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# WatIF 2016 Registration

## Online Registration for WatIF 2016 (Before Conference)

Cost for registration and dates are shown in the table below. You will be charged for additional processing fees from Eventbrite. **Please note: registration will close on June 17th at 11:30pm EST.**

Registration	Dates	Cost (in Canadian \$)**
Early Bird Early Bird Extension	May 9 - June 3 June 4 - June 10	\$150 CND
Full Registration	June 11 - June 17	\$200 CND

*\*\*The registration cost shown here DOES NOT include the processing fee you will be charged for by Eventbrite.*

### How to Register (Online)

The conference registration costs \$150 CND (for early bird) plus service charges (for Eventbrite). Should you have any issues with, or questions regarding registration, please contact our technical program coordinator Vanessa Bennett (14vccb@queensu.ca)

Link for Registration: <https://watif2016.eventbrite.ca>

### Refund Policy

Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case situation, and proof of reasoning must be provided. WatIF reserves the right to give refunds once full registration is closed.

## Registering at WatIF 2016 (July 25th and July 26th, 2016)

Registration for WatIF 2016 will be done when you check-in to your accommodations at **Watts Hall Front Desk at 23 Lower Albert Street, Queen's University, Kingston, ON K7L 3V1**

(For more information on location of registration/check-in and accommodation please see the sections below).

### Attending the Free pre-WatIF Field Trip on July 26th, 2016

If you are attending the free pre-WatIF field trip, we ask you to arrive in Kingston on July 25th (the day before the field trip) as the field trip will begin at 8:30am on July 26th (for more detailed information on the field trip please see the "Field Trip" section of this document).

### Not planning on attending the Free pre-WatIF Field Trip

If you aren't planning on joining us for the field trip, no problem! We ask that you arrive in Kingston on July 26th as registration and check-in will be from 1:00pm - 7:00pm EST.

# Accommodations

## Booking your Accommodations for WatIF 2016

Cost for accommodations is \$50 CND/person/night plus processing fees (for Eventbrite).

**Please note: bookings for accommodations will close on June 17, 2016 at 11:30pm EST.**

Student delegates have 4 options for accommodations during their stay at WatIF. Delegates can choose according to whether they will be attending the Free pre-WatIF Field Trip, and whether they would like to leave before the closing Gala. Please see the table below for detailed information regarding dates and costs for accommodations.

Options	Number of Nights	Attending Field Trip	Check-in Date	Check-out Date	Cost (in Canadian \$)**
Option 1	5	Yes	July 25	July 30	\$250
Option 2	4	No	July 26	July 30	\$200
Option 3	4	Yes	July 25	July 29	\$200
Option 4	3	No	July 26	July 29	\$150

\*\* Processing fee from Event Bright.....

### How to book your accommodations

Payment for accommodations will be done through Eventbrite. To book your accommodations please visit: <https://watif2016accommodations.eventbrite.ca>

## Conference Registration & Accommodations Check-in Times & Location

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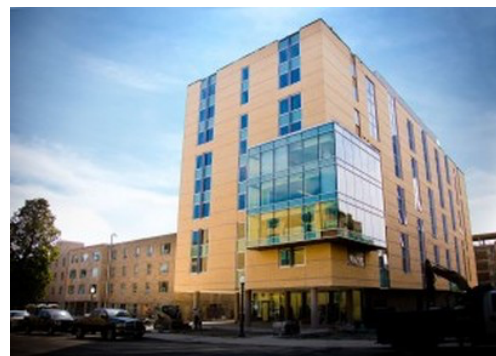
**WatIF delegates attending the pre-WatIF (Free) Field Trip:**

July 25th, 2016 from 8am - 4pm

**WatIF delegates not attending the pre-WatIF (Free) Field Trip:**

July 26th, 2016 from 1pm - 7pm

*\*Delegates that will be arriving outside of the above mentioned check-in times should contact the WatIF committee so that we can make the proper arrangements.*



## Conference Registration and Accommodations Check-in Location:

Delegates will check into AND register for the conference across the street from Brant House at:  
**Watts Hall Front Desk**  
**23 Lower Albert Street,**  
**Queen's University,**  
**Kingston, ON K7L 3V1**



