

WELCOME TO TORONTO



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While you are attending the 2019 Student Affairs Assessment Institute, why not take full advantage of your time in your host city? Toronto, Ontario, Canada is a world-class city and we've curated some information to help Institute attendees make the most of their time in Toronto.

Current Events in Canadian Higher Education

We've collected some useful links to help you explore the dynamic and diverse higher education landscape in Canada.

T.O. Fundamentals

Here we have gathered some handy links to local resources to help you get to know the city.

Food in the 6ix

Check out some restaurant recommendations from Toronto locals and some tips for navigating Toronto's exciting food scene.

Social Events for Institute Attendees

There are two very special tour options designed especially for institute attendees.

Free Events in the City

The summer is one of the best times to visit Toronto, with many public events, parades and festivals taking place throughout the city. We have researched a few that are running around the same time as the Institute.

CURRENT EVENTS IN CANADIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

[Academica Top Ten](#)

Academica Group is a higher education research and consulting organization in Canada. Their team scours thousands of news sources every day—college and university media releases, wire services, government announcements, new statistics and research reports, national and international media, blogs, and more—and hand-picks the ten most relevant, interesting, and important stories affecting professionals working in higher ed.

[Webinar: Student Affairs in Canadian Context](#)

Keith Edwards hosts this episode of Higher Ed Live where he speaks with Jennifer Hamilton and Neil Buddel about current and future issues for student affairs in a Canadian context.

[Student Affairs Exchange](#)

The Student Affairs Exchange is a space created to nurture ideas and support Canadian Student Affairs scholarship & practice.

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FUNDAMENTALS

If you are getting serious about getting to know Toronto, we encourage you to visit www.seetorontonow.com, Toronto's best site for planning your visit to the city.

The site has all sorts of valuable information and we've collected a few of their most valuable links for you here.

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FOOD IN

THE 6IX

As one of the world's most diverse cities with over 200 distinct ethnic groups, Toronto has an abundance of food options for foodies and fast-foodies alike.

Tips for Navigating Toronto's Food Options

- ✓ Make a restaurant reservation through [Opentable.com](https://www.opentable.com) or the Open Table app
- ✓ Order food and save time through the free [Ritual app](#)
- ✓ [Check out the best restaurants near Assessment Institute](#) through [BlogTO.com](https://www.blogto.com)

Food Options Near the Courtyard Marriot

St. Lawrence Market

Opened in 1803, this the place to go to see Toronto's history and get amazing food while you are at it. You can try one of Toronto's famous sandwiches from Mustachio or Carousel's Bakery, try snacks from different cuisines, or indulge in cheese and seafood. This list of [11 Things To Eat at the St. Lawrence Market](#) is worth checking out.

Website: http://www.stlawrencemarket.com/about_us

Location: 92-95 Front St. East, Toronto, ON, M5E 1C3

Reservations required: No

Distance from Hotel: 10 min by car, 15 by transit, 27 by walking.

Attire: Casual

Hours: Tuesday - Thursday - 8am / 6pm, Fridays - 8am / 7pm, Saturdays - 5am / 5 pm

Accessibility: The St. Lawrence Market is wheelchair accessible. An elevator is available just inside the main doors of the South Market that allows customers to access the Market Gallery, The Market Kitchen, and the lower level of the Market.

Nando's Peri Peri Chicken

Website: <https://www.nandos.ca/eat/restaurants/bay-street>

Cuisine: Afro-Portuguese chain restaurant serving flame-grilled chicken, salads, and other delicacies.

Address: 832 Bay Street Unit 1, Toronto, M5S 1Z6

Phone: 416-925-8888

Reservations required: No, but recommended for lunch time.

Takeout available: Yes

Distance from Hotel: 2 minutes by car, 6 minutes walking

Attire: Casual

Hours: Sunday - Thursday 11:00am - 11:00pm, Friday - Saturday 11:00am - 12:00pm

Accessibility: Service animals permitted and wheelchair accessible

Momofuku

Address: 190 University Avenue

Phone: 647.253.6225

Cuisine: Ramen noodle bar

Reservations required: No

Distance from Hotel: 8 mins drive, 15 mins TTC, 25 mins walking

Attire: Casual for noodle bar section, Kojin: Fine dining

Hours: Friday: Lunch 11am-3pm, Dinner 5-11pm Sat 11:30-3pm, 5-10:30pm, Sunday 11:30-3pm, 5-10:30pm

Accessibility: At this location there are 2 restaurants. Washroom on second floor, allows service animal, permit required. Washroom not gender neutral. Across the street at the Shangri La hotel are gender neutral washrooms. Restaurant is wheelchair accessible.

