



# *International Student Semester Update*

*Winter 2023*

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**Best wishes and a warm welcome to Canadore College!**

**We are delighted to have you with us.**

Even though we live in turbulent times, we are grateful for what we have in Canada.

To best assist you, we have updated our [FAQs \(Frequently asked questions\)](#). In addition, the International department at Canadore College is here to help you along the way with walk-in hours Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in room C210 - College Drive campus or virtual bookings can be made. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

We send out the Semester Update once a semester. This one is jam-packed with information for filing your taxes, staying warm, and having fun in North Bay during the winter.

Enjoy! We wish you a successful start to the semester.

# Special Events

The International office hosts a wide range of events, on Immigration, travel, sustainability and Culture.

## Past Events

- Diwali Celebration
- International Student Appreciation week
- Pre-Departure Orientation session (Winter 2023 Intake)
- International Student Orientation (Winter 2023 Intake)
- COSTI sessions – Housing
- Black History Month
- COSTI Sessions – Healthcare/ Healthy Living

## Where can I find all the information?

All information related to the events are posted on [the iCent App](#). To know more, kindly download the app and go to notifications.

To know more about the International department, please visit [the Canadore College International microsite](#)



## Upcoming Events

- Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr
- Pre-Departure Orientation For Spring Intake (Virtual)
- International Student Orientation for Spring Intake (In-Person)
- CRA Webinar – International Students Presentation
- Understanding Ontario's Personal Income Tax
- Credits and Benefits for International students

### Did You Know?

You can find important dates such as breaks, holidays, tuition fee due dates and so on here:

[Important Dates and Deadlines - Canadore College](#)



## **Lunar New Year 2023 – Year of the Rabbit**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, marked the beginning of the year of the Rabbit. Lunar New Year is one of the most important holidays in China and is also celebrated in countries with significant overseas Sinophone populations, including Vietnam, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines to mark the beginning of a calendar year whose months are based on lunar cycles.

The Lunar New Year festival was traditionally a time to honor deities as well as ancestors. Within China, regional customs and traditions concerning the celebration of the New Year vary widely, and the evening preceding the New Year's Day is frequently regarded as an occasion for Chinese families to gather for an annual reunion dinner. It is also traditional for every family to thoroughly clean their house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for incoming good luck.

## Lunar New Year at Canadore College

Canadore not only welcomes different cultures, but also celebrates each one.

The International Department hosted a Lunar New Year Celebration on January 27th, 2023.

North Bay students, faculty, and residents joined the celebration.

It was a lively night of ceremony, complete with music, food, and games. Canadore is looking forward to more cultural celebrations.

A small glimpse of the Celebration can be seen [here](#)





Canadore College is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity in learning, teaching, and scholarly activities.

Canadore’s **Academic Integrity Policy** sets out that “Academic integrity obliges honest and responsible conduct in all academic activity.”

**Academic integrity** is demonstrated by ethical behavior guided by the following fundamental values:



Canadore puts these values into practice through policies and procedures that uphold the academic integrity process and communicate expectations and requirements.

**Faculty Guidance and Support**


The Academic Centre of Excellence (ACE) provides a wide range of support to faculty, staff, and students to assist with communicating, deterring, and upholding academic integrity. The following links can help you get started:

- **FAC100: Teaching & Learning Support**
- **TEC100 Technology Support**
- **Academic Integrity Council of Ontario**

Please note that **English and Writing Help Desk support is available** to all Canadore students, and this is a **Valuable (Free) service;**

To know the event schedule please visit [https://calendly.com/canadore\\_writing\\_help](https://calendly.com/canadore_writing_help)

For further details, Please feel free to contact **Ksenia Gvozdikova** by emailing to [ksenia.gvozdikova@canadorecollege.ca](mailto:ksenia.gvozdikova@canadorecollege.ca)



# STUDY IN CANADA

## Transition Period for Distant Learning

Canada welcomes international students to return, as it is slowing drifting towards the pre-pandemic standards.

The length of time accrual for a Post-Graduate Work Permit (PGWP) varies depending on the start date of a student's study program.

It should be highlighted that, international students are required to complete at least 50% of their program in Canada for those students whose program began between September 1, 2022 and August 31, 2023.

However, this does not mean that students need to be physically present in the community in which their classes are being delivered, simply that they do need to be in Canada.

In other words, international students at Canadore College may continue to study remotely from within Canada, as long as they are physically present in Canada for 50% of their studies.

To know more about the transition period for distant learning, Please visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/news/notices/distance-learning-measures.html>

*Disclaimer: The International Department at Canadore College does not provide immigration or legal advice, and the contents of this correspondence should not be construed as such. Students are advised to consult IRCC or a qualified legal representative for advice on how to handle your personal immigration matters. To obtain information related to any immigration-related matter (including study and work permits), you can visit [IRCC's website](#).*

## Canadore College Outbound Mobility

Canadore will make it a priority to involve as many of its domestic students and personnel as feasible in international mobility overseas. This encompasses both short-term and long-term international academic and non-academic exchanges, with a specific focus on underrepresented student groups (including Indigenous learners, students with disabilities and low-income students).

