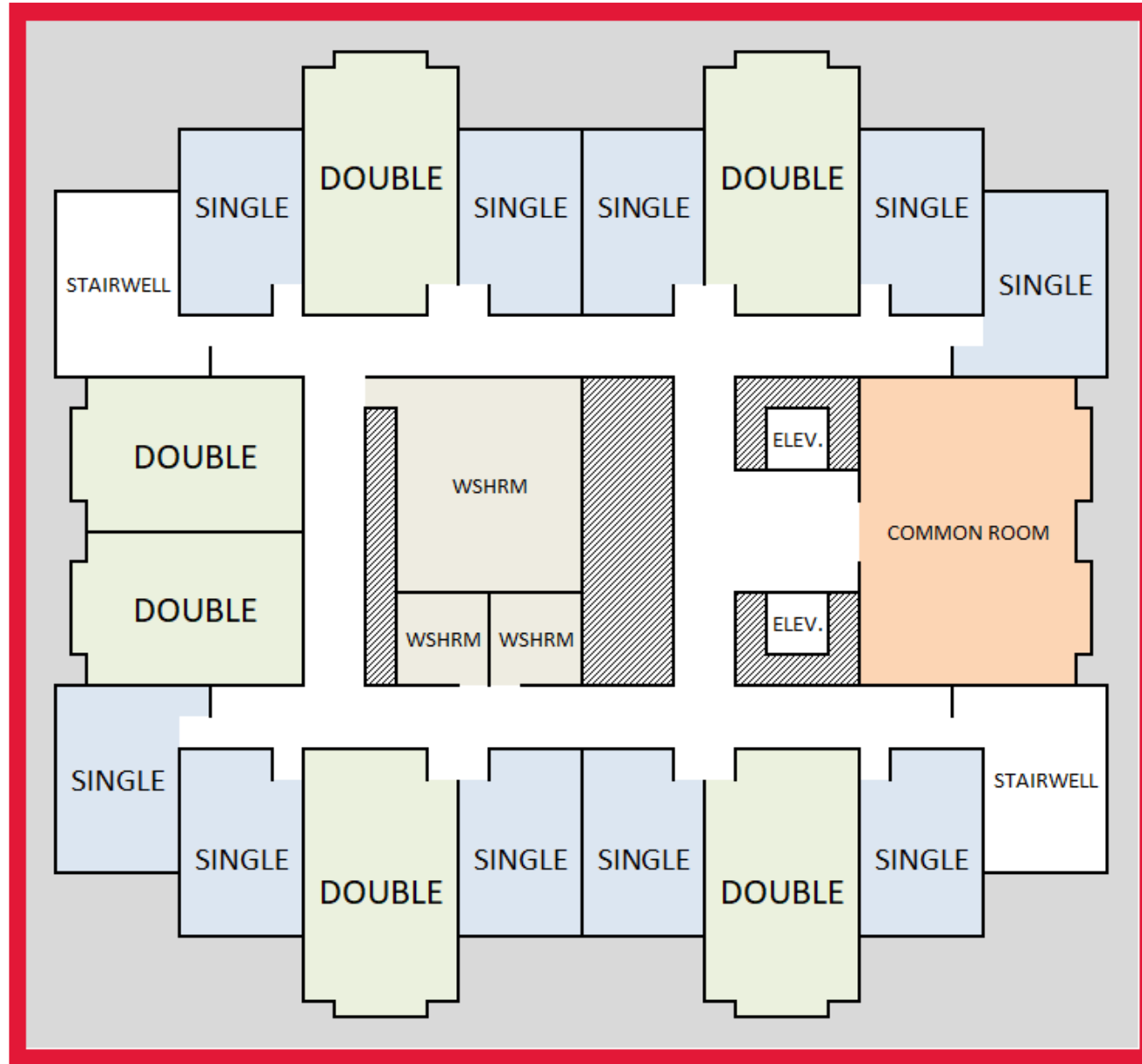
Traditional-Style Single Room



Traditional-Style Double Room



Traditional-Style Residence Floorplan



Suite-Style Residences



Pictured: Calumet Residence exterior

Features:

- Single and Double Rooms in 2-12 person suites
- Semi-private bathrooms (shared only with those in the suite)
- Kitchen appliances to cook for yourself
- Dining Plan optional

Buildings:

- Calumet[^] - 6-person suites
- Bethune (half) – 4- & 12-person suites
- Pond – 2-person suites

[^]No elevator access

Suite-Style Residences

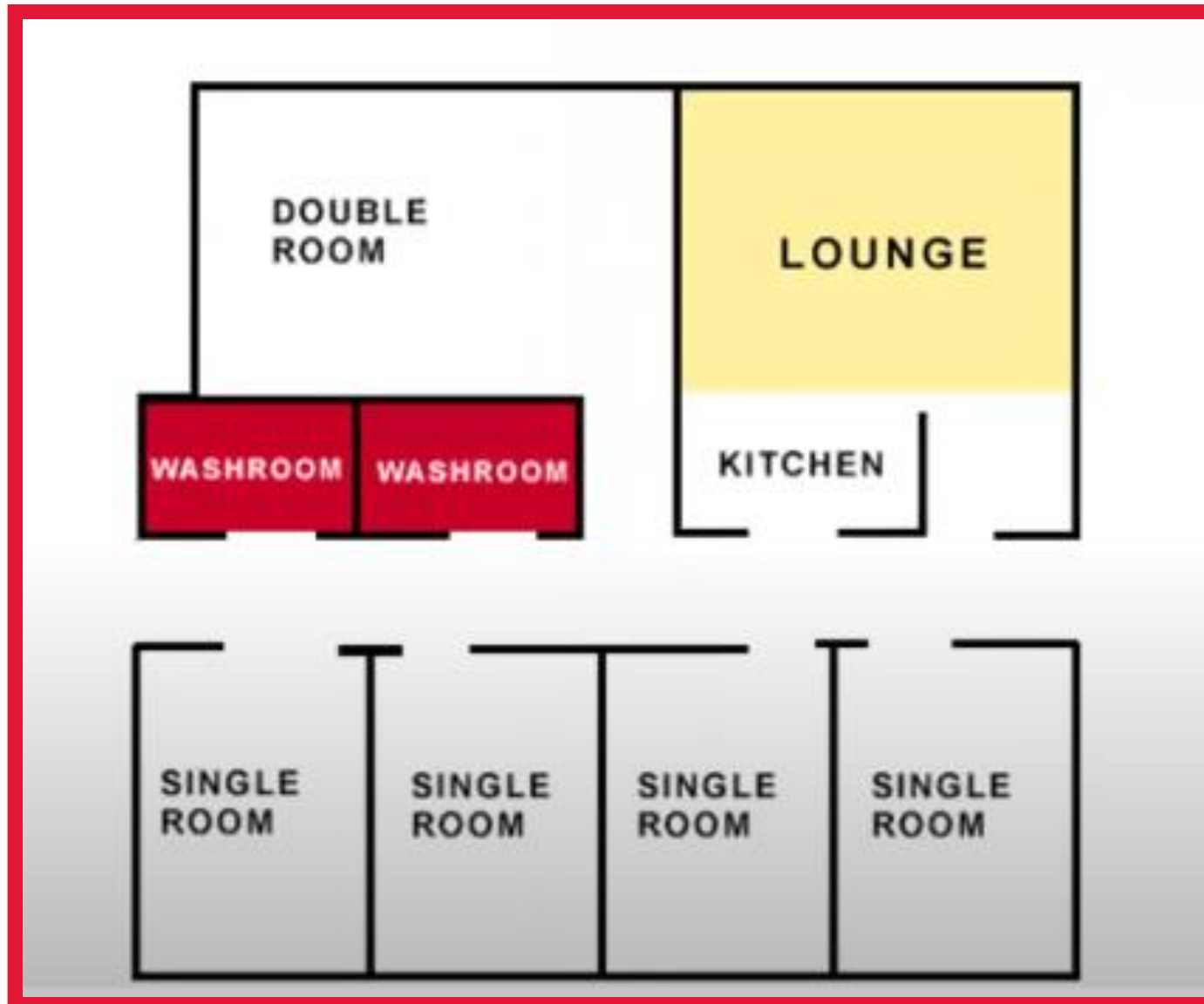
Suite-Style Single Room



Suite-Style Double Room



Suite-Style Residence Floorplan





Glendon Residences

Wood & Hilliard Residences



Pictured: Wood Residence exterior

Features:

- Single and Double Rooms
- Traditional style residence with semi-private suites
- Mixed-Gender Floors
- One female-only wing
- Dining Plan required