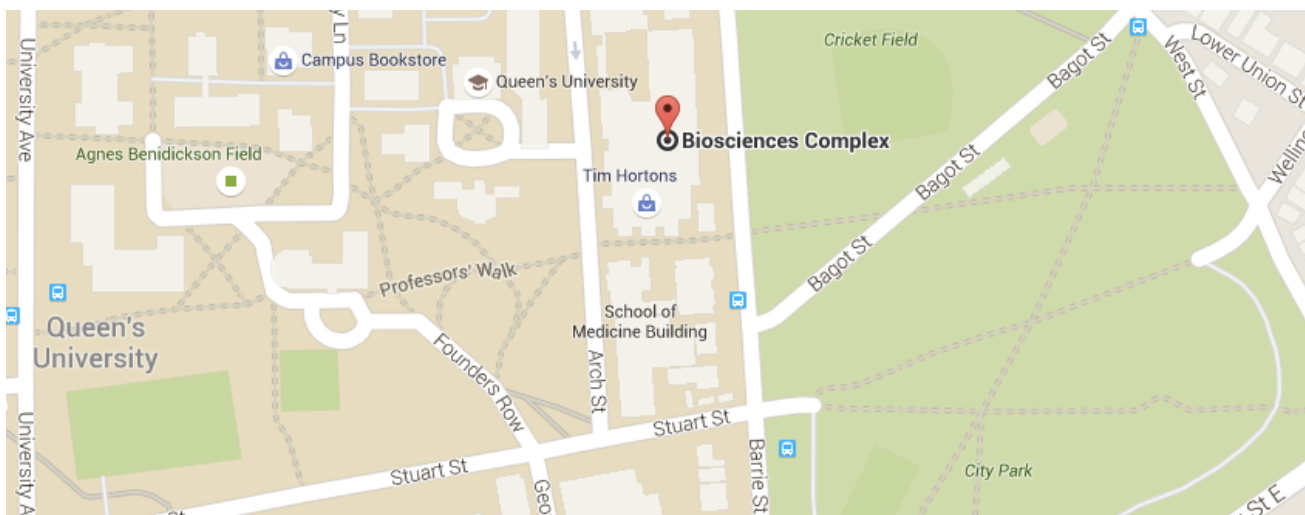
## Accommodation Details

- Each delegate will stay in their own room that is separated to another room by a bathroom
- Delegates will be sharing a bathroom with another WatIF delegate (we have booked a block of rooms)
- Bedroom size is 9.5 x 15- please note that bedrooms can vary in terms of size and furnishings
- Beds are extra long (80" x 54") Double-sized mattress
- Sheets and Towels will be provided
- Laundry – located on the main level
- Kitchens –all floors have common rooms with kitchens
- Vending machines located on the main floor
- Wireless internet
- Refrigerator in each room



## WatIF 2016 Venue

WatF 2016 will be hosted on Queen's Campus at the BioSciences Complex  
116 Barrie St, Kingston, ON  
K7L 3N6



## Information and Tips for Presenters

### Posters

**Poster dimensions:** 4 ft. tall x 3 ft. wide maximum

**Each poster should be posted in the BioScience Atrium on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 8-9am or from 12-1pm. The poster session is on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm-4:30pm (poster hour times are subject to change – you will be notified of any changes before you arrive to Kingston).** It is recommended that authors remain near their poster for the duration of the session to discuss their results and answer questions. Posters can be left up until the following day. Your poster number will be provided to you by at the registration desk on July 26<sup>th</sup> by a WatIF committee member and will be placed in the upper corner of each poster board. The Poster Hour will be judged and prizes will be awarded. Please note that the WatIF committee does not assume responsibility for any materials that are in the BioScience Atrium during or left beyond those time limits.

Some design tips for scientific posters:

- Posters should include a **title**, your **name**, your **contact information**, the name of the institution where the research was performed, and credit to other contributors as appropriate (i.e. co-authors).
- All lettering should be legible from about 5 feet (1.5 m) away. Recommendations:
- title lettering about 2" to 3" (5 to 7.5 cm),
- subheading lettering 1/2" to 1" high (1.25 to 2.5 cm),
- text lettering approximately 24 points (1/4" or .625 cm).
- captions at least 3/8" (.939 cm) high
- It is easiest to read dark text on a light background
- Enlarge photos, tables, and charts as to show content clearly.
- Avoid large quantities of text and present only enough data to support your conclusions and show the originality of the work. The best posters display a succinct statement of major conclusions at the beginning, followed by supporting text and a brief summary at the end.
- Displayed materials should try to be self-explanatory, freeing you for discussion.
- Utilize other techniques to improve the graphic impact. Use colour to add emphasis and clarity. Simplicity, ease of reading, etc., are more important than artistic flair. Keep in mind that lighting may be dim inside the poster session, so make sure your contrasts and colour combinations are easy to read.
- You may want to bring handouts of your abstract or copies of your data and conclusions to share with interested viewers. Some authors also provide sign-up sheets to record names and addresses of attendees who might wish more information, reprints, etc.

