



**DOMESTIC
GUIDEBOOK
2025**



Queen's
UNIVERSITY

Your Next Steps Checklist



Have an Offer?

Log into your OUAC account and accept it by your offer acceptance deadline



Apply for Residence and Pay the Deposit (\$805)

Submit your residence application and deposit by **June 2**



Complete the Financial Aid and Awards Profile

This one single application gives you access to numerous awards and scholarships



Complete the FYF 100 onQ course

Get ready for university academics with this self-paced transition course



Attend Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR)

Get a preview of life at Queen's and key resources available to students



Explore First-Year Off-Campus Community (if applicable)

Connect with peers if you're living off-campus



Join QSuccess Mentorship

Pair up with an upper-year student to guide you through your first year



Get Ready for Move-In Day

Check packing lists, residence details, and finalize travel plans



Attend University Orientation

Take part in welcome events and get to know your new community

Make sure to check the **Queen's Next Steps website** to stay on track and complete all required steps: queensu.ca/nextsteps



Welcome to Queen's

Success Starts Here

At Queen's, we're known for our world-class education, outstanding research opportunities, and a supportive, welcoming environment. As you embark on this exciting journey, know that we're here to help you succeed academically and personally.

Our campus is more than just a place to learn; it's a dynamic environment that encourages innovation, collaboration, and personal growth. Expect academic excellence, a close-knit community, and experiences that will shape your future.

Your time at Queen's will be filled with meaningful connections and opportunities. Whether through academics, extracurricular activities, or leadership initiatives, you'll find endless ways to grow, make friends, and prepare for success.

From Offer to Orientation

At Queen's, we make your transition from high school to university smooth, engaging, and stress-free. From summer prep programs to mentorship opportunities, you'll have the support you need to start strong.

First-Year Foundation (FYF) ensures you have the tools and resources needed to thrive at Queen's. This includes:

- **Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR)**
An online summer program for incoming students and their supporters, designed to help you prepare for university academics, navigate campus resources, and get answers to your questions before you arrive.
- **FYF 100 onQ Course**
A self-directed online course filled with essential modules to ease your transition and give you a head start at Queen's.
- **First-Year Off-Campus Community (First-Year OCC)**
Living off-campus? Connect with other first-year students through this program and build a strong support network.
- **QSuccess Mentorship Program**
Pair up with an upper-year student mentor who can help guide you through your first year and provide valuable advice.
- **University Orientation**
An orientation program for all incoming students, featuring campus tours, welcome events, and opportunities to connect with peers before classes begin.

From your first day on campus to your graduation, Queen's is committed to ensuring you have the support you need to succeed.

Why Queen's?

95%

first-year retention rate — students are successful here and choose to stay

92.9%

employment rate six months after graduation

Top rankings

in Canada and globally for student experience, sustainability, and research

A strong alumni network

that opens doors to career success across Canada and beyond

A campus built for connection

Queen's walkable, close-knit campus makes it easy to build friendships and engage with professors

"My practicum placements, arranged through Queen's, have been instrumental to my learning. I've taught grades 6 to 12, worked with different teachers, and gained real classroom experience before even graduating!"

Elizabeth Li
Concurrent Education

Important Dates

May 1

Deadline to accept offer of admission for students not attending an Ontario high school

June 2

Deadline to accept offer of admission for students attending an Ontario high school

Residence application and deposit deadline

July 2-31

Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR)

July 15

Deadline for final grades and confirmation of OSSD for Ontario high school students.

August 1

Final transcript deadline for students not currently studying in an Ontario high school.

September 3

First day of classes

"The support I received in my first year made all the difference. Programs like SOAR helped me feel prepared before arriving, and my QSuccess mentor guided me through the transition to university. By second year, I was mentoring new students myself! Queen's really gives you the tools to succeed—and a community that wants to see you thrive."

Zara Pezzin
Nursing



Your Home Away from Home

Living in residence at Queen's is more than just having a place to sleep—it's about being part of a welcoming community that helps you transition to university life with confidence.

- **18 residence buildings across campus,** offering a range of room styles, including single, double, and loft-style rooms.
- **Residence Dons and Live-in Support Teams**
Upper-year students and professional staff dedicated to fostering community, providing guidance, and ensuring a positive living environment.
- **Living Learning Communities (LLCs)** Special-interest residence floors where you can live with students who share your academic or personal interests, enhancing both your social and academic experience.
- **Residence Life Programming**
Social events, game nights, study groups, and fitness activities designed to bring students together and help you make lasting friendships.