Markham Housing



Markham Housing



Features:

- Located off-campus (1.2km away from the Markham Campus) in downtown Markham
- Single and Double Rooms in shared 3-4 person suites
- Single-Gender and Mixed-Gender Suites
- Free shuttle transportation to Markham Campus
- No dining plan option available, in-suite kitchen is provided



Dining Plans (2025-2026)

Traditional-Style

- › **Entry Plan - \$5,650**
- › **Standard Plan - \$6,300**
- › **Premium Plan - \$6,950**

Suite-Style

- › **Entry Plan - \$5,650**
- › **Standard Plan - \$6,300**
- › **Premium Plan - \$6,950**
- › **Suite Convenience Plan - \$3,800**

Students living in a Traditional-Style residence are required to purchase a Dining Plan. Dining Plans are optional for students living in a Suite-Style Residence.

Dining plans are not currently available at the Markham Campus.

Accommodation Needs

Housing and Conference Services strives to meet the needs of students with specific medical requirements and physical disabilities

At Keele Campus we provide adapted units for wheelchair users and rooms outfitted with visual alarms



**Why Choose
Residence?**



Benefits of Living in Residence

› Financial Benefits

- 8-month contract vs 12-month lease
- Reduced travel and utilities expenses

› Community and Belonging

- **Residence Life** provides a variety of social and educational opportunities to help build community, learn valuable skills, and grow as individuals

› Academic Success

- There is evidence that living on-campus has a positive impact on students':
 - Overall grades
 - Retention to the second year
 - Graduation rates¹

› Proximity to Classes

- Reduces travel time to and from classes
- Easier to get involved with clubs, extra-curriculars, and on-campus jobs

The Housing Application Process



2025-2026 Residence Applications

- Applications for the 2025-2026 term are currently available through the Apply for Residence page at yorku.ca/housing
- Students are eligible to apply once they have applied to a **full-time degree program** at York University
 - Please note: students will only receive an offer for residence once they have been **accepted** into a full-time degree program at York

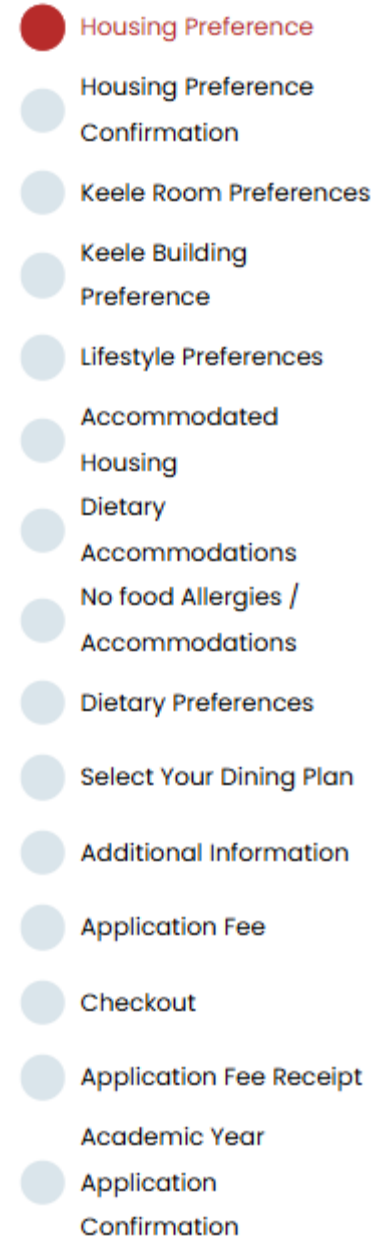
Residence Application Process

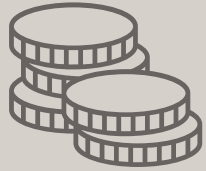
- › Navigate to the York University Housing website
 - YorkU.ca/Housing
- › On the Prospective Keele Undergraduate Main Page, click “Apply”
 - This will take you to the Housing Portal page, we recommend bookmarking this for ease!
- › Login with your Passport York credentials
- › Click “Apply Now” to begin the application process!