**Additional resources for effective poster design:**

<http://www.cns.cornell.edu/documents/ScientificPosters.pdf>

<http://www.makesigns.com/tutorials/poster-design-layout.aspx>

<http://www.lemanic-neuroscience.ch/AnnualMeeting/2007/files/poster%20guidelines.pdf>

<http://colinpurrington.com/tips/academic/posterdesign>

## Oral presentations

Presentation slides MUST be provided to the WatIF committee before or on the day of the arrival at Registration. You will not be able to edit your slides or work on your presentations during the event. Your slides will be ready for your speaking session on the computer in the presentation room. If submitting before the arrival, send your finished presentation in .ppt or .pdf to [14vccb@queensu.ca](mailto:14vccb@queensu.ca), subject line "Abstract Title: Presenter Name-Session" (for example "Water is cool: Jane Doe - Best Session Ever"). Please note that once you have submitted your presentation you will not be able to edit it. We will post the student sessions after registration has closed.

**Presentation length:** 12-minute presentation + 3-minute question period.



The tight schedule of all sessions will be maintained, and it is important that presentations do not start late or extend past the allowed time period. Session chairs will be responsible for keeping their session on time and will interrupt the presentation or the question period if the allocated time runs out.

Standard AV Equipment provided:

- LCD projector
- Screen
- Laser pointer
- PC computer

Oral Presentation Tips:

**Storage:** It is a good idea to have your power points saved in different formats (i.e. power point, pdf, etc.) on two or more storage devices, as well as sent to yourself by email, just in case.

**Audience:** The primary audience for this event are international graduate students from across the world. Because the audience is multi-disciplinary we encourage you to tailor your presentation and the information you provide to a diverse audience. Be specific in your research but try to reduce the amount of technical jargon you use.

**Foundation and Background:** Often speakers jump into presenting their projects without providing the context under which it came to be. Background information about your project such as location, history, why you chose this research subject and its' significance is important in helping the general audience better understand your research.

**Additional resources:** The following is an excellent website which provides many more detailed tips on giving effective presentations: <http://www.engr.psu.edu/speaking/>

## Other WatIF Related Information

### Additional Expenses:

Breakfast and lunch are provided for WatIF delegates on Day 1-3. Please plan to be responsible for the following meals, HOWEVER, this may change and we may be providing dinner on some nights. (More information to come early July):

Breakfast :

Tuesday (Day 0 - July 26) - If you are attending the field trip, and  
Saturday July 30th - the day after the conference.

Dinner:

Tuesday (Day 0 - July 26)- you can buy dinner at the Grad Club during water trivia,

Wednesday (Day 1 - July 27)

Thursday (Day 2 - July 28)

Friday (Day 3 - July 29)

Prices for meals range on location and restaurant type, can expect:

Breakfast from ~\$10 - \$20 CND

Lunch from ~\$10 - \$25 CND

Dinner from ~\$15 - \$30 CND,

Also, please bring extra money to purchase any souvenirs or mementos from your trip.

## Social Media

WatIF 2016 is designed to be a social and interactive conference and as such we encourage you to use social media leading up to and throughout the conference. Please make sure to use our hashtag #WatIF2016 and follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

## Photo Release Forms

We will be taking photos and video throughout the WatIF Conference, and as such will require delegates to sign a photo release form allowing us to use the photos for the final report, and future promotional documents. If you do not wish to have your picture taken, we would greatly appreciate you let us know in advance so that we can plan accordingly.

## Dress code

As this is a professional event with industry and faculty attending, it is recommended that you dress business casual. The event will conclude with the Closing Gala, the dress code is semi-formal.

## Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend that all delegates traveling to Kingston look into getting travel insurance for their trip to Canada.

## WatIF Conference Schedule

Conference organization is an iterative process and so we are actively in the process of updating the conference schedule. Below we have provided a general overview of the events and talks that will happen throughout the conference. **However, please be advised that the schedule is subject to change at any point from now until the day of the conference. For the most updated schedule, visit our website continuously after June 17th (this is when we will post the full schedule, posters and student concurrent session time table).**

## Day 0 – Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> (Field Trip)

On July 26 WatIF will be hosting a full day field trip! Join us for a fun day of historical Kingston with some local traditions. If you are attending the field trip, please be aware that there will be options to buy souvenirs.

