

Fibonacci-18: Arrival Information

1. Getting from the airport to Halifax

Most of you will arrive at Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ). If you come from abroad, you will go through customs and immigration at the point of entry into Canada. If it is Halifax, it will be reasonably fast. If you required a visa, you may wish to have the letter of invitation somewhere handy, in case it's needed.

The airport is, unfortunately, quite far from Halifax, at least 30 minutes by car or taxi. Apart from car rental, the standard ways of getting into Halifax are:

1. Taxi. There is a flat rate of \$63 CDN, and a reasonable tip is expected, though not required. Most, if not all, taxis and limos (same rate) accept credit cards, but you may wish to make sure by asking the driver.

2. Public Transit. Bus 320 goes from the airport to downtown Halifax. It leaves 15 minutes after each hour, including weekends, with 06:15 am being the first, and 00:15 am the last departure. Mondays to Fridays (but **not** on July 2nd) there are additional departures at $m:45$ am, where $m \in \{5, 6, 7, 8\}$ and $n:45$ pm, where $n \in \{4, 5, 6\}$.

You will need \$3.50 in cash, but some (perhaps most) drivers are considerate enough to keep change at hand for a \$5 or a \$10 bill. At the airport, follow the bus signs that show a big X (for Express), or ask someone in the arrivals area. Often you will find very helpful “greeters” in the arrivals area, and a tourist information booth is usually staffed during reasonable hours.

Ask for a transfer as you get on the bus, and go as far as the “Bridge Terminal”, which you will reach 40 minutes after departure. Transfer there to the #1 Bus which should say “Mumford”. It departs quite frequently, and goes first across one of the Harbour bridges (great view!), then through the downtown core, and past Dalhousie.

If you stay at Howe Hall or LeMarchant Place, get off at LeMarchant St., where you will arrive about 18–20 minutes after departure from the Bridge Terminal. Don't be shy about asking the drivers; they are usually very helpful. If you stay at the Atlantica Hotel, get off at Robie Street. You could transfer to another bus there (ask the driver), but if the weather is OK and you have suitably wheeled luggage, you could also walk; it's no more than 7–10 minutes. On the map below, of central Halifax, the Atlantica Hotel is at the upper edge, towards the left, and is bounded by Robie St., Pepperell St., and Quinpool Rd. (the “Quin” is cut off on the map).



2. How to get to the conference venue

Registration, welcoming reception, and the lecture hall are all in one convenient place, namely the main lobby of the **Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences Building** (in short: “McCain Building”). The city map above shows the Dalhousie main campus at the lower left. The McCain Building is located at the “I” of the red “IWK Health Centre”.

The second map is a much more detailed campus map, and the McCain Building is indicated by the red and blue numbers “2”; that’s also where you should enter the building.

The on-campus accommodations are very close: The Howe Hall main entrance is at the purple “2”, and the front desk for LeMarchant Place is in Risley Hall (the purple “4”).