The screenshot shows the York University Housing website. At the top is the York University logo (YORK U). Below it is a navigation bar with a hamburger menu icon, a '4' in a circle, and links for 'Home', 'My Details', and 'Application'. On the right side of the navigation bar is a 'Log Out' link. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is titled 'HOUSING SERVICES' and contains a 'Welcome Home' section with a paragraph of text. The middle column is titled 'Email' and contains a paragraph of text. The right column features a large red 'Apply Now' button with a hand cursor icon pointing to it. Below the button is a link for 'Steps on how to apply (PDF)' and a video player showing a woman in a red hoodie. At the bottom right, there is a red button that says 'Click to access the Keele Residence Application Handbook'. At the bottom left of the page, there is a small cartoon character with large eyes.

Navigating the Application Process

- **The application process is expected to take 15-20 minutes**
 - You do not need to complete it in one sitting and can return to it at any time!
- **The application will cover the following topics:**
 - Applicant Information
 - Emergency Contact
 - Housing Preference
 - Room/Building Preferences
 - Lifestyle Preferences
 - Accommodated Housing
 - Dietary Accommodations and Preferences
 - Dining Plan Selection
 - Additional Information

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- Housing Preference
 - Housing Preference Confirmation
 - Keele Room Preferences
 - Keele Building Preference
 - Lifestyle Preferences
 - Accommodated Housing
 - Dietary Accommodations
 - No food Allergies / Accommodations
 - Dietary Preferences
 - Select Your Dining Plan
 - Additional Information
 - Application Fee
 - Checkout
 - Application Fee Receipt
 - Academic Year
 - Application Confirmation



A **\$250 application fee** is required to complete your application.



Please ensure you have read the Current/New Students FAQs, the Residence Occupancy Agreement & Rates, and the Application Cancellation Policy on the website for the policies regarding this fee.

Application Cancellation Process

- Please refer to the Application and Reservation Cancellation Policy for information about cancelling your application and eligibility for refunds before submitting your Cancellation Form
- Students wishing to cancel their application and/or room reservation must complete the Application Cancellation Form
 - The Application Cancellation Form is located on the Housing & Conference Services website

Next Steps

- Residence offers will begin in March and continue throughout the Spring and Summer
- To accept your Residence Offer, you will be required to pay a \$750 deposit to secure your space
- Once you have accepted your offer, you will be able to access Roommate Matching to select a Roommate
- This summer, we are launching Room Self-Selection to allow students the opportunity to select their own room.
 - More information about Room Self-Selection will be made available in the coming months

4 Year International Student Residence Guarantee

First year international students coming directly from an out-of-province or foreign high school attending York University in Fall 2025 are guaranteed:

- a space in residence
- A 4-year on-campus housing/residence guarantee

if they have completed a housing application **by May 1, 2025, and accept their admission by the deadline.**

Students who may be eligible for the guarantee will have the opportunity to opt-in during their application process.

Please visit the Housing website for more information on who is eligible for this guarantee and how to maintain eligibility.

Off-Campus Housing



Off-Campus Housing Website

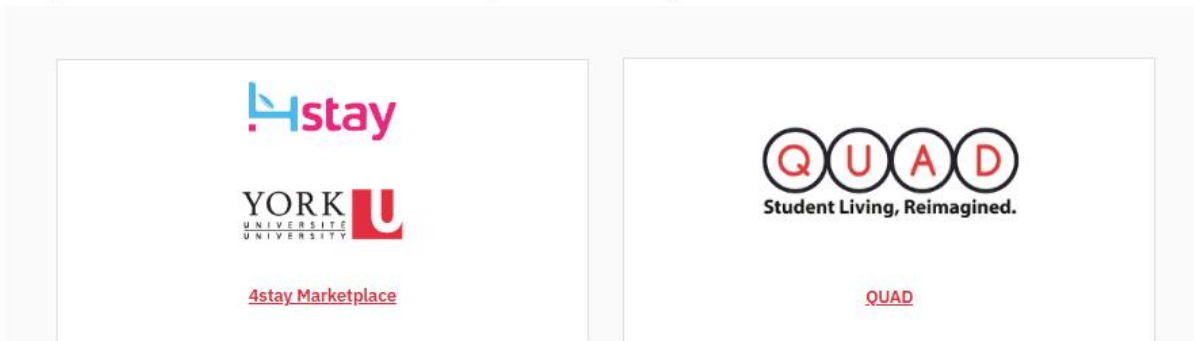
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Off-Campus Housing



Begin Your Search for Off-Campus Housing



Begin Your Search

- 4Stay Marketplace
- QUAD

Off-Campus Resource Hub

- Provides additional information about renting in the GTA, your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, and general information about safety when renting.