Start time	Event
8:30 am - 8:45 am	Pick up on Queen's campus
9:00 am - 10:20 am	Tour of Ravensview Waste Water Treatment Plant
10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Tour of Kingston's Historical Fort Henry
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Tour of Bergeron Estates Winery
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	MacKinnon Brothers Brewing tour
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Travel back to Queen's
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Water Trivia Social at Grad Club

### Ravensview Waste Water Treatment Plant

1.5-hour tour of state-of-the-art facility where astounding chemical, physical, and biological transformation occurs to produce three beneficial outputs:

- Natural resource quality water that's safely returned to the St Lawrence River
- Approximately 25% of the site's electricity needs

Nutrients to help grow crops in local fields



### Tour of Fort Henry



Fort Henry was built from 1832 to 1837 to replace an existing fortification from the War of 1812 era. Situated atop Point Henry, the Fort protected the naval dockyard at Point Frederick, the entrance of the Rideau Canal and the town of Kingston, which was the major transshipment point along the supply route between Montreal or Ottawa and all points west.

The British Army garrisoned Fort Henry until 1870 when Queen Victoria's troops were pulled out of Canada. Soon after, "A" Battery, School of Gunnery, followed by "B" Battery, took up residence in the Fort and remained there until 1891.

Fort Henry continues its role as a museum and historic site to residents of Kingston and visitors from all around the world. Once inside the wooden gates, visitors enter the realm of 19th century military life, experience guided tours, scenic views, heart-pounding musical performances and precision military demonstrations by the Fort Henry Guard

### Bergeron Estate Winery - Wine Tasting and Lunch

For all you "winos" out there, we will enjoy the tastes and aromas of the Loyalist Parkway at Bergeron Estate Winery & Cider Company! Includes a vineyard tour and wine and cider tasting. Tasting includes 3 wines and a cider. We will enjoy a light lunch outside at the Vineyard!



### Mackinnon Brothers Brewery Co - Brewery Tour

Not into wine, and much rather a fresh cold beer? No problem! Mackinnon brothers brewing co. has over 200 years of farming heritage to brew beer which is emboldened with the unique character of rural Canada. Includes tour of brewery and hop yard, flight tasting of beers, and a pint glass souvenir



## Day 1 – Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>:

Time:	Event:
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am – 9:00am	WatIF Opening Remarks VP Research, Director of WRC, Chair of WatIF
9:30am – 12:00pm	Waterlution Facilitated Activity
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Buffet Lunch
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Keynote Speaker (Tentative)
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Waterlution Facilitated Activity
5:00 - 7:30 pm	Free time (Students to find their own dinner)
7:30pm – 10:30pm	Climate Action Plan Workshop (hosted by Sustainable Kingston)

### Waterlution

Waterlutions' unique approach to opening up water dialogue is the ideal way to set the tone for this multidisciplinary conference: collaborative and community-centric. Waterlution "views water as a natural connecting point around which diverse individuals and groups can come together to find commonalities and engage in meaningful dialogue." This is exactly what they will be bringing to WatIF 2016. The Waterlution guided journey will help to brake down barriers, open conversation, and encourage creativity and a sense of community among students. This journey will provide students with the opportunity to experience collaborative, interdisciplinary work in action.



*Waterlution facilitate water journey at WatIF 2014*

### Climate Action Plan Workshop (Hosted by Sustainable Kingston)

Through public engagement, consultation, and research, Sustainable Kingston is building an action plan for community-driven sustainability in Kingston, Ontario. The action plan is being built around a number of themes including climate change and water. Right now, one of the major focuses of their public engagement/consultation efforts is getting people to share what they believe will be some of the biggest opportunities and challenges around each of their themes.

Sustainable Kingston will host a 2 hour workshop where WatIF delegates will participate in various activities. This is your opportunity to put what you know to the test and work in teams to come up with a solution for the city of Kingston. This will also give delegates a better idea of the City of Kingston, and outcomes will be extrapolated to a global scale in the WatIF final report. Sustainable Kingston will publish the outcomes on their website, and include them into their action plan.

## Day 2 – Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>:

Time:	Event:
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am – 11:30am	The Water Journey (TBD)
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Buffet Lunch
1:30pm – 3:30pm	Expert Panel (Tentative)
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Poster Session
7:30pm – indefinite	Movie and Board Game Night!

### Facilitated Water Journey

We are currently still working on this activity and will have more up-to-date information on the WatIF website in the next 2 weeks.