La Bettola Di Terroni

Address: 106 Victoria St

Phone: 416.504.9998

Reservations required: Recommended for parties of 6+

Distance from Hotel: 6 min drive, 9 min TTC, 17 min walk

Cuisine: Italian

Attire: semi formal

Hours: Friday: 11am-10pm, Sat: 4-10pm, Sun: Closed

Accessibility: Allows service animals, gender neutral washrooms, wheelchair accessible

Copacabana

Address: 230 Adelaide Street West

Phone: 647.748.3211

Reservations required:

Distance from Hotel: 10 min drive, 15 min TTC

Cuisine: Brazilian steakhouse

Attire: Casual

Hours: Friday: 5-till late (as posted on restaurant website), Saturday and Sunday: 4pm-till late

Accessibility: Restaurant located on main level however there are stairs leading up to the entrance and there are no ramps. Washrooms are located in the basement, not wheelchair accessible. Pending confirmation regarding service animal from management.

Japango

Address: 122 Elizabeth Street

Phone: 416.599.5557

Reservations required: For parties of 6 or more for dinner, recommended.

Takeout available: Yes

Distance from Hotel: 6 min drive, 11 min TTC, 15 min walk

Attire: casual

Hours: Mon-Sun 11:30am-10:30pm

Accessibility: Allow Service Animals, not wheelchair accessible

Salad King

Address: 340 Yonge Street

Phone: 416.593.0333

Reservations required: No.

Takeout is available: Yes

Distance from Hotel: 3 min drive, 7 min TTC, 7 min walk

Cuisine: Thai

Attire: casual

Hours: Friday: 11am-11pm, Sat: 12-11pm, Sun: 12-9pm

Accessibility: Accessibility: washrooms located on the main floor of restaurant. Washrooms are gender neutral. Restaurant on second floor but there is an elevator accessible from the 1st floor of building. Allows for service animals but require wearing of vest or documentation.

Sabai Sabai

Address: 81 Bloor Street East

Phone: 647.748.4225

Reservations required: No

Takeout is available: Yes

Distance from Hotel: 5 min drive, 9 min TTC, 15 min walk

Cuisine: Tapas Thai food

Attire: casual

Hours: Friday and Saturday: 11am-11pm, Sunday: 4-10pm

Accessibility: Barrier free, washroom in basement

Vegetarian Haven

Address: 17 Baldwin Street

Phone: 416.621.3636

Reservations required: No. Recommended for parties of 6 or more

Distance from Hotel: 8 min drive, 14 min TTC, 18 min walk

Cuisine: Vegan, vegetarian

Attire: casual

Hours: Friday: 5-10pm. Sat and Sun: Closed

Accessibility: Washroom in basement, not wheelchair accessible. Restaurant has ramp, is wheelchair accessible

The Hothouse

Address: 35 Church Street

Phone: 416.366.7800

Reservations required: Recommended for parties of 6 or more

Distance from Hotel: 8 min drive, 12 min TTC

Cuisine: Bar style food

Attire: casual to more formal attire

Hours: Friday 11am-11pm, Sat: 10am-11pm, Sun: 9am-10pm

Accessibility: Washrooms on main floor of the restaurant, wheelchair accessible. Restaurant on street level, wheelchair accessible. Allow for service animals.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR INSTITUTE ATTENDEES

Free University of Toronto Tour

Wednesday, July 10 from 6:30-9:00 PM

Explore architectural gems, historically significant sites and unique student spaces on the historic University of Toronto St George Campus. Meet in Courtyard Marriot lobby.

