

Campus Connection

July 2018 Edition



Come SOAR on campus with us July 6-15!

Our Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources (SOAR) program aims to help ease the transition of incoming first-year students and their families. This one-day program offers the opportunity to:

- meet with an advisor to assist you in choosing your courses
- prepare effectively for new academic expectations
- meet upper-year students in your program and the professors and advisors who are committed to your success
- connect with peers and develop a campus support network before the fall semester starts
- consult with an accessibility specialist, residence staff, or dining hall staff about any academic or living accommodation needs
- meet upper-year students in your program and the professors and advisors who are committed to your success
- tour a residence building and become more acquainted with campus
- learn about specific health and wellness supports on campus, including health services, counselling, and accessibility services

Register today!

Dates :

Commerce: July 6, 7

Engineering: Friday, July 6; Saturday, July 7

Nursing: July 6

Arts & Science: July 12, 13, 14, 15

Bader International Study Centre: July 13, 14

Living near Vancouver or Calgary and can't get to campus for SOAR? Queen's reps are holding "Get Ready for Queen's" pre arrival events for students and families in Calgary on August 15 and Vancouver on August 16. It's a great way to get your questions answered connect with other families. Register online now!

Living in Residence

Wondering what residence will be like for your student? We've got lots of information on [our website](#), including details about:

Residence buildings

Located across campus, our 17 residences range from small buildings housing 68 students to larger halls with nearly 800 students. Take a look at [our videos](#) (videos can be found on each of the building pages) and [virtual tours](#) for more information.

Residence Life

Residence is more than just a place to stay while attending university. Here, students have the opportunity to meet and make friends with students, and participate in a variety of social activities, cultural events and education programs. We're proud of our student and professional residence life team, including [live-in staff](#) who provide [educational programming](#), guidance and support on each floor.

Meal plans

Visit our [Hospitality Services](#) website to learn more about our residence meal plan (included in residence fees), our dining halls, retail outlets and resources for those with alternate diets. Students with allergies should [contact our Hospitality Services team](#) prior to arriving on campus to learn more about dining options on campus. Families are also welcome to contact us at dining@queensu.ca or 613-533-2953.

Campus Resources

Learn more about student support and resources in residences and across campus, including information about safety programs, counselling services, peer support and more.

Want to know more?

- [The Queen's Resources for Families and Supports page](#) has information about important dates, and Kingston resources. It's updated monthly so check this site regularly throughout your student's time at Queen's.
- The [Next Steps website](#) has monthly summer checklists to help you and your student stay on top of upcoming deadlines.



Beginning in July, your student will also receive regular weekly e-mails from Residences with information about move-in day and how to prepare for the transition to university life.



Summer Webinars

[Queen's webinars](#) are held every Wednesday – Residences will be holding two webinars over the summer:

July 18: Living in Residence

What's living in residence really like? We'll talk about our residence buildings and programs, and what to expect. We'll also have a Q&A session, so bring your questions for our Residences and Food Services teams!

August 22: Move-In Day details

Over 4,500 students move in on Saturday, September 1st! This webinar is all about the details – when to arrive, what to bring and how to get here.

[Register for these and other webinars today!](#)

What to bring to Residence

Packing List:

- bedding and a favourite pillow*
- winter clothing (scarves, hats, coats, etc.)
- favourite books and decorations
- hangers
- alarm clock
- desk lamp
- ethernet cable and wireless router*
- storage boxes for your room
- a small first aid kit, thermometer, hand sanitizer
- flashlight and batteries
- dishware and eating utensils
- laundry bag
- bathrobe and container for soap, shampoo, etc.
- a small fridge* (7cubic feet or smaller)
- sticky-tack adhesive for decorations
- semi-formal wear
- ear plugs
- memory foam for your bed
- shower flip flops



*We suggest you wait to buy these items until you receive your room assignment, as some buildings are already equipped with these items and bed sizes vary:

- bedsheets
- wireless router
- fridge

All single plus rooms require queen sheets and all other rooms require twin XL sheets.

Room Assignments

We use a computerized lottery process to assign students to residence rooms, with each student randomly assigned a lottery number. The chances of your student getting the first preference listed on their residence application depends on a number of variables, including their lottery number, the number of students with similar preferences, and the availability of particular preferences in any given year. Your student may be assigned to a single, double, triple or quad room.

The room assignment process takes some time as we work through separate lotteries to manage assignments for special accommodation requests, roommate requests, living/learning communities, award winners, and cancellations. We typically send room assignments approximately one week before move-in day. Your student will receive an e-mail (in their Queen's e-mail account) with instructions on how to find their room assignment and move-in time. Please note that our residences are full with a waiting list, so room changes are not possible prior to move-in.

Move-in Day: Saturday September 1st

Please make sure to visit our website regularly for up-to-date information about move-in times, directions to each residence building and parking information. Check back close to September 1st for any updates on road closures and to download our move-in map. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook for life updates on Move-in Day.

Important Dates:

July 6-15: SOAR

July 6: Residence cancellation deadline for partial refund

July 16: Fall-Winter course selection period begins

For details on other events this month visit:

[Queen's Event Calendar](#)

Questions?

Residence Life Office 613-533-6790, reslife@queensu.ca

Residence Admissions 613-533-2550, reshouse@queensu.ca

Student Affairs 613-533-6944 parents@queensu.ca

Hospitality Services (meal plans) 613-533-2953, dining@queensu.ca

Not sure who to ask? [Contact Campus Connection](#)