



2026–2027 Indigenous Student Handbook

Your Journey Starts Here

Boozhoo, She:kon, Tunngasuigit, Tawnshi, Kwe, Welcome!



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Your Partners in Success

Caring student peers, advisors and staff empower you to be your best self with a wealth of resources designed to support your academic, social, physical and mental well-being.

✓ Build Your Academic Confidence

Get support with writing, studying, time management and more. Whether you're adjusting to university or returning as a mature student, these services can help you succeed.

- Student Accessibility Services
- Writing Centre
- Libraries (including Indigenous Teaching & Learning Librarian)
- Academic Advising

➤ Transition and Thrive

Start strong with services that support your transition into university life. These supports are also here for you as your needs grow and change.

- Atkinson Centre for Mature & Part-time Students (ACMAPS)
- York University Mature Students Organization (YUMSO)
- Centre for Student Community & Leadership Development (SCLD)
- Career Centre

✕ Support Your Whole Self

Your wellness is essential for effective learning and personal success. Build your sense of community, health and well-being.

- Athletics & Recreation
- Student Counselling Health & Well-being
- Childcare Services (Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre and York University Cooperative Daycare Centre)

To learn more, visit go.yorku.ca/services-indg.

Go Beyond the Classroom

At York, you're launching your career. We offer unique work-integrated learning experiences in and outside of the classroom, meaningful job opportunities and career coaching.

92%
of York grads
are employed
within 2 years
of graduation



6,000+
employers
recruit from
our campuses
annually



90%
employer
satisfaction rate
with York graduates
in the GTA



Last Year:
36,000+
employment opportunities
were available to York
students (2024–2025).*



*Including part-time, full-time, internship, co-op and new graduate opportunities.

Scholarships and Awards

We award more than \$11 million in entrance scholarships and awards each year. Eligibility varies from academic achievement to specific criteria. Search the awards database to determine additional funding for which you may be eligible at go.yorku.ca/scholarships-indg. Use keywords, such as your city/region, ancestry, community involvement and academic interests.

Award Name & Type	Consideration Criteria (Complete criteria at go.yorku.ca/scholarships-indg)	Minimum Average	Value of Award
Alpha Foundation Bursary 🇨🇦 ✓ 📄	• First Nations heritage • Resident of Ontario • Demonstrated community volunteerism	None	\$1,500
Bennett Family Award for Black and Indigenous Students 🇨🇦 ✓ 📄	• Indigenous ancestry • Resident of Ontario	None	\$30,000* (\$7,500 x 4 years)
Governor's Awards of Distinction 🇨🇦 📄 Shortlisted candidates are also considered for Awards of Achievement	• Accomplishments in community service, leadership, the arts or sports	90%	\$32,000* (\$8,000 x 4 years) plus cost of residence in first year
Harry W. Arthurs Alumni Families Entrance Scholarship 📄	• Accomplishments in community service, leadership, the arts or sports • Must be the child, sibling or grandchild of a York graduate	90%	\$24,000* (\$6,000 x 4 years)
Indigenous Student Bursary 🇨🇦 ✓ 📄	• Indigenous ancestry • Resident of Ontario	None	Varies with number of applicants
Metis Nation of Ontario Student Bursary	• Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person • Must demonstrate financial need • Resident of Ontario • Verified Métis citizens of the Métis Nation of Ontario	None	\$1,400
Ontario Indigenous Travel Grant 🇨🇦 ✓ 📄	• Indigenous ancestry • Resident of Ontario	None	Varies
York Entrance Bursary for Aboriginal Students 🇨🇦 ✓ 📄	• Indigenous ancestry • Resident of Ontario	None	\$8,800 (\$2,200 x 4 years)
York University President's Scholarship 🇨🇦	• Automatically awarded to high school applicants (domestic and international) with the highest admission average in their Faculty at the time of assessment • No application required	None	\$21,600* (\$5,400 x 4 years)
York University Renewable Entrance Athletic Scholarship	• Inquire with the head coach of your intended interuniversity team	80%	Up to \$25,000* (\$1,000–\$5,000 x 5 years)

- 🇨🇦 Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person.
- ✓ Must demonstrate financial need.
- 📄 Application required: details at go.yorku.ca/scholarships-indg.

* Indicates that the award or scholarship is renewable for an additional three years of full-time undergraduate study, as long as you maintain high academic standing each year.

Indspire Scholarships

Indspire supports Indigenous students with funding for school costs. Apply by completing the post-secondary and bursary form on Indspire's website. go.yorku.ca/indspire-indg

How to Apply

Understand Your Application Requirements

1

Visit go.yorku.ca/apply-indg to find admission requirements for your program of interest.

