



WELCOME TO YORK!

WHAT MAKES YORK A GREAT PLACE TO WORK?

- At York University, we have a compelling vision: to produce graduates whose first-rate credentials and skills enable them to spearhead innovation in ways never before imagined. Clearly our approach is working. York is now Canada's third largest university and is world renowned for attracting outstanding students. That is because we offer an unparalleled academic experience. Check us out at www.yorku.ca.
- At York, we offer full and part-time graduate and undergraduate degree programs to over 60,000 students through 11 Faculties.
- Our interdisciplinary and collaborative research tackles real-world challenges with real-world solutions in areas such as health, sustainability, international studies, and culture and entertainment. York's collaborative focus enables researchers to push beyond traditional research methods and develop truly unique solutions. With 28 research centres, York is one of the most highly sought-after research institutions.
- York's libraries are located in five buildings, contain over 2.5 million books, and subscribe to 13,000 electronic journals. We provide access to over 400 workstations for faculty and students throughout our libraries. Visit us at www.library.yorku.ca.
- York spans the globe. We have more than 150 partnership agreements with universities throughout the world to facilitate academic collaboration, including exchange programs for students and faculty.
- York's reputation for spearheading innovation is well deserved. Schulich School of Business ranks among the top business schools in the world and its MBA ranks #1 in Canada. Osgoode Hall is Canada's largest common-law Law School and one of its most celebrated. York's Faculty of Fine Arts is the largest in Canada, and home of the Accolade project – our visionary new academic and fine arts facility that will transform fine arts.
- The intellectual, cultural and social life at York is one of the richest in Canada. We offer over 200 student clubs and organizations, excellent recreational facilities with very reasonable fees, 20 inter-university sport teams, 35 intramural sport leagues, numerous student publications and summer camps for children. The Art Gallery of York University specializes in exhibits of experimental and contemporary Canadian and international art, and the Glendon Gallery is the only fully bilingual gallery in Toronto which emphasizes francophone artistic expression.
- For more information about York University, take a virtual tour at www.yorku.ca.



YORK UNIVERSITY'S IMMIGRATION & RELOCATION SERVICES

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The Immigration & Relocation Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm (3pm on Fridays June through August).

The office is located at:
York University, Keele Campus, 276 York Lanes,
4700 Keele St., Toronto, Ontario, M3J 1P3.

To speak with the Immigration & Relocation Coordinator, please phone 416-736-2100, ext. 33434, or e-mail us at relocate@yorku.ca.



WELCOME TO YORK!

You are joining an exciting institution that takes pride in its diversity, innovation and commitment to excellence in teaching and research. York is a dynamic, metropolitan university that explores global concerns and, as our mission statement indicates, tests the boundaries and structures of knowledge, cultivates the critical intellect, and is “committed to academic freedom, social justice, accessible education, and collegial self-governance.”

York offers a stimulating cultural and intellectual environment, accessible recreational facilities and a competitive compensation and benefits program that meets the diverse needs of our employees. We are located in one of the world’s great multicultural cities – with a whole range of attractions, communities, shops, services and other amenities.

York University is a large and complex organization with many faculties, schools, departments, and colleges. Your first few weeks here can be challenging as you adjust to a new workplace and different ways of doing things. Through our Immigration & Relocation Services, we aim to make your transition a smooth and successful one!

Gary H. Brewer, Vice-President Finance and Administration

IMMIGRATION & RELOCATION SERVICES FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE FACULTY AND SENIOR CPM STAFF

The University’s Immigration & Relocation Services provides assistance to prospective and newly appointed faculty and senior managerial (CPM – Confidential, Professional and Managerial) staff with many aspects of their immigration and relocation to Toronto and the surrounding area. York would like to help the whole family make a comfortable transition to York and to the community.

Moving to a new country or a new city is an experience that requires planning, information and support. Since each move is unique, the Immigration & Relocation Coordinator can meet with you to discuss your individual needs and guide you to the resources you need to make your move a smooth one! The Immigration & Relocation Coordinator is available prior to your move at relocate@yorku.ca so you can get your relocation questions answered as they come up.