Learn more at:

[**queensu.ca/residences**](https://queensu.ca/residences)

"Living in residence helped me build friendships that have lasted beyond first year. My floor dons were welcoming, and I still live with my first-year roommate!"

Chloe Wong
Health Sciences

Off-Campus Living

For students living off campus, Queen's provides an Off-Campus Living Advisor, **resources for renting, housemate matching, and off-campus community support.**

Learn more at:

[**queensu.ca/ocla**](https://queensu.ca/ocla)

Dining at Queen's

Great food, great variety, and plenty of options! Queen's dining services offer flexible and delicious meal options that fit your lifestyle, whether you live in residence or off campus.

Three all-you-care-to-eat dining halls

Leonard, Ban Righ, and Jean Royce offering diverse menu options, fresh ingredients, and dietary accommodations including vegan, halal, gluten-free, and allergen-friendly meals.

Retail dining locations across campus

including **Tim Hortons, Starbucks, Booster Juice, Pizza Pizza, and Common Ground**, making it easy to grab food between classes.

Healthy and sustainable dining

Queen's is committed to local and sustainable food sourcing, offering fresh, seasonal options that nourish both body and mind.



Student Spotlight

Liliana Chow

Program:

Concurrent Education, Chemistry

Hometown: Vancouver, BC

On-campus involvement:

Co-chair of the Disability and Neurodiversity Alliance, Peer Writing Assistant Team Leader, and founder of the Queen's Rheumatic Disease Club.

Advice for future students:

Queen's has so many ways to get involved, beyond academics—find what excites you, and don't be afraid to take the leap!

"I chose Queen's for its strong community, outstanding education program, and beautiful location. It was important to me to find a place where I felt supported and could connect with others who share my experiences. Queen's has given me opportunities to get involved in research, student advocacy, and leadership, all while making lifelong connections."



Meredith Davies

Program: Smith Commerce

Hometown: Belleville, ON

On-campus involvement:

Queen's Commerce Kids, Campus Tour Guide, and study abroad at Tilburg University in the Netherlands

Advice for future students:

Even if you can't visit in person, take time to explore Queen's through the virtual tour and online events, and connect with current students—it helped me feel confident I was making the right choice.

"I chose Queen's for its strong sense of community and endless opportunities. The compact, walkable campus made it easy to feel at home, and I've built an incredible support system here. From clubs to study abroad, Queen's has given me experiences that I'll carry with me for life."



Getting Involved

Make the most of your Queen's experience by getting involved:

Join Student Government

Whether through the **Alma Mater Society (AMS)**, the **Engineering Society (EngSoc)**, or other student-led groups, students have plenty of opportunities to lead and make their voices heard on campus.

Explore Clubs and Organizations

With **over 300 clubs**, you'll find something that fits your passions—whether it's music, sports, entrepreneurship, or cultural groups.

Find Your Community

Spaces like **Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre (4D)**, **Yellow House Student Centre for Equity and Inclusion**, and **Queen's University International Centre (QUIC)** offer programming, support, and cultural connections to help every student feel at home.

Volunteer and Work on Campus

Gain valuable experience while giving back to the community or get a **part-time job on campus** to build skills and earn money.

Attend Campus Events

Experience **Orientation Week**, **Homecoming**, **faculty formals**, and **countless social gatherings** throughout the year.

For more ways to get involved, visit:
[**queensu.ca/studentexperience**](https://queensu.ca/studentexperience)

Getting to Campus

Whether you're coming from near or far, there are plenty of ways to get to Queen's:

- **By Car** – Kingston is conveniently located between Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal.
- **By Train/Bus** – VIA Rail and major bus lines offer routes to Kingston from major cities.
- **By Air** – The closest major international airport is Toronto Pearson (YYZ), but Kingston is also accessible from Ottawa (YOW) and Montreal (YUL).

For information about on-campus parking and commuting:
[**queensu.ca/parking**](https://queensu.ca/parking)



Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre (4D) is a welcoming space for Indigenous students, offering academic support, cultural programming, and a strong sense of community. On Welcome Day, 4D hosts Indigenous Student Orientation, where students can connect with Elders, Knowledge Keepers, and peers while learning about the resources available to them. From traditional teachings to social events, 4D provides a home away from home while helping students thrive at Queen's.

"I found it so easy to make friends at Queen's! I came here knowing no one, but quickly connected with other students in the same boat. Every upper-year I met was welcoming and encouraged me to join clubs and organizations—it made a huge difference in my experience."

Kerry Roe
Arts and Science



Can't make it to campus in person?

Explore campus from wherever you are with our Virtual Tour!
queensu.ca/admission/visit/campus-tours



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