### Expert Panel

The cross-sector, interdisciplinary panel provides an inter-generational learning opportunity for the diverse WatIF audience. Moreover, the 10-minute student audience discussion period will encourage peer-to-peer communication, and ensured high-level questions from the students. Once students share potential questions with their peers, they will gain confidence in themselves to deliver their question in front of a large audience, which for many students could be considered an intimidating, vulnerable experience.

### Poster Hour

The Expert Evening provided students with the opportunity to strengthen their networking abilities in a safe and encouraging environment, while further strengthening the early water research community. Students were given the opportunity to gain feedback from water experts, within and outside of their field of research. This was also a place where the Kingston and Queen's community had the opportunity to participate in WatIF. Moreover, the poster session provided a platform for students to present at the early stages of their research. The poster presenters had an even distribution of judges who were both experts in their field and those in different fields. Thus, students had an opportunity to receive technical feedback while practicing communication outside of their research comfort zone.

### Game and Movie Night

WatIF delegates will have the opportunity to relax, unwind and get to know fellow delegates over a night of games and friendly competition. Not really up for games? No problem, we will also be showing a choice of documentaries! Presenting the next day or want to explore the city of Kingston more? No problem, this is an open night for delegates to just chill!



## Day 3 – Friday July 29<sup>th</sup>:

Time:	Event:
7:00am – 8:00am	Breakfast
8:30am – 11:30am	Concurrent Student Presentations
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Keynote Speaker (Michael Steger)
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Buffet Lunch
2:30pm – 5:15pm	Concurrent Student Presentations
5:30pm – 5:45pm	Group Photo
6:30pm – 10:30pm	Closing Gala: 1000 Island Boat Cruise

### Concurrent Student Presentations

Student presentations will be on the last day of WatIF. We designed the conference this way to ensure that delegates create friendships and connections with their peers throughout the first few days of the conference, which helps create a safe and inviting environment for students to present their research. There will be three different concurrent student presentation sessions that will be in different rooms with breaks throughout the day. Each group of presenters has been divided into separate themes according to theme of the overall session. The three sessions include, Socio-Economic, Ecosystems and Oil, Gas and Energy. The concurrent session schedule will be posted after registration closes (please check our website the last week of June!)

### Keynote Speaker - What is Meaningful work by Michael Steger



Dr. Michael Steger,  
Associate Professor of Psychology, Colorado State University  
Founder, Meaningcraft | Chief Science Officer, MeaningAtWork

Michael is a professor, speaker, author, and internationally recognized authority on the science of meaning and purpose in life. Michael's own purpose is to critically explore and share the essence of what is best about living. His keynotes and workshops convey his passionate belief that focusing on meaning and purpose can ignite our greatest potential in our lives, our relationships, and our work. Blending cutting edge science, powerful stories, and practical insights with engaging humor, Michael shows why meaning is so vital...and so attainable. His talks enlighten, entertain, and inspire, and his workshops, coaching, and consulting teach how to transform meaning and purpose into elevated and sustained impact.

WatIF is really excited to have Michael as our keynote speaker on the last day. His talk will focus on what is meant when discussing meaningful work, as graduate students we may sometimes feel isolated or burnt out or just simply unmotivated. We hope that Michael’s talk inspires you to see the meaning behind your work, and to empower you to achieve your greatest potential!

Check out his TEDTalk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLFVoEF2RI0>

### Closing Gala - 1000 Island Boat Cruise

Delegates are invited to enjoy the beauty of the world renowned Thousand Islands region on a boat cruise! WatIF delegates will board the Island Queen on Lake Ontario in Kingston. From here, delegates will travel up the picturesque St. Lawrence River at sunset. On board, delegates will enjoy a gala evening, breathtaking views and a night of dancing! This evening will be a memorable event which will celebrate newly formed professional and personal relationships. This is an event that is surely not to be missed! The gala is a more formal event so make sure to pack something special!



## Transportation to and from Kingston, ON:

### Methods of Transport to Kingston, ON

Destination Airport	Train	Bus	Air
Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) <a href="#">(See more info below)</a>	Union Pearson Express to Union Station then VIA Rail from Union Station to Kingston	Direct from airport- Megabus, from the Toronto airport to Kingston and the Queen’s University campus - 4 hours.	Fly directly to Kingston through Toronto with Air Canada Express.
Ottawa Macdonald–Cartier International Airport (YOW) <a href="#">(See more info below)</a>	VIA Rail from Ottawa	Greyhound	N/A
Montréal–Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL) <a href="#">(See more info below)</a>	VIA Rail from Dorval Station	Megabus	N/A
Syracuse Hancock International Airport (SYR)	Only way to arrive from Syracuse is to rent a car and drive across the Border at the Thousand Islands Crossing.		



