DURHAM COLLEGE
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INTERNATIONAL

INVITE YOUR RELATIVES OR FRIEND TO VISIT YOU IN CANADA

Would you like to invite your family and/or friends to visit you in Canada for vacation or for your convocation? Depending on where they live, your family members or friends may require a valid visitor or Temporary Resident Visa(TRV) to enter Canada. Visit ***www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp*** to see if a visa is required.

If a valid TRV is required, you should send your family/friends documents to support their application .[1]

WHICH DOCUMENTS DO THEY NEED FROM YOU TO APPLY

- Photocopy of your passport[2], with all pages with photos, signatures, entry stamps and any other markings;
- Documents confirming your status in Canada (for example, your study permit, PGWP or PR card);
- Official Durham College Verification of Enrolment letter and most recent transcript;
- Letter of invitation from you. Visit the following link: www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/ services/visit-canada/letter-invitation.html for what to include in the letter. See reverse for an example;
- Proof of means of financial support if you are paying for their visit (for example, a letter of employment, recent bank statement, etc.); and
- Copy of marriage certificate, if applicable.
- Must be in English or French or a certified English or French translation.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A TRV?

To begin their application, your family/friends can start from here: https://ircc.canada.ca/english/information/applications/visa.asp

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Your family/friends must provide proof of **economic and social ties** to their home country. The stronger the ties, the higher the chance of successfully proving they will leave Canada after their visit, and the higher the chance of being approved for the visa.
- **Economic ties include:** bank statements, proof of financial investments, letters of employment, proof of business ownership, proof of property ownership, etc.
- **Social ties include:** evidence that family members back home depend on them for financial/social support and that they must return home after their visit in order to meet these social obligations.

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Example: Letter of Invitation

Date:

Name of Canadian Foreign
Office Address line 1
Address

Dear Visa Officer,

Re: Letter of invitation for my parents (Please write your parent's full name)

I am writing this letter to support the Temporary Resident Visa application of my parents, _____ (father's full name) and _____ (mother's full name).
My father and mother's dates of birth are _____ (DOB of Father) and _____ (DOB of Mother) respectively. My parents currently reside in _____ (write full address) and their phone number is (write telephone number). My father works as (father's occupation) and my mother works as (mother's occupation).

I am an international student in my _____ year in the Program at Durham College (copy of study permit and Durham College enrolment letter attached). My date of birth is _____ (write your DOB) and I currently reside at number is____(write your full address with postal code). My telephone and my email is (write e-mail address).

My convocation ceremony will be taking place on _____ (date of the ceremony). I wish to invite my parents to Canada to celebrate this important milestone of success in my life. My parents intend to stay in Canada from _____ and will leave Canada on_____ . They will stay (details of accommodation). Their living expenses while in Canada will be covered by (include who will be responsible for living expenses).

Should you require any further information about me or my parents please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for considering my parents application.

Yours truly,

(Your full name and signature)

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1 *This is not a legal document and information is subject to change without notice. We recommend you refer to www.canada.ca for the most up-to-date information.*

2 *You must keep track of your study permit/passport expiry dates to maintain your immigration status. It is your responsibility to ensure your documents remain valid during your studies in Canada.*