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Host University: Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

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About the country and city

Toronto, Canada is a wonderfully diverse, fun, friendly city. It has a thriving downtown and beautiful residential streets side by side. It's pretty easy to get around because of the small size. Everyone is friendly, and the population is very diverse. Note: it's beautiful, but gets pretty cold!

About the Host University

UToronto is a large school at the center of the city. Unless you seek it out, you will not have too much interaction with the university at large apart from the business school, which has its own building. There are beautiful libraries and work spaces in the building. The students are very serious and many of them work part time.

Note: there are many clubs to join, but they charge a membership fee which is based on a year membership, so it will seem like a high price when you are only there for one semester. Still, it's probably worth it to get the full experience.

Courses and professors

There is a wide variety of courses and the professors are all thorough professionals. Students come very well prepared to class. There is a mix of group and individual work, and unlike in Israeli schools, most classes have a steady flow of work throughout the semester. Professors have open office hours and generally encourage questions and participation.

Accommodation

I did not live in a dorm. I recommend trying to find an apartment from abroad in advance, although many students took airbnb's and figured it out when they arrived. This seemed doable but stressful.

Visa

As a US citizen I did not need a special visa.

Transportation

I bought a bike! 😊 There are street cars and buses, but I did not use them much.

Insurance and Health Services

You will be required to get this through the university – it's about \$200.

Living expenses

Life is cheaper than Tel Aviv! 😊 But you will need to pay for course books, which can be expensive.

Food

Food is delicious, diverse, and relatively cheap.

Night life

Lots of it! The campus is close to a cool neighborhood called Kensington with bars and music venues.

Tips

Join the clubs. Do your homework. Be proactive – deadlines come up quickly for work and social activities – they often require rsvp even for social things, and they are not very flexible about exceptions! Take advantage of the career center.

General experience

Great school, very serious studies. Good experience overall to balance Tel Aviv. Lots of formal procedures and hoops to jump through, but manageable.

Photos

Didn't take any, but Toronto is a beautiful city. Lots of trees and quaint houses.