If you are having difficulty making arrangements to get to Kingston from the airport, visit the **ground transport** area to seek assistance.

*Note: It is important to carry enough Canadian currency to cover immediate costs, as there may be no facility on site where traveller's cheques can be cashed. Prices can change without notice.*

## From Toronto

**By Air** You can fly directly to Kingston through Toronto with [Air Canada Express](#). This option is least expensive when booked as part of your original flight to Canada. Travel from the Kingston Airport to Queen's will require a taxi. Taxi's are generally available after all flight arrivals.

**By Bus** (direct from airport) There is a direct bus service, operated by Megabus, from the Toronto airport to Kingston and the Queen's University campus that takes 3hr and 35min.

Departure times	Departure Locations
11:40am	Terminal 1: go to Ground Level Post P6 Terminal 3: go to Arrival Level Post C8
7:00pm	Terminal 1: go to Ground Level Post P6 Terminal 3: go to Arrival Level Post C8
9:00pm	Terminal 1: go to Ground Level Post P6 Terminal 3: go to Arrival Level Post C8

Tickets can be purchased online or upon arrival in Toronto on the Arrival Level of the airport at Pacific Western Ticket Kiosks. In Terminal 1 you will find the kiosk inside at the escalator and at Terminal 3 you will find it outside between area 25 & 27 at curb. Cost for a one-way student fare is approximately \$60.

This bus stops in front of Goodes Hall on the Queen's University campus. Goodes Hall is approximately 100 metres west of the John Deutsch University Centre which is home to the Queen's University International Centre (QUIC). [Queen's Campus Map](#)

Megabus has a stated limit of 1 large bag and 1 small carry-on bag on their coaches. Though they will try to take extra bags when there's space, you should be aware of this when you are planning your transportation between Toronto and Kingston.

**By Bus or Train** (from downtown Toronto) The Union Pearson (UP) Express train travels regularly from Toronto's Pearson International Airport to downtown Toronto (where you can board a train or bus to Kingston). The train is much less expensive than a taxi. Student fares are only available for those aged 19 and under.

From downtown Toronto, you can take a bus (through Megabus) or train (through [Via Rail](#)) to Kingston.

Upon arrival in Kingston, local buses and taxis are available from the train and bus stations. Taxis are more expensive but will take you directly to your destination.

## From Montreal

**By Bus or Train** The Montreal public transit service (STM) operates “Express Bus 747”, a shuttle service from Montreal’s Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport to the Montreal Central Bus Station. Tickets can be purchased at the currency exchange on the international arrivals level. This service is much less expensive than a taxi.

The Montreal public transit service (STM) also offers service to and from Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport with a combination of bus/commuter train/metro. To get to downtown Montreal, you can catch the #204 East bus at the airport’s Departures entrance on the ground level. It goes two places, you want the “Gare de Dorval” bus. From the Dorval train station, you can take a commuter train into Montreal. Bus schedules for route #204 East are available at the STM website. Commuter train schedules from the Dorval Train Station are available at the ATM website. Note that you may also be able to take a [Via Rail](#) train from the Dorval Train Station directly to Kingston.

From downtown Montreal, you can take a bus (through Megabus) or train (through Via Rail) to Kingston.

Upon arrival in Kingston, local buses and taxis are available from the train and bus stations. Taxis are more expensive but will take you directly to your destination.

## From Ottawa

**By Bus or Train** A shuttle service operates between MacDonald-Cartier Airport and downtown Ottawa hotels. It departs at the Level 1 curb outside the terminal in the arrivals area. This is much less expensive than a taxi.

The local bus service operated by OCTranspo also serves the airport. Route 97 departs the terminal at the curb outside the Arrivals area. Tickets are available at the “Ground Transportation Desk” located on Level 1 at the centre door of the Arrivals area. Full information about transportation options from the Ottawa airport to downtown Ottawa can be found at the MacDonald-Cartier Airport website.

Bus service from Ottawa to Kingston is available through Greyhound Canada. Train service is available through Via Rail. Neither the bus nor train terminals are directly in downtown Ottawa. Upon arrival in Kingston, local buses and taxis are available from the train and bus stations. Taxis are more expensive but will take you directly to your destination.

## Arrival by Car

Kingston ON is located approximately 2.5 hours from Toronto ON, 3 hours from Montreal, 2 hours from Ottawa and 2 hours from Syracuse, NY, USA.

