



THE RBC IMMIGRANT,  
DIVERSITY AND  
INCLUSION PROJECT AT  
RYERSON UNIVERSITY

**PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH IN DIVERSITY AND  
MULTICULTURAL CUISINES: TORONTO MEETS DONER KEBAB**  
**This is a study exploring the relationship between ethnic restaurants, immigrant  
entrepreneurs and social connections in Toronto.**

**If You Are:**

- Age 18 and above
- Owner and/or operator of a restaurant specializing in doner kebab, shawarma or gyros in the Greater Toronto Area
- Presently living in the Greater Toronto Area

**If you answered yes to the above noted questions you are invited to volunteer in this study exploring how ethnic restaurants in Toronto become an informal community hub for immigrants.**

You will be asked to take part in an interview over Zoom or a phone call. We are interested in how diverse culinary traditions contribute to Toronto's multicultural food scene. Your participation will involve a 60-minute interview about your experiences at the restaurant and in the community. The purpose of the study is to understand everyday challenges of operating an ethnic restaurant in Toronto with a specific focus on doner, shawarma and gyros and how your operations are affected by COVID. We are looking for 30 participants. If you are interested in participating in this study or for more information, please contact:

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This research study has been reviewed and approved by the Ryerson University  
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