

N.U.in Canada Visa Guide 2018



Nationals who are not U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents

Please check with the Canadian consulate in your region for the most updated Canada visa requirements and processes. The information listed below is only a guide and does not constitute legal advice.

Type of Visa

For Nationals who are not U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents, you will need to determine whether or not a Temporary Resident/Visitor Visa (IMM5257) is necessary. To do so, click on this [link](#) and follow the prompts regarding your citizenship.

General Visa Information for International Students

If you DO need a visa to enter Canada, you can apply for a Temporary Resident/Visitor Visa. Please note though that you will still need to provide truthful information about the reason you are seeking admission to Canada (i.e. for a brief study period), even if no formal study permit is required. To apply you have two options:

- Apply online

You must have:

- Access to a scanner or camera to create electronic copies of your documents to upload, and
- A valid credit card to pay with

- Apply on paper

Instructions here: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/apply-how.asp>

If you DO NOT need a visa to enter Canada, please provide the following on arrival in Canada:

1. A passport that will be valid upon entry into Canada throughout the duration of study
2. The Letter of Acceptance from the Canadian host university (McGill University) granting your participation in The N.U.in Canada Program. This Letter of Acceptance will be provided to you by The N.U.in Program via email upon successful completion of your enrollment paperwork. This letter states:
 - a. Start date/end date of the program
 - b. The nature of the academic activities students will undertake during their stay

- c. The main services that have already been paid for during your stay (tuition, ancillary, residences, health insurance fees)
3. Proof of access to sufficient funds during your stay in Canada and for your entire stay, including copies of personal bank statements and proof of pre-payment of certain expenses such as housing, transportation, school fees, etc. In general, this amount should be CAD \$5,000 to \$10,000/year for students without accompanying dependents. If the student has accompanying dependents, s/he would need to show proof of at least CAD \$7,500 to \$14,000/year. Note that the Officer at the port of entry has the discretion to determine whether your funds are sufficient, so it is best to show as much as possible.
4. A return ticket, if it has already been purchased
5. For students under the age of 18, additional documents will be required:
 - a. One original and two copies of the McGill guardianship form duly filled out and signed by all parties. This guardianship form is provided in your N.U.*in* portal checklist and also needs to be submitted online via the N.U.*in* portal.
 - b. A letter from BOTH parents allowing the student to visit Canada and participate in the program, which also contains their respective contact information, including residential address, phone number, and email address. This letter should also include the name address and telephone number of the adult who will look after the child in Canada (this can be found on the McGill Guardianship form). Please see this website for further details. <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/visit-canada/minor-children-travelling-canada.html>
 - c. A clear copy of each parent's passport biographical pages.
 - d. If the parents are divorced, copies of the custodial documents awarding custody and the written permission of the non-custody parent, as applicable.
6. [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#): As of November 10, 2016, visa-exempt foreign nationals who fly to or transit via air through Canada are expected to have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). [Exceptions](#) include U.S. citizens and travelers with a valid Canadian visa.

Important Reminders

Northeastern University and McGill University have no influence on the outcome of visa applications and no ability to contact Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to inquire about a visa application or expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, N.U.*in* employees are unable to provide advice to students or families concerning the visa application. They are solely available to advise on the process and logistics.

Students are responsible for completing their visa application correctly and in an effective manner and for obtaining a valid visa prior to the program start date. If they cannot obtain a valid visa in time, then please refer to the N.U.*in* Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.*in* office to discuss next steps.