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Guide For Incoming GPLLM Students



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1. Accept Your Offer of Admission

Please sign, date and upload the completed Offer Acceptance form to the **SGS application system** as the 'Admission Confirmation Form', in accordance with the date set out in your Faculty of Law offer letter. Alternatively, you can submit your signed offer letter to admissions.gpllm@utoronto.ca.

2. Enable your JOINid and Log in to ACORN

Your JOINid is your user ID as a UofT applicant until you are able to obtain your TCard and permanent UTORid.

If you are new to UofT:

You would have received an e-mail with your JOINid upon creating your application profile with the subject line "*Important: your UofT JOINid*". Go to the **JOINid website** and click on "*Enable Your JOINid*". You will need to enter your student number, which is listed on your School of Graduate Studies offer letter. Follow the instructions provided in order to set up your JOINid password.

If you have misplaced the e-mail sent to you by the School of Graduate Studies in which you were provided with your JOINid, or experience difficulty enabling your JOINid, please email admissions.sgs@utoronto.ca with "JOINid" in the subject line.

New students must first enable their JOINid before trying to login to **ACORN**, the University's student records system. Please review the "[How To](#)" **ACORN** guide for information on how to set up your ACORN account.

Returning UofT students:

If you already have a UTORid, you may continue to use it to access ACORN.

3. Clear all Outstanding Offer Conditions

Submit all Official Transcripts

To clear an outstanding official transcript condition from the offer of admission, students must submit official copies of all post-secondary transcripts of their academic record. Transcripts must be sent to the GPLLM Admissions Office directly from each academic institution the student has attended. To be deemed official, documents must be in a sealed envelope, the seal of which must be stamped or signed by the Registrar's Office of the issuing institution.

All official transcripts must be submitted by **August 31, 2026** and should be mailed to the attention of:

University of Toronto
Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law
GPLLM Admissions
78 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M5S 2C5

Official transcripts are also accepted via e-mail, provided they are sent directly from the Registrar's Office of the issuing institution to the GPLLM Admissions Office at: admissions.gpllm@utoronto.ca.

Other Admission Conditions

Additional conditions of admission may include verification of English Language Proficiency scores, which must be electronically sent to the University of Toronto by the testing agency centers (i.e. IELTS, TOEFL, etc).

Students are required to complete current in-progress degrees with a minimum GPA that is equivalent to a mid-B in the final year, and provide an official transcript stating the degree conferral date.

International students are required to secure a study permit and provide a copy to the Admissions Office.

4. Acquire a Study Permit (International Students)

A study permit is an immigration document that allows you to live in Canada temporarily while you complete your program of study. If you are neither a Canadian citizen nor a permanent resident and you want to study in Canada in a program that is six months or more in length, you must obtain a valid **study permit**.

The study permit application process can be time consuming. International students are strongly encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible to ensure that they are able to be in Canada by the last week of August. Under no circumstances should you commence your relocation until you have received your study permit approval letter and, if necessary, a Temporary Resident Visa (Entry Visa).

Please review the UofT's Centre for International Experience and the Government of Canada websites below for valuable information on immigrating to Canada:

[Immigration](#) **[Study Permits](#)** **[Get a Study Permit](#)** **[Pre-Arrival Guide](#)**

You may also contact the UofT's Centre for International Experience at: **416-978-2564**. The Center for International Experience (CIE) office has prepared recordings offering guidance to students preparing a study permit application outside Canada. Kindly find them below :

- [Create an Account with IRCC to Apply Online for a Study/Work Permit or Visa](#)
- [Study Permit Outside Canada: Important highlights](#)
- [Study Permit Outside Canada: How to apply](#)
- [Study Permit Outside Canada: Documents required for regular application](#)
- [Study Permit Outside Canada: Next Steps after submitting application](#)
- [Study Permit Outside Canada: How to complete the IMM1294 application form](#)
- [Study Permit Outside Canada: How to complete the family information form](#)

Please check their **[website](#)** and **[Calendar](#)** of Events for additional workshops.

5. Housing and Accommodation Options

Start actively searching as soon as possible! The rental market in Toronto is quite competitive (particularly close to campus) and selection will become more limited closer to September. There is a myriad of resources and services upon which you can rely in order to find a place to live. Some of these resources are provided by the University and others are independent.