4Stay Marketplace

Search and book off-campus housing near York University



York University - Keele Campus



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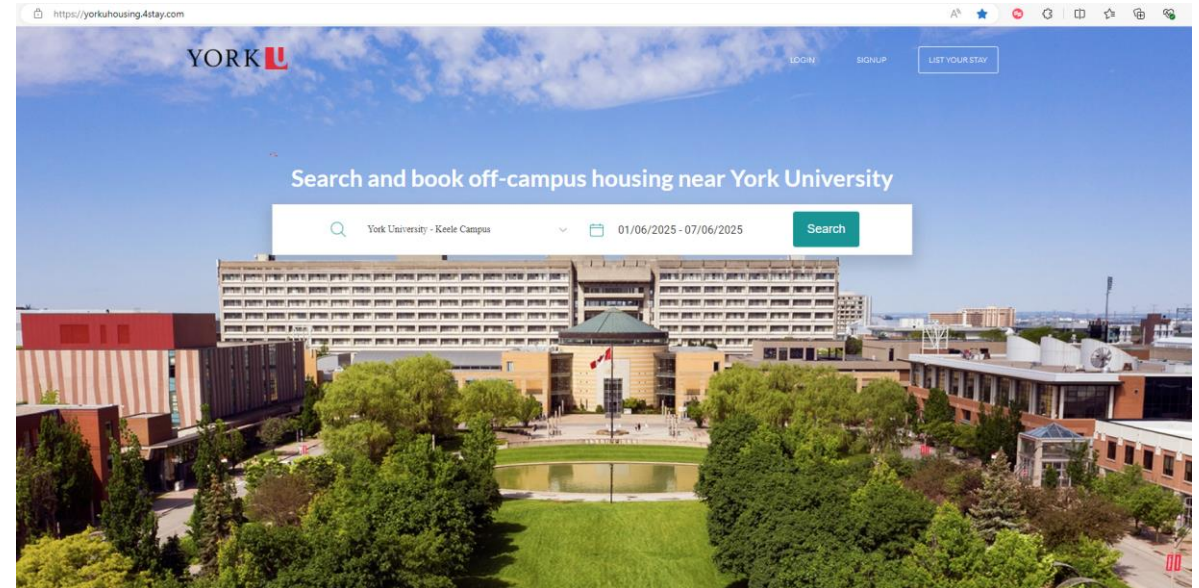
Search



4Stay Marketplace

What is it?

- York University, in partnership with 4Stay, launched the 4Stay marketplace in Summer 2024 to assist York students seeking off-campus housing with their search
- The marketplace features listings located near the Keele and Markham campuses, and each listing is vetted by 4Stay for safety and legitimacy
- Students can browse available listings, message landlords, and book their stay through the platform
- While most listings are for 12-month leases, there are limited shorter stays available on the 4Stay marketplace for those only looking for a one or two semester stay