## Arrival by Train:

VIA Rail passes through Kingston and has a station located at:

VIA Rail Station  
1800 John Counter Blvd,  
Kingston,  
ON K7M 7H3

For more information on VIA Rail and tickets, please see their website: <http://www.viarail.ca/en>

In order to get from the Rail Station to Queen's Campus, there are several methods of travel available:

- Cab (available at the station)
- Uber
- Bus:
  - ◆ Kingston Transit Bus # 18 will take you directly onto campus
  - ◆ Stop: University Avenue at Grant Hall (East Side)
  - ◆ Cost Approx. \$2.75 CND

## Information for International Students:

To make your trip to Canada as enjoyable as possible, we have put together some key items we think that you will need to come to Canada. This information is not final, and we suggest you look into this further, but we tried to give you somewhere to start.

## Required Documents

International students arriving in Canada require:

- Valid Passport
- eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization) (US citizens exempt)
- Copy of acceptance letter to conference (to facilitate customs crossing)
- Tourist Visa (depending on Country of Origin)

All international visitors to Canada now require an eTA to enter the country by land, sea or air. Please visit the following website and select your country from which you have a valid passport to see if an eTA is required or any additional Visas are required.

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

US citizens are exempt from the eTA as well as travellers with a valid Canadian Visa, and Canadian permanent residents.

There is a leniency period for the eTA where you may travel without one until September 29, 2016, however, we recommend you travel with one if required so you are not held up at the border.

## WatIF 2016 Acceptance Letter

Each international delegate will receive an individual email with a copy of an acceptance letter to facilitate going through customs. You will receive the acceptance letter the last week of June 2016.

If you are not on our list of international students (Canadian students), we can also provide acceptance letters to delegates that may require it for travel stipend or proof of attendance. Please contact us if you do not receive an acceptance letter by the end of June 2016.

## Currency Exchange

### Canadian Currency: The Canadian Dollar (CND)

Cash: We suggest you exchange money at your local bank as to receive the best currency exchange rates.

Debit or Credit Card: Depending on your bank you may also be able to pay with debit card or credit card (visa, mastercard) while in Canada - this will give you the best up-to-the minute exchange rate. If you choose to use any type of bank or credit card, we strongly suggest you check with or call your bank or credit card agency to let them know you will be out of the country and using your card in Canada. They can ensure that you take the proper steps to make sure your cards work in Canada.

Exchanging money when in Kingston: Money can be exchanged at the airports as well as downtown Kingston at Wellington Foreign Exchange

(they take only cash or debit) (Hours: 9am – 6pm)

153 Wellington St,

Kingston, ON

K7L 3E1

Phone: +1 613-531-8731

website: <http://www.wellingtonfx.com>

## Explore the City of Kingston

The downtown of Kingston is within walking distance from campus and is beautiful and historical for Canada (as Canada's original capital!). You will find many restaurants, small shops and bars. A map will be provided at registration.

Want to spend some time exploring the city of Kingston?

Check out "things to do in Kingston 2016" on Trip Advisor:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g154992-Activities-Kingston\\_Ontario.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g154992-Activities-Kingston_Ontario.html)

Here are some of our recommendations:

- The Haunted Walk - Kingston Ghost Tours <http://hauntedwalk.com/kingston-tours/>
- Canada's Penitentiary Museum <http://www.penitentiarymuseum.ca/default/>

- Great Lakes Marine Museum <http://www.marmuseum.ca>
- Wolf Island <http://www.wolfeisland.com>
- Kingston Trolley Tours <http://www.kingstontrolley.ca>
- Pump House Steam Museum <http://steammuseum.ca>

Looking for a place to eat dinner?

Check out “restaurants in Kingston” on Trip Advisor:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g154992-Kingston\\_Ontario.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g154992-Kingston_Ontario.html)

Here are some of our recommendations:

- Woodenheads pizza <http://www.woodenheads.com>
- Chez Piggy <http://www.chezpiggy.com>
- Pan Chancho Bakery <http://www.panchancho.com>
- Chien Noir <http://www.lechiennoir.com>
- Atomica <http://www.atomica.ca>
- Harpers Burgers <http://www.harpersburgerbar.com>
- Kingston Brewing co <http://www.kingstonbrewing.ca>

## Make the most of your stay in Canada

The Saturday, Sunday and Monday after the conference (July 30, 31 and August 1) is what many Canadians call August Long Weekend. The Monday is an official statutory holiday and many Ontarians take this opportunity to flock to the beaches of southern Ontario or make trips to local cottages.

If you are from outside Ontario, this is a good chance to experience and explore the area. Please be aware this is a **very** busy weekend and you will want to book things in advance.

