

N.U.in Canada Visa Guide 2019



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

Please check with the Canadian consular authority in your region for the most updated Canada visa requirements and processes. The information listed below is intended as informational guidance only and does not constitute legal advice.

Type of Visa

If you are not a U.S. citizen permanent resident., 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. Please note, **the purpose of your travel for the Program is to visit Canada** for a short term study program for less than 6 months.

Should you have any questions related to your visa requirements or difficulties in navigating the link above, please contact the N.U.in program.

General Visa Information for International Students

If you DO need a visa to enter Canada, you should apply for a Temporary Resident/Visitor Visa. Please note though that you will still need to provide accurate information about the reason you are seeking admission to Canada (to study for less than six (6) continuous months), 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>

Please note that you may be required to provide biometrics as part of your application. Upon applying, you will be required to schedule an appointment at a Visa Application Centre (VAC) within your jurisdiction for biometric collection. Please also note that any required supporting documentation may vary based on your jurisdiction, so be sure to confirm any requirements with your local consular authority.

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 traveling by plane, train or bus
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 photo 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

This document has been prepared based on the information and links provided by the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) website (<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship.html>).

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 an individual visa application or to expedite the process for an individual student. In addition, N.U.in employees are unable to provide advice to students or families concerning visa requirements and/or application processes.

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 the student cannot obtain a valid visa in time for the program start date, please refer to the N.U.in Withdrawal Policy and contact the N.U.in office to discuss next steps.