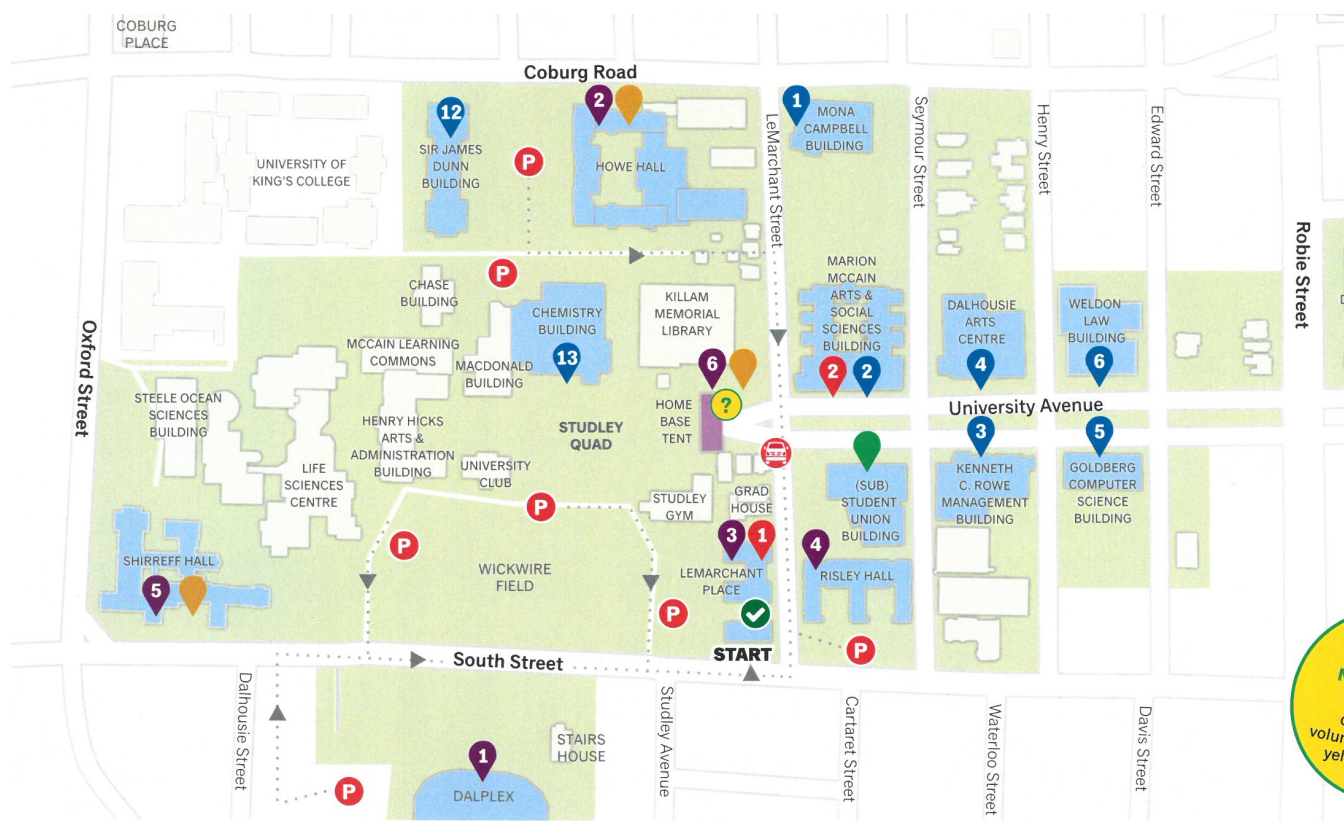
3. Some important dates and times

Sunday:

- Registration is open from 4 pm to 9 pm (McCain Building).
- Welcoming reception: 7–9 pm (McCain); of course, accompanying persons are welcome!
- Fireworks: 10 pm. Best viewed from the Halifax Waterfront, with the northern part (closer to the bridge) being closest.

Monday:

- Registration will open at 8:15 am (McCain Building).
- Conference opening at 8:45 am (McCain, Scotiabank Auditorium).
- First talk at 9:00 am (McCain, Scotiabank Auditorium).



Conference Program: You will receive a printed conference program upon registration. However, a pdf version is also available at the conference website <https://www.fq.math.ca/fibonacci18/>, or go directly to <https://www.fq.math.ca/fibonacci18/program2.pdf>.

For speakers: If you give a talk, the following formats are available:

1. The default is the use of a data projector. In this case it is best to bring your slides on a USB stick (thumb drive), and we will load it to the relevant local computer before your session. You could also e-mail your talk to me (address repeated below), and I will load it onto the computer. If you wish, you could also use your own laptop, although in my experience from other conferences, there is always the danger of compatibility problems.

2. A large whiteboard with several moving panels is also available; we will provide markers in black, red, and blue (but not white).

3. While there is no overhead projector, we will be able to scan any overhead slides, to be presented by data projector.

Have a pleasant trip, and see you soon.

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