### Some Things to See in Ontario:

#### Niagara Falls

Casinos

Wineries

Niagara Falls tours (Maiden of the Mist and Tour behind the falls)

Jet Boating (out of Niagara on the Lake)

Shopping (Niagara outlets or Niagara on the lake)

Visit Trip Advisor:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g154998-Activities-Niagara\\_Falls\\_Ontario.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g154998-Activities-Niagara_Falls_Ontario.html)

#### Toronto

CN Tower

Ripley’s Aquarium

Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)

Toronto Island

Theatre (Concerts, Broadway, Plays, etc.)

Visit Trip Advisor:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g155019-Activities-Toronto\\_Ontario.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g155019-Activities-Toronto_Ontario.html)

## Ottawa

Museums (Canadian Museum of History, Canadian War Museum)

Rideau Canal Locks

ByWard Market

Parliament Hill (See the Northern Lights show!)

Changing of the Guard Ceremony

Camping

Kayak and Canoe Rentals

Beautiful Beaches

Visit trip Advisor:

[https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g155004-Activities-Ottawa\\_Ontario.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g155004-Activities-Ottawa_Ontario.html)

## Weather

Expect the weather to be hot while you are here, forecast for the summer is currently hot and dry but that may change. Please dress for temperatures ranging from 20°C up to 40°C during the day and 15°C – 25°C at night. We encourage you to check the weather before arrival as well. You may need to bring a light rain coat, etc. The buildings with the talks will be air-conditioned.

## Safety

Kingston is a small and relatively safe city. There are walk home services for those uncomfortable walking anywhere at night <http://walkhome.ca/> around campus. There are also help pole stations (Yellow poles with a blue light on top) from which you can call for campus security.

In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1 for Police services, fire services or immediate medical assistance.

If you require medical attention, please visit:

Kingston General Hospital (KGH)

located on the south side of Queen's Campus

76 Stuart St.,

Kingston, ON

K7L 2V7

## Terms and Conditions

### Payments

All bookings made prior to the conference must be paid in full to guarantee registration. Once payment has been received, an email confirmation and a receipted invoice from Eventbrite will be sent to you. Registration for both the conference and accommodations closes June 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 11:30pm EST. If no payment is received by June 17<sup>th</sup> 2016, your registration will be invalid and you will be taken off the participants list.

### Refund/Cancelation policy

Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case situation, and proof of reasoning must be provided. WatIF reserves the right to give refunds once full registration is closed. WatIF reserves the right to refuse any refunds after July 13, 2016.

### Submissions

The invitation to submit an abstract does not constitute an offer to pay travel, accommodation or registration costs associated with the WatIF Conference. You also grant the Conference Organizers permission to publish your abstract in the Conference Proceedings online or in hard copy. Reference to yourself may also be used within marketing material to promote future WatIF Conferences. If you do not wish to do this but still wish to submit please contact the Conference Secretariat to discuss. The WatIF Conference Organizers decision on acceptance of the abstract will be final.

### Insurance

Registration fees do not include personal travel insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that, when registering for the WatIF Conference and booking travel, a travel insurance policy be taken out to cover loss, cancellation, medical, etc., for any reason. The WatIF Conference Organizers do not take responsibility for any delegate failing to insure.

### Special Needs

Every effort will be made to ensure people with special needs are catered for. Should you require any specific assistance, catering or arrangements to be made on your behalf, please contact Jessica Pertili, our Student Outreach Coordinator, [watif.students@gmail.com](mailto:watif.students@gmail.com)

### Liability

The attendance of the WatIF 2016 Conference is at your own risk. In no event shall the Water Initiative for the Future (WatIF) 2016 International Graduate Student Conference be liable for death, injury, any loss, cost or expense suffered by any person (including accompanying persons, partner, or attendant caregivers). In particular, they are not liable for losses arising from the provision or non-provision of services provided by hotel companies or transport operators. Nor are they liable for losses suffered by technical, mechanical or electrical breakdown within any premises visited by delegated and/or partners in connection with the WatIF conference.

### Age Restriction

Students must also be at least 18 years old at the time of attendance. If you are under the age of 18, you will need explicit guardian permission to travel and attend the conference. A letter will be provided for your guardian to sign confirming they understand the risk of sending someone under the age of 18 to a conference where there will be alcohol, social activities including a boat cruise, etc.

### Admittance

In our sole discretion, without refund, we reserve the right to refuse admittance to or expel from the Conference anyone that we determine is behaving in a manner that could be disruptive to the Conference or any other attendee.