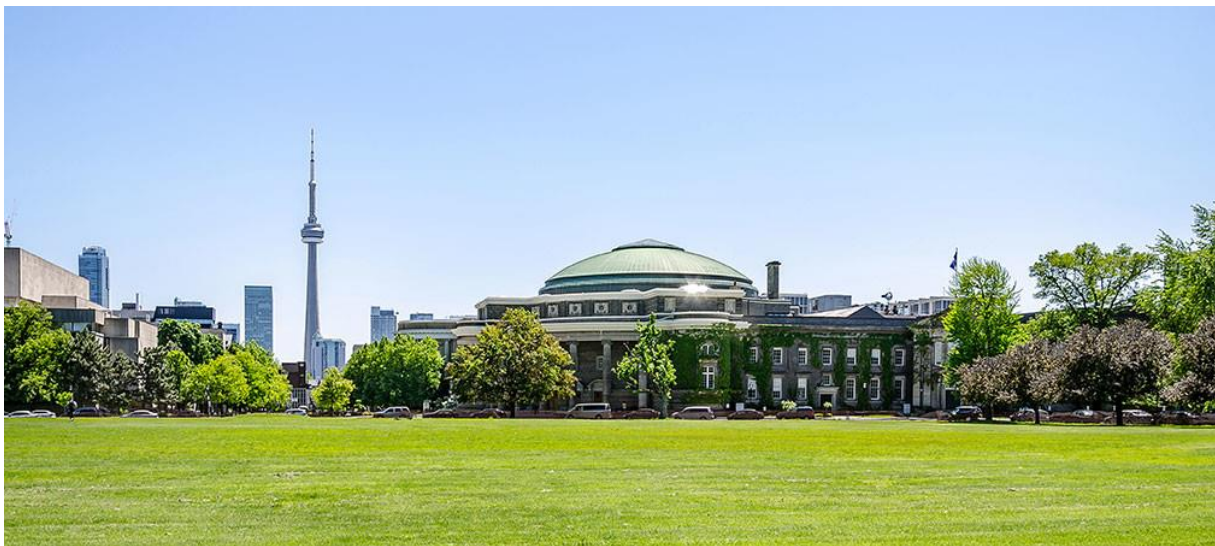
Accommodations: Tour will be customized to the needs, interests and abilities of the group. The tour will involve some effort to travel around the campus.

Distance: Approx. 16 minute travel time (1.3 km/0.8 miles) to get from hotel to campus.

Maximum Group Size: 15

Group Leader: Adam Kuhn

Registration: <https://forms.gle/G6LWsWfpaD7pjEzS8>



Free Tour of Kensington Market

Wednesday, July 10th from 6:30-9:00 PM

Explore one of Toronto's cultural gems. Built in 1815, Kensington market is a collection of streets and a neighborhood filled with Victorian homes, vintage shops, restaurants & cafes that reflect some of Toronto's populations and multicultural identity. The tour will provide a history of the area, a tour of popular shops and cafes, and provide time for exploring this eclectic neighbourhood. Explore vintage shops, restaurants and cafes online: <https://www.blogto.com/kensington/>. Meet in Courtyard Marriot lobby.

Accommodations: Tour will be customized to the needs, interests and abilities of the group. Some effort will be needed to walk around the market.

Distance: Approx. 27 minute walk (2.1km/1.3 miles) OR 16 minutes by streetcar (\$3.10)

Maximum Group Size: 15

Group Leader: Anna Ghoneim, Amanda Thomas

Registration: <https://forms.gle/G6LWsWfpaD7pjEzS8>



FREE EVENTS IN THE CITY

Beaches Jazz Festival

A celebration of all things jazz music by artists both local and international is set to turn the Beaches in to a paradise for music lovers everywhere.

Location: Various venues in the east end of the city **Cost:** Free

Date/Time: Fridays July 5- 28

Website: <https://beachesjazz.com/>

Toronto Outdoor Art Fair

A fresh air and free alternative to conventional art shows and galleries, with hundreds of artists participating.

Location: Nathan Phillips Square **Cost:** Free

Date/Time: July 12-14

Website: <https://torontooutdoor.art/>

Toronto Fringe Festival

Fringe festival-goers measure the quality of the experience not by the script (or absence thereof), but rather, by the pure enthusiasm of the performance. It's the city's liveliest grassroots theatre festival.

Location: Locations across the city **Cost:** ~\$11/show

Date/Time: July 3-14, times vary

Website: <https://fringetoronto.com//>

TD Salsa in Toronto Festival

One of the largest Latino-themed cultural celebrations in Canada, the TD Salsa in Toronto Festival spans a three-week period and culminates in Salsa on St. Clair, a scintillating two-day street fest.

Location: Locations across the city **Cost:** Free with some costs for good and some events

Date/Time: June 23-July 7

Website: <http://www.salsaintoronto.com/>

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