PROFILE: Meet Yaseen Ali, International Transition Advisor from the Centre for International Experience

A man with a mobile office: that is Yaseen Ali, whose role as an International Transition Advisor with the Centre for International Experience takes him all over the St. George campus each week. You may already have encountered him at Grad Room, Grad House, OISE, or Student Family Housing. Yaseen meets with students at any of these locations and more, including SGS Student Services at 63 George Street. His March hours at 63 St. George are Tuesdays 1-2:30 pm and Thursdays 9:30-11 am.

Being mobile helps Yaseen respond when (and where) you most need advice. He does not provide personal or legal counselling, but he can connect you to the right resources or University personnel, and he understands how complex it can be to transition to a new city, country, and/or academic culture. Yaseen can also work with you to create an action plan: a series of next steps that will help you get where you want to be.

Have a question about adjusting to life in Canada? Wondering how to improve your conversational English skills, or gain more confidence with public speaking? Are you trying to find Canadian tax or immigration supports? Want to better understand Canadian workplace culture and intercultural communication styles? Yaseen is happy to help. Drop in during one of his “office” hours, or book an appointment with him via email or the Career Learning Network (CLN).

For information about transition advising on U of T Mississauga and U of T Scarborough campuses, contact UTM’s International Education Centre and UTSC’s International Student Centre.