



Next Steps for Graduate Students

Congratulations on accepting your offer of admission to the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design for September 2016. We are delighted that you will be joining us. Please review the information below as you prepare for your graduate studies at the University of Toronto.

Your Offer

Now that you have accepted your offer your next step is to submit your \$500 deposit to student accounts by **June 1st**. Your deposit will confirm your place in the Daniels Faculty. If your offer was conditional, please arrange to have all necessary documentation sent to us directly, and feel free to contact graduate@daniels.utoronto.ca if you have any questions about admission conditions.

Your Accommodation

If you require housing, the [University of Toronto Housing Services](#) provides helpful accommodation resources for you to explore. You can choose to live at home, in a University of Toronto residence or take advantage of the many housing options near campus. Please look into housing options early as some options have deadlines by which you must apply.

Whether you live close to the University of Toronto's St. George campus or commute from the surrounding area, some transit services offer discounts to university students. Information on these offers as well as other ways of getting to and around the University can be found on the [Enrolment Services](#) website.

If you have been offered a place in residence, make sure you accept your residence offer and pay your deposit by the stated deadline. The Faculty has a limited number of spaces at Grad House. If you are interested in being considered for one of these spaces, please contact us at graduate@daniels.utoronto.ca.

Your Finances

Undertaking a graduate degree is an exciting endeavour and preparing your financial plan in advance will allow you to focus on your academics and will reduce possible stress down the road. Tips on budgeting are available on the [Enrolment Services website](#).

There are many opportunities for students to obtain assistance in funding their education. Students can apply for scholarships and awards, government funding (such as OSAP and other Provincial loans), work study positions, and teaching assistantship opportunities. Other funding opportunities can be found on the [School of Graduate Studies \(SGS\) website](#).

Teaching assistantships are advertised on our website in mid June and July. Eligibility depends on a combination of your experience and academic background. The deadline to apply is in the beginning of August. We encourage all students to apply. All available positions will be posted on our website.

Work Study opportunities are available through the [University of Toronto Career Centre](#). Applications for Fall/Winter positions are posted at the end of August/early September. Please check the [Career Centre website](#) for details.

Prior to the Start of Classes

The Office of the Registrar and Student Services is your first stop for any enquiries. The office is made up of a team of individuals committed to facilitating your transition to the Daniels Faculty at the University of Toronto and is here throughout your degree to support your success. Please contact us at registrar@daniels.utoronto.ca if you have any questions.

Tuition

Please review the graduate fees and payment information outlined on the [SGS website](#). Tuition payments or fee deferrals must be completed by **Friday, August 26, 2016** to meet registration deadlines.

Arriving in Toronto

Classes begin on **Monday, September 12, 2016** and the summer workshop, field course, and orientation activities begin as early as August 15. (see details below) We recommend that students arrive in Toronto by the end of August/Early September so that you have the opportunity to settle-in before classes begin. If you are an international student, please look at the pre-arrival guide and next steps from the [Centre for International Experience](#).



You can obtain your [U of T student card \(TCard\)](#) beginning in June. This can only be done on campus and you must come equipped with proper documentation and proof of citizenship. Once you receive your identification card, you will need to activate your UTORID and your U of T email account. Once you are a registered student, all email communication from the university will be sent to your @mail.utoronto.ca email account. Please be sure to update [ACORN \(Accessible Campus Online Resource Network\)](#), also called the student web service, with your new email address as soon as you receive it in order to avoid missing important information.

Summer Workshop

This workshop introduces new students with limited background in the field of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, or Urban Design to some of the existing tools and methods of design including sketching, modeling, orthographic drawing, visualization, and Computer-Aided Design (CAD). The workshop will facilitate students' development of proficiency in these conventions of representation. We strongly recommend that all first year students attend this two-week intensive workshop. The workshop will be held from **August 15-26**. Further information will be posted on our [website](#) in June.

Orientation

Just finished your undergraduate degree? Coming back to school following a long break? Orientation week held from **September 6-9** will answer many of your questions and concerns. During this week you will have an opportunity to see the city, meet the faculty and staff and familiarize yourself with the school environment and academic requirements. Watch for information about Daniels' Orientation on our [website](#) and the SGS Orientation sessions on the [SGS website](#).

Your Courses

Most classes begin **Monday, September 12, 2016** (with the exception of LAN1041HF: Field Studies 1; see below). New students should be prepared to arrive earlier for relevant workshops, field courses, orientation, course balloting and administrative details that take place at the end of August/early September.

In order to help you to understand the progression of your degree, you can find [degree diagrams](#) for each of our programs on our website. The [SGS Calendar](#) outlines not only your program, but also the many policies and procedures at the University of Toronto that you are expected to be aware of.

You will automatically be enrolled in all of your required courses with the exception of option studios and electives; it is your responsibility to ensure you are in the right courses each semester. Course descriptions for elective courses will be posted on our website in August. The selection of elective courses is done online. Further information will be sent over the next few months. Students who have previous academic courses completed and believe they may be eligible for a [course exemption](#) from a required course must apply for the relevant one(s) by **Tuesday, August 9, 2016**. Please review the information on our website for submission requirements.

MLA Field Course

LAN1041HF "Field Studies 1" is a required course for all incoming professional Master of Landscape Architecture candidates. The course investigates ecology and more specifically native plant communities in the Greater Toronto Area. This is a fast paced course and meets eight hours a day with evening and weekend work. This course will take place from **August 29 - September 2**. Further details will be made available throughout the summer.



Visiting Us?

The Nona Macdonald Visitors Centre offers campus tours throughout the summer. Please check their website for details. Any questions for us? Throughout the summer we will be open from 9:30 – 4 at 230 College Street for any enquiries.

Toronto is an exciting city! If you are visiting and require temporary accommodations, please contact the [University of Toronto Housing Services](#).

UofT Resources

Here are a few other UofT resources to get you started.

[Academic Success Centre](#) helps students improve their academic skills, strategies, and competencies that are essential to succeed.

[Fitness and Recreation](#) lists the various Varsity Blues teams, intramural sports teams, drop-in recreation and facilities.

[Centre for International Experience](#) offers international students a guide for coming to U of T, outbound exchange programs, and safety abroad information.

[Career Centre](#) helps students find work opportunities on and off campus and offers career counselling and workshops.

[Graduate Architecture Landscape and Design Student Union \(GALDSU\)](#) is your Faculty student union that is responsible for policy changes and initiative approvals.

[Graduate Student Union \(GSU\)](#) offers students a health and dental plan and runs programs such as bike chain.

[Health and Wellness](#) provides health services including clinics and Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS), along with Peers and Here and other health promotion programs.

[Housing Services](#) offers housing and residence services, a roommate finder program, student family housing, and don ship positions.

[Student Life](#) is a one-stop shop for student clubs, organizations, activities, and opportunities.

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