Canadore College has several relationships with institutions in the majority of world areas. It continues to seek for advantageous international agreements as a regulated public institution in Canada with a keen interest in foreign collaborations



The above photo showcases Canadore College students who travelled to Costa Rica, Fully funded by the government of Canada's Global Skills opportunity program.



## Canadore College Inbound Mobility

Canadore College is presently hosting two students from Puebla, Mexico for Winter 2023 as a part of the Emerging Leaders in the Americas Program for the Winter 2023 Intake ( ELAP).

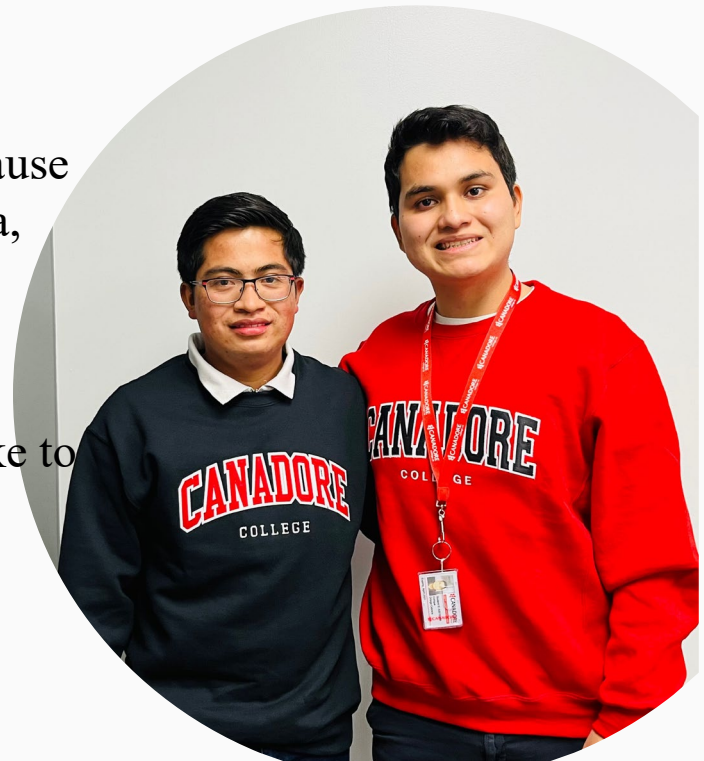
José David Perez Peralta and Enrique Ortega Cabrera, are mechanical engineering students from their home country, are on their first international study trip, to gain additional knowledge in the same field.

When asked what motivated them to study in Canadore, Enrique stated that he wanted to gain new experiences, meet new people, improve their English, and expand their subject knowledge.

Canadore College's instructors, according to these students, make learning enjoyable and simple to grasp. They are very patient and kind when explaining the subject. When asked about the student experience in Canadore, José said "The professors are excellent, the laboratories very equipped, and the schedules are very good".

These students are overjoyed because they have made friends from India, Qatar, China, and Nigeria.

Since this is their first-time experiencing snow, they would like to go skiing, ice fishing, and explore other winter outdoor activities.



**Canadore College and COSTI (A government of Canada Organization)** have partnered together under the Umbrella of International Student Connect Program. Through this partnership Canadore College offers valuable sessions on various topics every month for our International Students.

These sessions cover a wide range of information relative to what an International Student must be aware of in order to live in North Bay/Ontario/Canada.

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the session held focused on **Housing and Transportation in North Bay.**

The session covered some of the important aspects like:

- Housing is limited in North Bay
- Always sign a lease before renting.
- There are a lot of Housing Scams (Students were provided with information on credible websites).

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, the session was focused on **Health Care/ Healthy Living.**

Among the key points discussed were:

- The healthcare landscape applicable to International Students was discussed.
- Healthcare support in the community were identified.
- Food management: Best practices for healthy cooking and grocery shopping

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## International Student Spotlight



Yemi is from Nigeria, a country in the African continent known for its exceptional biodiversity and abundance of fauna and flora.

It is well-known for housing the world's second largest film industry, as well as being Africa's fashion, technological, and creative hub.

The country also maintains a pioneering status with its music, which has played significant roles in shaping Africa's music scene and influencing contemporary world music.

**Student Name:** Adeyemi Adebajo (Yemi)

**Home Country:** Lagos, Ikeja, Nigeria

**Program:** Computer Programmer Analyst

**Intake:** Fall 2022

Apart from all of the country's greatness, Yemi loves how the people of Nigeria find joy in everything. They have so much fun in every situation, and the people get along so well.

He worked as an Accounting Assistant in a Real Estate Investment company after graduating with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from the University of Ilorin in Kwara State.

Canadore is his first study abroad experience and loves his classes. He says the professors are very friendly and approachable.

He praises North Bay for its scenic beauty, quietness, and the variety of activities available throughout the year. He wants to experience skiing, ice fishing, riding on snow mobile and walking on the frozen lake.

