

Welcome to SSHAP 2026 at Toronto Metropolitan University

All of the conference events will be in the Vari Engineering Building, at 245 Church Street. (Here is a [map of the campus](#).) Some sessions are on the ground floor and others are on the basement level. You'll find elevators and stairs in the main foyer.

The **SSHAP Welcome Table** will be on the ground floor across from the main doors on Church Street. The doors are always locked, but a SSHAP staff member will let you in. Just look for the doors with the SSHAP signs.

At the Welcome table you can collect a name tag and a copy of the program. To register for the event or the reception, you must use the conference [registration portal](#).

INTERNET: TMU will have free guest-WIFI during the conference, with a password that changes daily. We'll post the day's password at the Welcome Desk and on posters in the classrooms. TMU also provides free internet access through Eduroam.

ZOOM: A single [Zoom link](#) will work for all of the online events.

The three Plenary Talks and the Annual General Meeting will be hybrid. You can participate in-person in the room listed on the Program or via the [Zoom link](#).

The Online talks (including the Online Panel) will be online-only. To participate, you must join the [Zoom link](#) using your own device and using your own headphones. You can do this anywhere you have internet access. You can also join in ENG LG21, but we won't be broadcasting the sessions on the screen in that room. It will just be a quiet room where you can join and participate in the online-only session.

HANDOUTS AND SLIDES: If you would like us to make copies of a handout or plan to use a slideshow, please submit them as soon as you can through [this portal](#). That way we can make sure the handouts are available and that the slide are loaded on the classroom computers. If you prefer to connect your own device to the classroom computer system, please make sure you bring whatever cables and dongles you will need. A member of our SSHAP staff will be present in each classroom in case help is needed with the room's computer equipment. The rooms all have white-boards and we'll have plenty of markers and erasers.

FOOD AND DINING. TMU is in the busiest part of Toronto's cosmopolitan downtown core. A huge number of restaurants, including many of the familiar fast-food options, are two blocks to the west of the Engineering building, on Yonge street. I recommend using your favorite mapping app to see all that is available within a few blocks. But here are some suggestions.

[The Eaton Centre](#) and the [Atrium on Bay](#) are shopping malls at the corner of Yonge and Dundas and both have large basement food courts. [Eataly](#) is a fancy Italian grocery store in the Eaton Centre with lots of prepared foods and small tables. Along Yonge Street you'll find a dizzying variety of styles of food. The [3 Brasseurs](#) is a Quebecois-style brewery pub. [Daldongnae](#) is one of several Korean Barbecue restaurants, and [Osmows](#) is one of about a dozen Shawarma restaurants on Yonge street.

[Bangkok Garden](#) at 18 Elm Street has a very nice Thai buffet lunch and the [Salad King](#) at 340 Yonge Street is a student favourite for fast and spicy Thai food. The [Queen and Beaver](#) is a terrific British-style pub, at 35 Elm Street.

[Balzac's coffee](#) on Gould Street (in the middle of the TMU Campus) is a lunchtime favourite with sandwiches and typical coffee-shop fare, including an especially delicious ginger cookie.

Toronto's original China Town is a few blocks further west at the corner of Dundas and Spadina. Sky Dragon at 280 Spadina is my family's favorite place for all-day Dim Sum.

GETTING AROUND TORONTO: Toronto's transit system ([the TTC](#)) consists of a mix of subways, streetcars and buses. TMU has its own subway stop, just two blocks west of Church street. You can pay your fare by tapping your credit card. From the Union Station subway stop you can take the [UP Express train](#) all the way to Pearson Airport. And of course Uber and Lyft taxis are available everywhere.

We are looking forward to hosting you at TMU. If you have any questions about the conference events or about finding your way around campus or the city, please email me at David.hunter@torontomu.ca or sshap2026@gmail.com