To apply, you will need:

- ✓ Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD);
- ✓ Six 4U/4M courses, including ENG4U or FRA4U;
- ✓ All applicable program-specific requirements;
- ✓ A supplementary application (if required for the program); and
- ✓ A proof of language proficiency (if required).

To see if you meet English proficiency requirements, visit go.yorku.ca/lang2025-indg.

Meeting the minimum requirements or admission average ranges listed online or within University publications is not a guarantee of admission go.yorku.ca/disclaimer-indg.

Are You Applying as an Out-of-Province, Transfer or Mature Student?

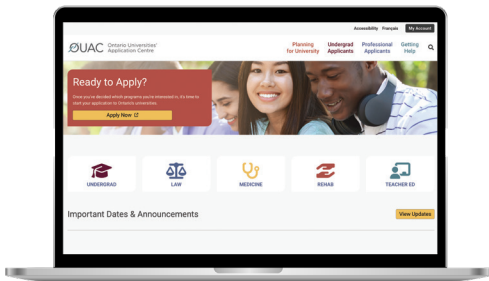
Visit go.yorku.ca/requirements-indg for your specific admission requirements.

Submit Your Application

2

Submit your application through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) at ouac.on.ca.

Applicants from outside of Ontario or with previous post-secondary education may apply directly via the York University application for most programs. Visit go.yorku.ca/apply-indg for details.



After you apply, you will receive access to MyFile, York's applicant portal. Here you can monitor your admission status and submit or upload any required documents to complete your application. These may include official transcripts, language proficiency requirements, a supplementary application and course descriptions to be assessed for transfer credit.

Submit an Indigenous Application Information Form

(Optional)

3

After you apply, we invite you to complete an additional information form, to receive important information on Indigenous programs, scholarships and bursaries as well as Indigenous community events and student services.

This form also allows York University Admissions, with guidance from the Indigenous Council, to take into consideration your lived experience when reviewing your application. While academic performance is the main criterion for admission consideration at York University, we understand that there may be other factors that you may wish to bring to our attention during the admissions assessment process.

Visit go.yorku.ca/indg-form for details.

Application Deadlines

Your application deadline depends on when you'd like to start and where you're applying from.

go.yorku.ca/deadlines-indg

Start Term at York	Application Deadline*
Winter 2026 (January)	November 14, 2025
Summer 2026 (May)	April 1, 2026
Fall 2026 (September)	January 15, 2026 (for Ontario high school applicants)
	February 2, 2026 (for out-of-province and transfer/mature applicants)

* **Reminder:** some programs have additional supplementary application deadlines. Visit go.yorku.ca/deadlines-indg for details.

Stay on Track



OCTOBER – NOVEMBER '25

Be on the lookout for recruitment events offered by the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program (APSIP).

www.apsip.ca

Join us for Fall Campus Day:

October 25, 2025 (Keele Campus)
October 26, 2025 (Glendon Campus)
November 1, 2025 (Markham Campus)

Learn about our exciting programs, and how to start your application.

go.yorku.ca/fcd-indg

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at York University

DECEMBER '25

Begin applying for York entrance awards and scholarships.

You do not need an offer of admission to apply. Scholarship deadlines vary but extend through April.

Find out more at go.yorku.ca/scholarships-indg.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY '26

Get your application and supplementary evaluations in by the deadline!

Ontario secondary school applicants:

Apply by the OUAC application deadline, **January 15, 2026**, for guaranteed consideration to your top choice programs.

Submit your Supplementary Application or documentation if required for your program.

Join us and meet the York community at our Virtual Applicant Receptions on **February 19 & 25, 2026**.

MARCH – APRIL '26

Come and say hello!

Join us for a campus tour, **March Break visit or attend our Spring Open House** to experience York and connect with the community.

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MAY – JUNE '26

Apply for guaranteed residence by **June 1, 2026** if you are an Ontario high school student and by **May 1, 2026** if you are an out-of-province high school student.

Attend an academic advising session with your Faculty Watch for details about your enrolment window to enrol in your first-year courses.

York University strives to ensure the completeness and accuracy of information contained in this publication. However, the University reserves the right to change any of the information at any time without notice.

Visit Us on Campus!

Book a Tour: go.yorku.ca/tours



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Fall Campus Day – go.yorku.ca/fcd

Keele Campus

October 25, 2025

Glendon Campus

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Markham Campus

November 1, 2025

Spring Open House – go.yorku.ca/soh

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Stay Connected with Us!

Scan the QR code to receive information about York University programs, admission and events.

futurestudents.yorku.ca

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