Yemi is very happy with his experience abroad and says that if you want to learn and are adventurous, Canadore College is the place to go!

## **DEVANT – Live, Work and Succeed in Canada!**

Canadore College has officially partnered with Devant to ensure our students have the tools and resources they need to help them stay, work and succeed in Canada.

Devant understands how challenging the job search process in Canada can be - especially for international students & alumni.

With Devant, you have access to their resume tools, live immigration & career Q&As, virtual hiring expos, and can join their Facebook community of international students & professionals.

All information related to the events are posted on the [iCent App](#) To know more, please download the app and go to notifications.

They host regular live interactive workshops, Q&As, and panels on a variety of career development topics like Job Posting Analysis, Employer research, LinkedIn Optimization, Interview Skills and more so that you can arm yourself with top industry information & advice.

Devant is proud to host '**Get Hired at Home**': A **FREE virtual career development expo for international students & alumni**. Attend online workshops to boost your employability. Then, access 50+ job opportunities and network with 25+ employers live at their virtual booths.

For information on all their upcoming events please visit

<https://www.devant.ca/all-events>

## It's Tax Season

Tax season is here and many of you are likely eager to do your taxes. Please note your T2202A Tax Forms will be available in your Self-Serve account.

Please note this tax season is to assess the year 2022. Forms for 2022 and years previous (2021, 2020, etc.) will be the only ones available at this time. 2022 forms will be available at next tax season (this time next year).

To retrieve your forms, please follow these instructions:

1. Log into your student self-serve (If you have any log in difficulty, please follow instructions provided on the login screen);
2. Once logged in, click on the "Student" tab at the top (beside "Personal Information")
3. Now click Canadian Tax Forms;
4. Choose T2202A Tax Credit Form;
5. Now choose the 2022 option in the dropdown menu (or whichever previous year you are having assessed);
6. Ensure the "Printable T2202A Form (PDF)" is selected;
7. Click "Submit".
8. The form should download.

\*\*If you have issues with the download, try using a different browser (i.e., if you are using Google Chrome, use Explorer instead and vice versa).

For more information and to educate yourself on taxes, please find some lessons on Canada's website [here](#)

For more information on taxes and being an international student, you may also see Canada's website [here](#)

# Health Insurance

All International Students at Canadore College benefit from inclusion in a health insurance plan. For the health and safety of our students and community this is mandatory and included as part of international students' ancillary fees.

All International Students at Canadore College - **North Bay Campus** benefit from inclusion in a health insurance plan with **Guard.me**, a leading provider of health insurance services to international students.

**Everyone should have received their Health insurance information several weeks ago along with details on how to access your online account.**



## **Health Insurance Support:**

For all questions and concerns related to health insurance at Canadore College North Bay, please

contact [International.Insurance@canadorecollege.ca](mailto:International.Insurance@canadorecollege.ca)

# Meet the Team

Many questions arise when living and studying in a new country. Whether you are studying remotely, or in Canada, our team of dedicated International Student Advisors (ISAs) are here to help you with a wide variety of topics (including community orientation, housing, immigration-related matters, health insurance, etc.).

International students at Canadore College can be serviced in Mandarin, French, Spanish, Urdu, Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and English.

All are welcome to walk into our International office.

- College Drive Campus: room C210
- Commerce Court: E101
- Aviation Campus: Y119

Students are also welcome to book virtual appointments through [the iCent App](#).



**Uzair Shahid**



**Huabin Fang (Andy)**



**Cenayda Serrano Vergara  
(Ceny)**



**Carlyn Sheruba**

# Meet the Team

Our team also includes a group of current students hired as **International Student Ambassadors**.

Note we hire this group of students every couple of semesters.

The next International Student Ambassador could be you! Keep an eye on the Centre for Career Development's webpage for job postings:

<https://www.canadorecollege.ca/corporate/centre-for-career-development>



Jill Gear



Kevin Santana Marin, Livia Cabanez Ferreira, Mrinaal Kaimal, and Shubham Sharma

North Bay and Parry Sounds campus registered students are welcome to reach out to our **International Transition, Retention, & Support Coordinator (ITRSC), Jill Gear**.

The ITRSC works with international students to provide holistic support as they transition into the next stage of their educational journey at Canadore College.

Students can book individual appointments with Jill for transition and acculturation support, success coaching, and to develop effective learning strategies that support academic, social, emotional, and mental growth.

Email [Jillian.Gear@canadorecollege.ca](mailto:Jillian.Gear@canadorecollege.ca) or scan the QR code below to connect with Jill.



Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is traditionally a time of reflection, and prayer for Muslims who observe thirty days of fasting from sunrise to sunset as part of the key central tenets of the Islamic faith. It also brings into the fore values such as service to others, gratitude, generosity and compassion. This year, Ramadan will begin on the evening of Wednesday, March 22 and cease on the evening of Saturday, Apr 22, 2023.

At the conclusion of Ramadan Muslims celebrate the festival of Eid al-Fitr.



*Ramadan Kareem  
and  
Eid al-Fitr Mubarak*