

2026 Inter-Institutional Forum of the Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education



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Background

On October 1 and 2, 2020, Canadian universities, colleges (the Inter-Institutional Forum), and other partners came together to facilitate a national conversation on anti-Black racism and Black inclusion and to develop concrete actions for change in higher education and in our communities. Following these discussions, the *Scarborough Charter on Anti-Black Racism and Black Inclusion in Canadian Higher Education* was co-created through a collaborative, sector-wide drafting process, outlining shared principles, actions, and accountability measures.

Following the virtual signing on November 18, 2021, the Inter-Institutional Forum brings together members, partners, and communities from across the country every two years for discussions, idea-sharing, and collective reflection on progress and challenges. The [inaugural Inter-Institutional Forum of the Scarborough National Charter](#) was co-hosted in 2022 by the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. The [2024 Forum](#) followed, hosted by the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University.

In 2026, the gathering will convene signatory institutions, scholars, and community leaders in Ottawa to advance the Scarborough Charter's commitments to sustained action, accountability, and institutional transformation.

Centered on the theme of **Advancing Black Excellence and Opportunities in Challenging Times**, the Forum will explore how inclusive excellence strengthens Black access, participation, and leadership in higher education. Conversations will focus on two key areas: *Economic* (Finance and Investment) and *Political*, to examine how these forces shape opportunity and support Black flourishing within postsecondary spaces and beyond.

Accommodation

Ottawa Marriott Hotel: Inter-Institutional Forum Group Rate

A courtesy room block has been arranged at the [Ottawa Marriott Hotel](#) for those attending the May 2026 Forum in Ottawa.

Address: 100 Kent Street, Ottawa, ON

Dates: May 13–15, 2026

Room type: Traditional King/Double Room

Rate: \$235 per night, plus applicable taxes (13% HST + 6% Municipal Accommodation Tax)

Reservations must be made individually using the dedicated booking link below:

[Ottawa Marriott Scarborough Charter Group Rate](#)

Important details:

- The group rate is available until **March 28, 2026**, or while rooms remain available.
- A credit card or first-night deposit is required to secure your reservation.
- Individual reservations may be cancelled up to **7 days prior to arrival** without penalty. Cancellations made within 7 days may be subject to a one-night charge plus taxes.

Please note that all accommodation arrangements, payments, and cancellation fees are the responsibility of the individual guest.

Other group rates:

[Lord Elgin Hotel](#)

Address: 100 Elgin St, Ottawa, ON K1P 5K8

Dates: May 13–15, 2026

Room type: Classic Queen Room

Rate: \$259 per night, plus applicable taxes (13% HST + 6% Municipal Accommodation Tax)

Please use the following link to access the discounted group rate:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/12200?groupID=5153016>

Those who wish to make a reservation by telephone may do so by referencing the group block number: **5271571**. For assistance with booking, or to make a reservation after the block cut-off date of **April 13, 2026**, please email the in-house reservations team at groups@lordelgin.ca or call the hotel directly at **613-235-3333 (ext. 0)**.

[Le Germain Hotel Ottawa](#)

Address: 30 Daly Avenue, Ottawa, ON K1N 6E2

Dates: May 13–15, 2026

Room type and rate: The hotel offers several room configurations to suit different preferences and budgets, ranging from standard guest rooms to premium suites. Average nightly rates range from approximately \$324 – \$644 CAD (plus applicable taxes: 13% HST + 6% Municipal Accommodation Tax). Room options include:

- Classic King
- Classic King with Sofa Bed
- Signature King
- Privilege King
- Prestige King / Prestige Two Queens
- Prestige Suite

For full room descriptions, amenities, and pricing, please visit the booking link:

<https://reservation.germainhotels.com/ibe/details.aspx?propertyid=17525&nights=3&checkin=05/13/2026&group=2605SCARBO&lang=en-us&adults=1&childAges=>

The following is a list of other accommodation options in close proximity to both host locations, for your consideration. This is by no means an exhaustive list, and we do not endorse any particular option.*

[Metcalf Hotel Ottawa](#) - 123 Metcalfe St, Ottawa, ON K1P 5L9

[The Business Inn & Suites](#) – 180 Maclaren Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0L3

[DoubleTree by Hilton Ottawa Downtown](#) – 33 Nicholas Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 9M7

[The Westin](#) – 11 Colonel By Dr, Ottawa, ON K1N 9J1

**We suggest booking accommodation soon as the Inter-Institutional Forum takes place at the same time as the Canadian Tulip Festival (see page 7 for more details).*

Transportation & Parking

Campus Parking

May 14 – Carleton University

For discounted parking in any visitor lot or street parking space on campus (\$11 flat rate), click this [HotSpot](#) link, (or scan the QR code), enter your license plate number, select the amount of time required, and apply the discount code **SCF26**.



Public Transportation

Should you choose to travel to the conference via public transportation, we encourage you to check-out the OC Transpo Travel Planner website: <https://plan.octranspo.com/plan>

Taxi/Uber/Rideshare

The following is a list of other transportation options which you might consider, this is by no means an exhaustive list and we do not endorse any particular option.

Blue Line Taxi

To book call 613-238-1111 or download the app - <https://www.bluelinetaxi.com>

Capital Taxi

To book call 613-744-3333

West-Way Taxi

To book call 613-727-0101, you can also book online or download the app - <http://westwaytaxi.ca>

Uber

Book online or download the app - <https://www.uber.com/global/en/r/cities/ottawa-on-ca/>

Bikes and Scooters

The following is a list of other transportation options which you might consider, this is by no means an exhaustive list and we do not endorse any particular option.

RentABike

<https://www.rentabike.ca>

Escape Tours and Rentals

<https://escapebicycletours.ca/rentals-maps/>

Scooteretti - eBike Rentals

<https://scooteretti.com/pages/electric-bike-rentals>

Bird E-Scooters

<https://birdcanada.ca/ride-now/>

Neuron

<https://www.rideneuron.com>

Experience Ottawa

Parliament Hill

During the day, tours offer an in-depth look into the political proceedings in Ottawa and Canada's political history.

Canadian Museum of Nature

The museum's full-sized blue whale skeleton is truly a sight to behold. It also features many educational exhibits for nature lovers of all ages.

Rideau Canal

Take a walk to the historic Rideau Canal. It offers beautiful walking and running paths and views that are unrivaled.

For more information check out Ottawa Tourism - <https://ottawatourism.ca>

Canadian Tulip Festival

While in Ottawa for the Forum, visitors will find the city in full bloom as it hosts the annual Canadian Tulip Festival, held May 8–18, this vibrant celebration of spring, international friendship, and cultural exchange. This festival showcases over a million tulips across the capital, alongside public art installations, cultural programming, heritage exhibits, and family-friendly activities. Signature displays can be found at Commissioners Park and along the Rideau Canal.

Learn more here: <https://tulipfestival.ca/>

Dining

If you're looking for somewhere to grab a bite to eat, check out Landsdowne in the Glebe (<https://www.ottawalansdownepark.com/>), or the Byward Market (<https://www.byward-market.com>).

For more information check out: <https://www.opentable.ca/metro/ottawa-restaurants>