U of T Housing maintains listings for on-campus residences, off-campus, temporary and summer housing options.

Residence Housing

If you are new to UofT: In order to apply for university residence housing, you must first enable your JOINid.

Returning UofT students: Use your UTORid to apply for residence housing.

Graduate House is the only residence at UofT reserved exclusively for masters and doctoral-level students. In order to apply, you must submit the required online application with a \$100 fee. Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional information about Graduate House can be found [here](#).

Students with families who are seeking family-friendly housing should consider the **UofT Student Family Housing** high rise units, located a 15 minute walk east of the law school. There are a limited number of units and the University is not able to guarantee a place in the buildings. Please apply early (with the intention to move in as close to early July as possible).

Off-campus Housing

Off-campus housing listings are maintained by U of T Housing, but can also be found through a number of online services.

6. Finances and Funding

The GPLLM is considered a **full-time** professional master's degree program. Students in professional graduate programs typically self-fund their educational expenses through a variety of sources including government student aid programs, loans and lines of credit, personal savings and employment income. The University of Toronto does not offer direct financing or student financial aid for the GPLLM program. However, the GPLLM qualifies for:

Student Aid Programs

Canadian citizens or permanent residents may be eligible for student financial aid through their province or territory of which they are considered a resident. Applications for the Fall academic session are usually available in late May or early June. It is recommended that you apply early to ensure there is enough time to process your application before the start of classes, however applications will be accepted during the academic year. Complete information including deadlines and application assistance is available through the **University Registrar's Office (URO)**.

Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)

Full-time students who are Ontario residents can apply for governmental financial aid through the **Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP)**, which assists with tuition, books and equipment fees, living expenses, and child care. The amount of money an OSAP-eligible student receives depends on their educational expenses, course load, and personal financial situation.

Provincial and Territorial Student Aid Programs

Students who are Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or protected persons may be eligible for financial assistance from their provincial or territorial government. To submit government financial aid forms to be completed by the University, access the **Out-of-Province Portal**.

Indigenous Tuition Initiative

The University of Toronto has created an **Indigenous Tuition Initiative** with a grant that covers the cost of tuition in eligible undergraduate and graduate programs for students from the **nine identified First Nations communities**.



ScotiaLine Personal Line of Credit

Students in the GPLLM program are eligible to apply for the ScotiaLine, which provides for a line of credit of up to the cost GPLLM program fees and other services. For more information about this line of credit, please review the [ScotiaLine](#) website. Contact representatives of Scotiabank's Queen and McCaul branch for more information:

Georgios Stathopoulos

Scotia Professional Student Plan
Officer, Queen and McCaul
Branch
Email: georgios.stathopoulos@scotiabank.com Phone:
1-416-866-3940 ext. 4209

Pack Tam

Assistant Manager, Queen and
McCaul Branch
Email: pack.tam@scotiabank.com
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Phone: 1-416-866-3940 ext.
4200

Stephen Samaroo

Branch Manager, Queen and
McCaul Branch
Email: stephen.samaroo@scotiabank.com
Phone: 1-416-866-3940 ext.
4000

Note: University of Toronto students are not required to use Scotiabank as a lender. Students are welcome to pursue funding options at the financial institution of their choice.

Life Long Learning Plan (LLP)

The GPLLM is considered a full-time program. As such, Canadian citizens or permanent residents who have Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSPs) can use the Life Long Learning Plan (LLP) to finance their own education or that of their spouse/partner. Amounts withdrawn under the LLP do not count towards income and the RRSP issuer does not withhold taxes on these amounts. Withdrawals must be repaid over a period of not more than 10 years. For more information, consult the [Canada Revenue Agency](#).

The School of Graduate Studies Awards

Please review the information on the University of Toronto's [School of Graduate Studies Awards and Funding](#) via [Award Explorer](#).

Tax Information

The GPLLM tuition fees are partially tax deductible. You will receive T2202 forms for each tax year. Please contact your tax advisor to see how this will impact your personal finances.

