Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Director of the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies (Robarts) for a term of five years, to begin July 1, 2015.

Robarts was established with support from the private sector with matching grants from the Secretary of State and the Province of Ontario. Named in memory of the Honourable John P. Robarts (1917-1982), seventeenth Premier of Ontario (1961-1971) and seventh Chancellor of York University (1977-1982), the Robarts Centre was officially opened on 15 May 1984 by William B. Davis, Premier of Ontario. The Mandate from the outset has been to promote and support interdisciplinary and discipline-specific research pertinent to the study of Canada. Over the years the Centre has expanded to encompass a theme of “Canada in the World.” In 2003, the Centre’s mandate was further defined to include specific concentration on Canadian Arts and Culture, Canadian Communications, Canadian History and Canadian Political Economy. More recently, it has also developed substantial scholarship on Aboriginal research, on Black Canada and Canadian environmental history. The Centre supports a broad perspective on Canadian research, including policy-making, comparative approaches and links with international colleagues.

Applicants are expected to be members of the full-time faculty at York University, and to have a distinguished record of scholarship and research interests in the study of Canada. The Director is expected to administer the financial, organizational and academic and collegial activities of the Centre, to develop external funding sources, and to maintain an active individual and collaborative research program. The successful applicant will receive an administrative stipend and the appropriate course load reduction as stipulated by the YUFA Collective Agreement. The Director of the Centre reports to the Associate Vice-President Research.

Applications and nominations (including curriculum vitae and the names of three referees who may be contacted) should be sent to Felix Moses, Senior Executive Officer, Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation, 9th Floor, Kaneff Tower. Applicants are also asked to submit a statement about their vision for the Centre including goals, objectives, strategy of action and leadership style. Applications and nominations must be received by March 1, 2015.