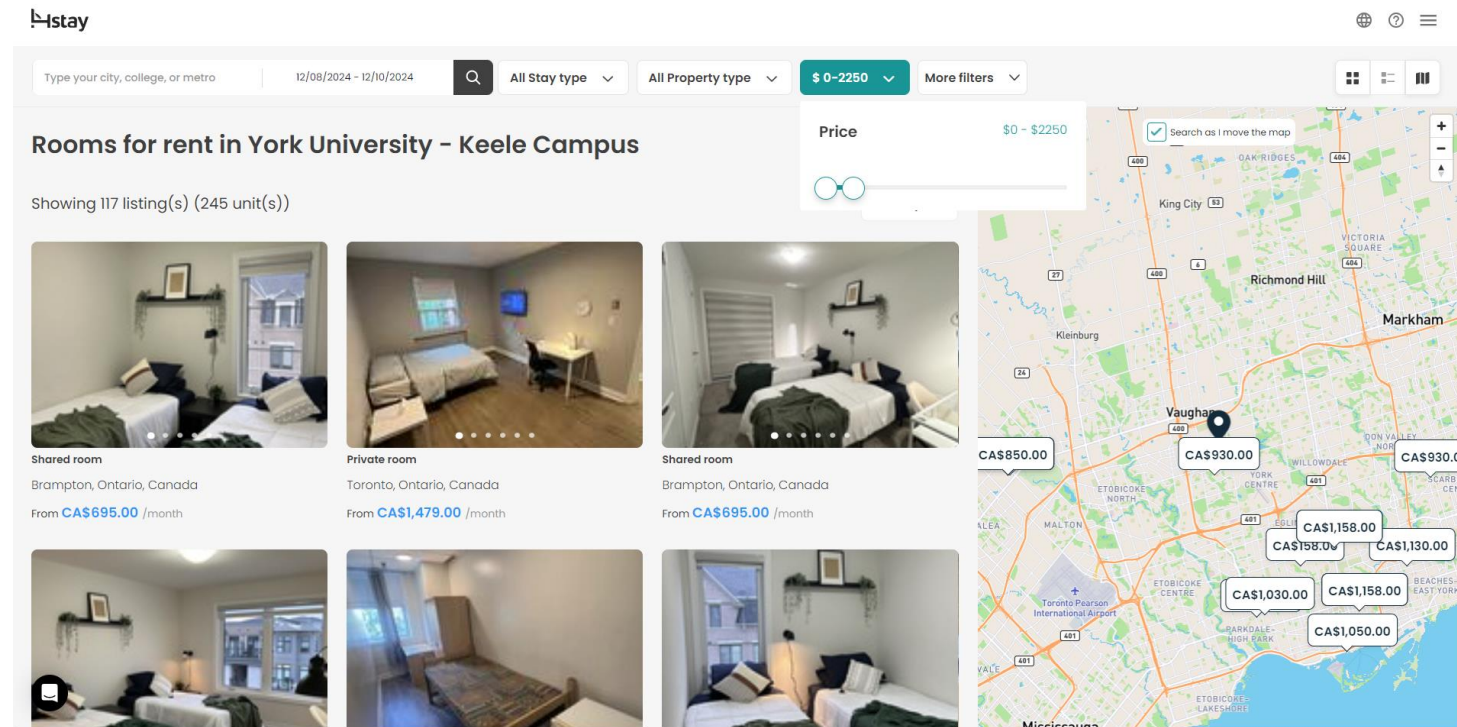


Scan to access the
[4Stay Marketplace](#)



Navigating the 4Stay Marketplace

- Start by using the filters at the top of the page to begin narrowing down your search
 - Your budget and Housing Search Checklist will help you select the best filters for your search!
- Under **Stay Type**, you can select either **Entire Place** (an entire unit to yourself), **Private Room** (shared accommodations but with a private bedroom), or **Shared Room** (shared accommodations with a shared bedroom)
- Under **Property Type**, you can select either **House**, **Apartment**, **Townhouse**, **Dorm**, or **Hostel**
- Using the **Price Slider**, you can set a **minimum** and **maximum price** to establish your price range





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The Quad at York

Luxury student residence
at York University

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Off-Campus Resource Hub



Off-Campus Living

Information on house searching, preparation, living arrangements and roommates, financial planning, tenant responsibilities and maintenance.

Off-Campus Living



University Resources

Learn more about York resources including the Office of Student Community Relations, student counselling, health & well-being, student engagement and transportation services.

University Resources




Student Safety

Student safety resources include fire safety guidelines, the YorkU Safety App, RentSafeTO and safety tips for international students.

Student Safety

City & Community Resources



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[Tribunals Ontario Landlord & Tenant Board](#)

Provides guidance on resolving disputes between residential landlords and tenants.

Tribunals Ontario




RentSafeTO
Apartment Building Standards Program

[RentSafeTO](#)

Offers a variety of valuable resources for tenants renting in Toronto including evaluations, building maintenance standards, forms and templates.

RentSafeTO



TORONTO

[Toronto Rental Housing & Tenant Information](#)

Gain access to information regarding eviction laws, housing standards, finding housing and legal help.

Toronto Rentals

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 on the cuffs and has red nail polish. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

Upcoming Webinars & Sessions

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, March 19th, 2025**

 **9:00AM to 10:00AM**

Pre-Arrival Webinar

Financial Planning for International Students



Join us to get helpful tips on planning your finances as an international student. We'll talk about the cost of living and studying in Canada, financial aid options like scholarships and bursaries, and useful resources like budgeting tools and student discounts. It's everything you need to manage your money with confidence!

 **Thursday, March 27th, 2025**

 **9:00AM to 10:00AM**

 [**Click here to sign up for the webinar**](#)

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