7. Get the TCard, Activate UTORid & Obtain UTMail+

Get your UTORid and TCard

Your UTORid and password give you access to a number of U of T's online services, such as email, the campus wireless network and more.

Your TCard is your official U of T identification (student card) and is required in order to sit exams, access athletic & student services, and obtain transit & retail discounts. All new students and those who have not been a student at the University of Toronto in the last two years must get a TCard. Students who have accepted their offer of admission will be able to obtain their UTORid starting May 1, 2026. You must acquire it before **September 1, 2026 at the latest.**

Newly admitted students: Please visit the [Get Your UTORid & TCard page](#) for detailed information on how to get your first TCard/UTORid.

Returning students: If you've been absent from the University for two or more years, you'll need to have a new photo taken and provide legal status documentation. For TCard replacement, visit [Replace your TCard](#).

Obtain your UTMail+

UTMail+ is the University of Toronto's email service. All correspondence from the University will be sent to students' UTMail+ email addresses alone, and thus your UTMail+ account must be activated before September 1, 2026.

You will receive a new email address in the form of **first.last@mail.utoronto.ca**. Once activated, you may log in to your account via: <http://mail.utoronto.ca>

Email gpllm@utoronto.ca when you have activated your UTORid and UTMail+ accounts.

8. Pay Your Tuition Deposit and Tuition Fees

Non-Refundable Tuition Deposit

In order to secure your place in the program, to which you were admitted, you must pay a **non-refundable** tuition deposit of \$500 CAD by the deadline provided in your offer letter. The tuition deposit will be applied to your Fall term tuition installment, and is non-refundable in the event that you choose not to commence the program. A Confirmation/Deposit form is enclosed with your admission package.

You can make an online payment via MasterCard or Visa credit card by logging into your ACORN account at www.acorn.utoronto.ca using the JOINid credentials that were emailed to you when you completed your application.

Making a Tuition Fee Payment

A tuition payment is required by the **registration deadline** in order for you to be able to commence your studies in the GPLLM program. To check the tuition amount you were billed, log in to your **ACORN** account and view your invoice. You can pay your fees online or in-person at a financial institution using the account number listed in the top right corner of your invoice.

For instructions on how to pay your tuition fees, both from within and outside Canada, please visit the **University Registrar's Office website - Payment Options**.

Tuition Fee Deferral

You may be eligible to defer your tuition fees – allowing you to register without payment – if you meet all of the following conditions:

- You have tuition charges for the current academic session.
- You have paid all outstanding fees from previous sessions.
- You meet one of deferral categories listed below (e.g., OSAP, third-party)
- You have no active academic restrictions, such as probation, suspension, or any academic conditions affecting your registration.

For details, please visit the **University Registrar's Office website - Fee Deferrals**.

9. Register in Your Program

Fall registration to the University of Toronto students mid-July. All students, who have accepted their offer of admission, will be “INVITEd” to register in the program to which they’ve been admitted.

To register in your program, you must complete the following steps prior to the **registration deadline**:

- pay your Fall tuition and incidental fees;
- clear all outstanding admission conditions;
- complete course enrollment.

GPLLM Course Selection

In early August, the GPLLM Program Office will email you a list of Action Items to be completed ahead of the program start date. Among them will be a **Course Selections Survey**.

The GPLLM Program Office will review and approve your course selections and enroll you in your chosen courses through ACORN. You will not be able to enroll in courses yourself, as the GPLLM office manages this process.

Late Registration

If you do not register by the registration deadline, your enrollment in courses will be canceled, and you will need to pay a \$44.00 late registration fee to the School of Graduate Studies.

To re-register, complete the online late registration form and [submit your payment here](#). Once completed, SGS will update your ACORN status to “INVITEd,” allowing you to register.

Service Charges, Holds and Penalties

The first installment of tuition and incidental fees is due by **early September**. The exact amount will be listed on your ACORN invoice and will be titled “**Minimum Payment to Register**”. The second installment of tuition and incidental fees is due in **late November**.

Any outstanding balance on your ACORN account is subject to a monthly service charge of 1.5% compounded monthly (19.56% annually). This charge will continue each month until your balance is fully paid or until your account is sent to an external collection agency. For more details, visit: [University Registrar's Office website - Service Charges](#).



Questions?

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