YOUR IMMIGRATION & RELOCATION COORDINATOR:

- Assists your orientation to the city by discussing the unique and exciting qualities of Toronto neighborhoods and surrounding areas.
- Explores available real estate options and connects you to real estate companies to assist your housing search.
- Answers your questions on healthcare, financial services and moving to Toronto/Ontario.
- Discusses services for children, including schools, childcare, camps, programs and special needs.

- Connects you to the York University community and the many services and ethnocultural and religious resources Toronto offers that may be of interest to you and your family.
- Offers general information and orientation to Toronto and the University.
- Provides referrals for employment search assistance and resources for spouses/partners of newly appointed faculty or CPM staff seeking nonacademic positions.
- Answers your immigration questions.

GETTING STARTED RELOCATION TIPS AND “TO DOS”

- ✓ Contact York University’s Pension and Benefits Administrators for an appointment at 416-736-2100, ext. 27572 or askpb@yorku.ca immediately upon your arrival to ensure that your benefits, healthcare coverage and payroll are started.
- ✓ Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN) immediately upon your arrival. The SIN is a nine-digit number that you require to work in Canada or to receive government benefits. Failure to obtain a SIN will result in lack of payment of salary/benefits. Applications for SIN cards can be submitted at a local Service Canada office. The application form and supporting information can be obtained at: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/sin>.
- ✓ Apply for the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP):
 - If you are arriving from outside Canada, OHIP will cover your basic health care. It is available to all residents of Ontario and is publicly funded. You need to apply immediately upon arriving in Ontario. Information on OHIP can be found at: <http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ohip>. After applying for it, there is a three-month mandatory waiting period before your health coverage begins. In the interim, the University belongs to an alternative carrier; the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). UHIP will provide coverage to you and your family while you are waiting to be covered by OHIP. It is mandatory for you to have either OHIP or UHIP coverage. When you arrive in Ontario, please make an appointment with York University’s Pension and Benefits office to arrange your UHIP coverage.
 - If you are moving to Ontario from another Canadian province, there is a three-month waiting period before you are eligible for OHIP. During this waiting period, you will be covered by the health insurance of your previous province for up to three months. You then need to apply for OHIP coverage when you arrive in Ontario. OHIP office/Service Ontario locations can be found at: www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/ohip.



- ✓ If you are not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and have accepted a permanent position, you must apply for ‘Permanent Residence’ upon soon after your arrival in order to retain your permanent job. The guide and application Information can be found at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/immigrate/index.asp>.
- ✓ Ask the Relocation Coordinator about our Mentor Program. We’ll connect you with a York University faculty member or management employee who has also relocated and will be happy to provide you with friendly direction.
- ✓ Extensive public transportation, linking you to and from York University allows you the flexibility to decide where you may want to live.
 - The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) subway system, linked with buses and street cars, will get you around Toronto. For information, visit www.city.toronto.on.ca/ttc.
 - The GO Transit network of trains and buses serves Toronto and the surrounding areas. It reaches as far as Hamilton to the west, Newmarket/Barrie/Beaverton to the north, and Newcastle to the east. For information, visit www.gotransit.com.
 - York Region Transit buses serve the York region, and link with Brampton, Mississauga and GO Transit systems. For more information and details of the new Viva and Züm system of rapid transit buses, visit www.yorkregiontransit.com and <http://www.brampton.ca>.

WELCOME TO TORONTO!

WHAT MAKES TORONTO A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE?

- Canada’s largest city
- World-class city, with over 100 cultures
- Canada’s centre of finance, industry and commerce
- Unsurpassed quality of life! The Greater Toronto Area has been recognized as one of the safest and cleanest urban areas in the world.
- Pre-eminent entertainment centre
- Year-round cultural venues, a wide range of sports, and the broadest selection of ethnic festivals

GETTING STARTED:

To arrange an appointment or telephone consultation with the Immigration & Relocation Coordinator:

- **Newly hired faculty or senior CPM staff:**
Call us as soon as you start planning your move.
- **Prospective faculty or senior CPM staff:**
 - ✓ Please connect with your Dean, Principal, University Librarian or Vice-President to be referred to our Immigration & Relocation Services.
 - ✓ Once you’ve been referred, please feel free to call us – even before you’ve decided to make the move.