**Welcome Letter from President**

It is my pleasure to welcome you to York University. You are now part of an incredible team of leading staff, faculty, students and alumni who make this a first-rate university.

York is a dynamic and vibrant community of nearly 65,000 people, who can trace their origins to more than 155 countries worldwide. Located in the heart of the most multicultural and fastest-growing regions in Ontario, we embrace diversity and pride ourselves in helping our students become citizens of the world. Our values of academic freedom, social responsibility, accessible education, and collegial self-governance are deep-rooted and guide us as we become Canada’s leading teaching and research based university.

At York University, we value our employees and are especially committed to providing them with the support and resources they need to succeed. The Management Onboarding and New Employee Orientation programs are designed to help you establish a positive career path from the outset, so that you can challenge yourself and reach your maximum potential.

You have joined York University at an exciting time. We are experiencing renewal and growth with transformations happening across both of our campuses. We renovated our Osgoode Hall Law School, we announced a new engineering building, and construction is well-underway on the Glendon Centre of Excellence and the Toronto-York Spadina subway construction. Fundamental to this success is the bold vision, priorities and objectives for the future outlined in the White Paper and the University Academic Plan that will enhance our reputation as a leading comprehensive and engaged university.

York has great strengths and even greater potential, and we are thrilled that you are part of it.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Shoukri  
President and Vice-Chancellor