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Next Steps for Graduate Students | 2018-19

Congratulations on your offer of admission to the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design for September 2018. 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

After you have accepted your offer in writing your next step is to submit your \$500 deposit to student accounts by **June 1st**. Your deposit will re-confirm your place in the Daniels Faculty. Not sure if your deposit was received? Log in to [ACORN](#) ([Accessible Campus Online Resource Network](#)), to view your Financial Account. If your offer is conditional, please arrange to have all necessary documentation sent to us directly. Feel free to contact graduate@daniels.utoronto.ca if you have any questions about admission conditions.

Your Housing

If you require assistance with 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.

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. These spaces are offered on a first come, first served basis.

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 our website.

Your Finances

No matter your finances, take the time to plan out all your expenses and set a budget to ensure you have adequate funding available for the upcoming year. Visit our website for information on [financial aid](#) and check out the [Financial Planning Calculator](#).

If you are an Ontario resident looking for a government loan, start early and apply now for the [Ontario Student Assistance Plan](#) (OSAP). If you are from out-of-province, check with your local funding agency about relevant deadlines.

Teaching assistantship positions are posted on our [website](#) in mid-April/ early May. Eligibility depends on a combination of your experience and academic background. The deadline to apply is typically the beginning of June. We encourage all students to apply. Please continue to check our [website](#) for updates. **Work Study** opportunities are available through the [Career Centre](#). Applications for Fall/Winter positions are posted at the end of August.

In mid-July, you will be able to view your student fees through ACORN. The first installment of your academic tuition fee is due August 24. Fee deferral requests must also be submitted through [ACORN](#) by the same deadline. To find out more about fee deferral eligibility, making tuition payments, and more, visit the [student accounts](#) website.

Prior to the Start of Classes

The Office of the Registrar and Student Services is your first stop for any inquiries. 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

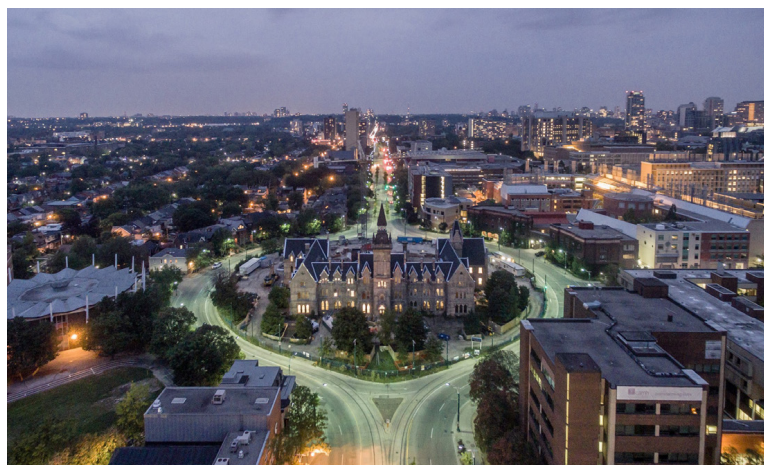
Please review the graduate fees and payment information outlined on the [SGS website](#). Tuition payments or fee deferrals should be completed by August 24 to meet registration deadlines.

Arriving in Toronto

Classes begin on **Monday, September 10** and the summer workshop, field course, and orientation activities begin as early as **August 13** (see details below). We recommend that students arrive in Toronto by the end of August/ early September, at the latest, so that they have the opportunity to settle-in and attend Orientation activities 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, activate your [UTORID](#) and your [U of T email account](#). Following registration, email correspondence will be sent exclusively to your UTMail account. Please be sure to update [ACORN](#) 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 **Monday, August 13 to Friday, August 24**. 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 4-7** 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 10** (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.

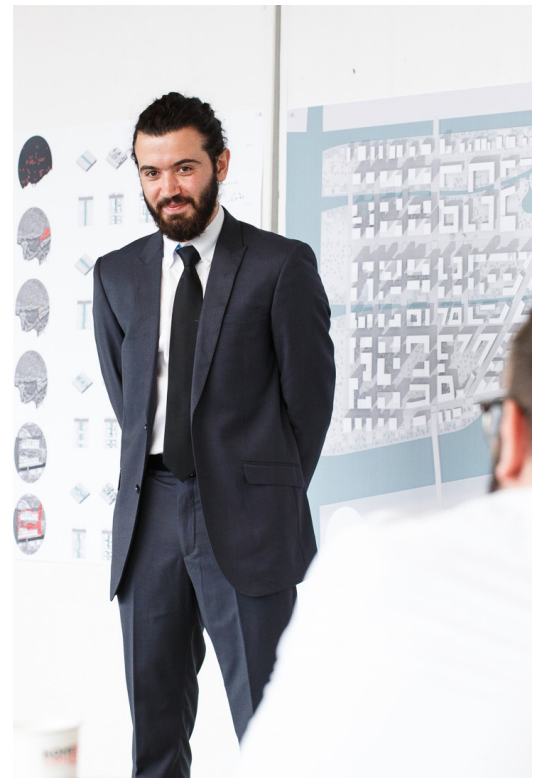
In order to help you to understand the progression of your degree, you can find [degree diagrams](#) for each of our programs on our website. The [SGS Calendar](#) outlines not only your program, but also the many policies and procedures at the University of Toronto that you are expected to be aware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

Elective course selection is completed on [ACORN](#). 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 **Wednesday, July 25**. 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 **Monday, August 27 to Friday, August 31**. Further details will be made available throughout the summer.



Visiting Us?

Tours of the Daniels Faculty at One Spadina will be offered throughout the summer. Times and details will be available [here](#).

The Nona Macdonald Visitors Centre also offers campus tours throughout the summer. You can register for one of these tours [here](#).

Any questions for us? Throughout the summer we will be open from 9:30 – 4. Feel free to contact us or stop by our office during these hours.

Follow the Daniels Faculty on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Youtube](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Flickr](#).

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, Peers are 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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