



Carleton
University

Global Opportunities &
International Student
Services Office

INTERNATIONAL ORIENTATION DAY HANDBOOK

FALL 2026



Welcome Global Ravens

We are thrilled to have you join us for International Orientation Day on September 4th for events, and fun activities to help you learn more about campus, Ottawa resources, meet new friends from around the world, and prepare for success.

At the Global Opportunities & International Student Services Office (GO-ISSO), we offer services and programs that contribute to positive international experiences for all Carleton students. We are dedicated to helping international and exchange students adjust to life in Canada and helping them get the most out of their experience.

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Resources: Pre and Post Arrival

1. **I-START**: Through this mini-course, you will learn the information needed to help you transition to student life at Carleton and in Canada.
2. **Study Permit Questions**
3. **Transition and Engagement Support**
4. **Universal Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)**

Download the Carleton Mobile app

Get connected and stay connected with Carleton Mobile, Carleton's official mobile app for current students. Use Carleton Mobile to view your class schedule, search support services, access grades, and stay up-to-date with student news and events

2026 Dates and Deadlines

September 8: Academic Orientation

September 9: Fall term begins

September 15: Course registration deadline

September 30: Course withdrawal deadline with full refund

October 26-30: Fall Break

November 13: Course withdrawal deadline

December 12-19: Final exams

Visit **carleton.ca/registrar** for more details

Schedule

September 4th, 2026

International Orientation Day

Description: Welcome Global Ravens! Start your journey at Carleton University with a full day of activities intended to prepare you for your academic, social, and cultural transition. Participate in workshops developed by campus experts, share a meal with us, meet new students, and discover campus resources at our Campus Services Fair. See participating partners on next page.

Where: Health Sciences Building, from 9:15am - 2:30pm.
*Registration opens at 9:00am.



Event Accessibility Considerations

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September 4th, 2026

International Orientation Day

Title Sponsor - Royal Bank

9:30am – 2:30pm

Event Schedule

Time	Details
9:00am	Registration
9:15am – 10:15am	Campus Services Fair
10:30am – 12:00pm	• International Student Services Office (GO-ISSO) • Health and Counselling • University Health Insurance Plan • Centre for Student Academic Support • Career Services • Ottawa Essentials • Immigration Information for International Services • Incoming Exchange presentation • Student Panel
12:00pm – 2:30pm	Lunch (The Dining Hall)
	Campus Tours
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Tours Departing from The Dining Hall • 1:00pm (1st Group departs) • 1:15pm (2nd Group departs) • 1:30pm (3rd Group departs) *Enroute Campus Card Office to pick up campus card *Open account with RBC - 402, 4th Floor, MacOdrum Library



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September 4th, 2026

Campus Fair

Where: Health Science Building**Time:** 9:15am - 10:15am

Description: Visit our International Welcome Campus Fair to connect directly with service providers to discuss programs, services, and initiatives intended to support your success at Carleton University. Attendees include:

- Global Opportunities & International Student Services Office – GO-ISSO
- University Health Insurance Plan – UHIP
- Career Services and Co-operative Education
- Centre for Student Academic Support – CSAS
- Carleton University Students' Association - CUSA
- Campus Safety Services
- Student Experience Office - SEO
- Graduate Student Association - GSA
- SPROTT
- Unified Service Center - USC
- MacOdrum Library
- Graduate Studies(FGPA)
- Royal Bank of Canada – RBC
- Catholic Centre for Immigrants - COSTI/CCI
- International Admissions & Recruitment
- Mental Health and Wellness



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RBC - Royal Bank of Canada

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RBC is a global financial institution with a purpose-driven, principles-led approach to delivering leading performance, and creating value for clients and communities. RBC is proud to support a broad range of community initiatives through donations, community investments and employee volunteer activities.

NOTE: RBC Account Opening at 402, 4th Floor, MacOdrum Library from 12:00pm - 3:00pm



Getting to Campus

Public Transit

Bus lines travelling to Carleton University include the 7, 10, 48 and 111. Additionally the O-Train Line 2 station is located at the intersection of Campus Avenue and Library Road. With entrances on both the east and west sides. For more information on planning your travel, consider using the 'Travel Planner' on the OC Transpo website or one of the various Ottawa bus apps (Transit, Moovit, BusBuddy, etc).

Click Here for [OCTranspo Map](#).

Driving To Campus

During Residence Move-In (September 3rd – September 5th), vehicle traffic on campus is expected to be heavier than usual. Guests who are driving are encouraged to leave plenty of time to arrive at their final destinations. If possible, consider using the Colonel By Drive entrance to campus.

For International Orientation Day on September 4th, guests are encouraged to park in lot P16. If P16 is full, then you can park in any visitor parking lot. The next closest one is P2. There is a cost associated with parking on campus.



You can pay on arrival or by using the [QR code](#).

Need help Navigating the Venue?

For International Orientation Day, we anticipate there will be many guests on campus. If you need help, please email ISSO@carleton.ca or call 613-520-2600 to connect with a GO-ISSO team member.

How can I get my Campus Card / U-Pass?

Before arriving, it is highly recommended that you apply for your Carleton University Campus Card/U-Pass by the deadline of September 14th, 2026. Applying is an easy process.

Go to [Get my Campus Card](#) and follow the instructions [here](#).

To receive your Campus Card, please make sure to bring original government-issued photo ID. Should you experience any issues with the photo submission process, you can email your photo to campuscard@carleton.ca. Please note residence students will receive your card when you check in to Residence on your assigned move-in date.

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September 2026 Events Schedule

Time	Event	Timing
Sept 4	International Student Orientation Day	9:00pm – 3:00pm
Sept 9	SIN Clinic	12:00pm – 3:30pm
Sept 11	Explore Downtown Ottawa	1:00pm – 5:30pm
Sept 15	Global Café	1:30pm – 3:30pm
Sept 23	International Late Arrival Orientation	2:00pm – 3:00pm
Sept 29	Global Café	1:30pm – 3:30pm



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