



UNIVERSITY OF
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INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAM

2026-27





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Established in 1827, the University of Toronto is one of the oldest and most internationally recognized universities in North America. With an annual enrollment of over 99,000 students, including more than 29,000 international students, the University of Toronto is Canada's largest educational institution and continues to be the nation's leader in higher learning and research.

The University of Toronto's St. George campus, located in the heart of downtown Toronto, is the largest and most urban among its three campuses. Since 1827, the historic St. George campus has developed a tradition of academic excellence and achievement and has driven the University's aspiration to continue graduating leaders who will make significant contributions to the world.

U of T is a world-renowned university in a celebrated city where knowledge meets achievement, history meets the future, and ambition meets inspiration. U of T has been rated top in Canada and 21st in the world by the 2025 Times Higher Education World University Rankings.



INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION PROGRAM

The International Foundation Program (IFP) is a unique offering that combines conditional acceptance to the University of Toronto with intensive English language and skills development combined with for-credit courses. The IFP is available to academically qualified international students whose English proficiency test scores do not meet the University of Toronto's direct entrance requirements. Successful completion of the IFP guarantees admission to the Faculty of Arts & Science, the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design, or the Faculty of Music.







IFP ACADEMICS

Designed for international students who need to improve their language proficiency, adapt to academic conventions, and raise their awareness of cultural differences before undertaking the rigours of a full-time undergraduate degree, the IFP develops skills in genuine higher education contexts.

Detailed course descriptions are available at InternationalPrograms.utoronto.ca/IFP

Conditional Acceptance

Applicants who are admitted into the International Foundation Program are University of Toronto undergraduate students. However, they must successfully complete all courses, including the degree credit-course; the discipline-specific course; and the language and academic skills development courses in order to meet the conditions of their offer. Throughout the IFP, continual assessment raises student awareness of their academic standing and provides opportunities to improve their performance. Those who do not successfully complete all courses will have their admission offers to the university withdrawn.



Degree Course - Themes in World History

Through the study of commodities such as beer, corn, spices, fur, sugar, cotton, silk, coffee, tea, and water this course explores world history from the origins of agriculture to the present. By analyzing a combination of sources (popular and academic) about the past, students will develop critical skills in reading, thinking, and writing.

Upon successful completion of this course students will earn one credit within the Faculty of Arts & Science, the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design, or the Faculty of Music.

Discipline-specific Course

IFP students take one discipline-specific course that corresponds to their admission stream. These courses, taught by instructors from specific departments, introduce students to discipline-specific vocabulary, assignment types, and assessment used in their discipline.

Three Language & Academic Skills Development Courses

Through course readings, content, and assignments, students develop their language and academic skills by learning how to interpret information presented through a variety of written and oral mediums; construct arguments supported by evidence; and present ideas in seminar environments. In addition, students learn to master foundational academic skills such as research and information literacy, time management, exam and study skills, as well as reflective and critical thinking.





Student Life

There's more to the university experience than just academics. The campus experience is one full of opportunities, connections, and friendships. Students come together to build their own communities and help each other thrive.

IFP students live in the safe and secure New College residence on the University of Toronto's downtown St. George campus, where they will be side-by-side with first and upper-year students.

New College encourages an incredibly active community that is always seeking new and innovative opportunities to reach out and get students involved. Students will be fully immersed in the university community, have full access to university resources, get involved, and gain valuable teamwork and leadership skills while living in downtown Toronto.

Enrichment Opportunities

Not yet ready to apply for university? Explore the different programs offered by the International Programs office and gain valuable skills and experiences. There's a variety of different programs and courses you can choose from. For more information, see InternationalPrograms.utoronto.ca.

Enrich with us this summer

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HOW TO APPLY

IFP applicants must apply online through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) at ouac.on.ca. For more details about how to apply to the IFP, visit the IFP website at InternationalPrograms.utoronto.ca/IFP

If you have any questions about the application process, please email us at ifp@utoronto.ca.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines are typically in January. We recommend that you apply well in advance of the published deadlines, and it is often recommended to apply in November. For the published deadlines, please visit our website.

Document Deadlines

Document deadlines vary by division. For a complete list of document deadlines, please visit future.utoronto.ca. We encourage you to submit all required documents well in advance of the posted deadlines.

NOV 7 2025 Recommended Application Date
For early consideration

JAN 15 2026 Official Application Deadline

Ready to Apply?
Follow our step-by-step guide here



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Academic Requirements

The International Foundation Program (IFP) is available at the St. George campus for the Faculty of Arts & Science, the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design, and the Faculty of Music.

Academic requirements for the IFP are identical to those for direct-entry admission to the University of Toronto. The only difference between IFP admission and direct-entry admission is that the English proficiency requirements are lower for IFP applicants. Prerequisite courses will be included in the admission average. The University of Toronto reserves the right to give preference to students whose marks are the result of a single attempt at each course.

English Proficiency Requirements

To be accepted into the Fall/Winter IFP, students' English proficiency test scores should fall into one of the IFP Admission Ranges listed below.

Test	Fall/Winter IFP Admission	U of T Direct Admission
IELTS	Overall 5.0 - 6.5 (no band lower than 5.0 with a minimum writing band at 5.5)	Overall 6.5 (no band lower than 6.0)
TOEFL iBT*	63 (Minimum 16 on writing)	89 (minimum 22 on speaking and writing)
GCSE/IGCSE/ GCE English Courses	Minimum grade of "C" ("4 or 5" in reformed qualifications)	Minimum grade of "B" ("6" in reformed qualifications)
International Baccalaureate	4 or 5 in English B HL	4 in HL or SL English A: Literature or English A: Language and Literature OR 7 in English B HL
Duolingo English Test	95+ (no subscores below 95)	Overall 120 (minimum production score of 120)

Prospective students taking the TOEFL after January 20, 2026, should consult our website for updated score requirements.

English Proficiency Test Scores

InternationalPrograms.utoronto.ca/IFPRequirements



Program Summary

Duration	September 2026 to April 2027
Campus	St. George Campus
Faculties	Faculty of Arts & Science John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design Faculty of Music
Tuition	CAD \$51,128 to \$53,278* Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Degree Course• 1 Discipline-Specific Course• 3 Language & Academic Skills Courses• U of T Incidental Fees• Athletic Centre Membership
Residence & Meal Plan	CAD \$13,800 to \$20,000* Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Room in your College Residence• Meal Plan

*Approximate amount - Exact prices available June 2026

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