



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO

2027-28

International Foundation Program



Your Pathway to Global Excellence

Established in 1827, the University of Toronto is one of the oldest and most internationally recognized universities in North America. With an annual enrolment of over 102,000 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 shaping 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 2026 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.



Prepare for Success

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

U of T Student from Day One

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.

More than Academics

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, visit internationalprograms.utoronto.ca.



Your Next Steps

IFP applicants must apply online through the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) at ouac.on.ca. If you have any questions about the application process, please email us at: ifp@utoronto.ca.

Application and Document Deadlines

Application deadlines are typically in January, although we encourage you to apply early — as early as November. For the published deadlines, please visit our website. Document deadlines vary by division. For a complete list of deadlines, visit future.utoronto.ca and submit all required documents well before the posted dates.

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.

Recommended
Application Date for
Early Consideration
NOV 7 2026

Final Application
Deadline
JAN 15 2027

Take the
First Step:
Scan the code to view a
step-by-step application guide.



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.

	IELTS	TOEFL iBT	Duolingo English Test
Fall/Winter IFP Admission	Overall 5.0 - 6.5 (No band lower than 5.0 with a minimum writing band at 5.5)	63 (Minimum 16 on writing)	95+ (No subscores below 95)
UOFT Direct Admission	Overall 6.5 (No band lower than 6.0)	89 (Minimum 22 on speaking and writing)	Overall 120 (Minimum production score of 120)

Program Summary

Duration	September 2027 to April 2028
Campus	St. George Campus
Faculties	» Faculty of Arts & Science » John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design » Faculty of Music
Tuition	CAD \$54,128 to \$56,278* includes: » 1 Degree Course » 1 Discipline-Specific Course » 3 Language & Academic Skills Courses » U of T Incidental Fees » Athletic Centre Membership » University Health Insurance Plan *Official fees to be confirmed June 2027

Introducing a New Pathway



U of T Mississauga: Where Your Ambition Becomes Reality

Earn your degree from Canada's #1 university and discover a place where big ideas become real opportunities. At UTM, you'll learn from leading faculty in world-class programs while gaining hands-on experience through co-op internships, entrepreneurship, research, and experiential learning. Located in the heart of one of Canada's largest business hubs, you'll build the skills, connections, and confidence to pursue whatever comes next.

Build your community for life.

Just as importantly, you'll find a community where you can thrive. Study abroad or connect with classmates from more than 135 countries right here on campus. Explore 225 acres of protected green space, join one of 140+ student clubs, and access the academic, career, and wellness supports that help you succeed. From your first day to graduation and beyond, you'll be part of a global network of more than 720,000 University of Toronto alumni—opening doors wherever your future takes you.



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Duration	September 2027 to April 2028	
Campus	Mississauga Campus	
Admission Categories	Sciences » Chemical & Physical Sciences » Computer Science » Forensic Sciences » Life Sciences » Mathematical & Computational Sciences » Psychological and Brain Sciences	Arts » Communication, Culture, Information, & Technology » Humanities » Social Sciences » Theatre & Drama » Visual Studies Business » Commerce and Management
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Ready to Apply?



Residence & Meal Plan Options Available



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200 Years of Excellence

As the University of Toronto prepares to celebrate its 200th anniversary in 2027, it continues to set the standard for excellence in research, innovation and student success.

#1 University in Canada
— Times Higher Education Global University Rankings, 2026

#1 University in Canada for research performance, innovation output and societal impact
— Times Higher Education Global University Employability Rankings, 2026

#1 In Canada for graduate employability
— Times Higher Education Global University Employability Rankings, 2026

#1 Most sustainable university in North America
— Times Higher Education Global University Rankings, 2026

Top 50

Globally, in 48 subject categories, more than any other university in the world

— Times Higher Education Global University Rankings, 2026

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Arts & Science alumni in more than 175 countries





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