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# GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

*Check out our highlights from a busy winter term & learn how to get involved this summer!*

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## Highlights

### **Sustainable and Inclusive Internationalization Virtual Conference releases the 2021 Toronto Declaration on Sustainable and Inclusive Internationalization**

This virtual conference held on January 20-22, 2021 hosted over 500 participants from 58 different countries, engaged in expert panels and plenary sessions, cultural contributions and poster presentations. The Conference adopted the 2021 Toronto Declaration on Sustainable and Inclusive Internationalization which embodies the commitment of post-secondary institutions in ethical and responsible mobility in higher education. All York University partners are invited to support and sign the Declaration and view recordings of the event, visit the [Post-Conference Website](#).

### **New President's Advisory Council on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion launches new speaker series**

The President's Advisory Council on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) was created to provide advice and counsel on the development of an institutional EDI strategy for the University. As part of its efforts to create a more equitable, diverse and inclusive community at York, the council is organizing "Insights: A Speaker Series on EDI." The first event in the series took place on February 25, 2021. Learn more at the [President's Advisory Council Website](#).

### **York named founding partner of new global UNESCO network on education for sustainable development**

The network is a collaboration spanning 30 countries and will address teachers at all levels as key players to foster sustainable development and peace through education. It aims to strengthen the role of quality education through research,

### **Achievements**



[YorkU Professors awarded CBIE's Catalyst Award](#)



[YorkU Professor invited to participate in UN Panel on Indigenous communities and environment](#)

policy development and implementation of Education for Sustainable Development. To learn more, check out the [Yfile announcement](#).

### Knowledge Fair showcases Indigenous Student Exchange Projects

Understanding Indigeneity transcends national and regional contexts, York University launched the International Indigenous Student Exchange Program providing opportunities for dialogue and collaboration between Indigenous students at York and their peers in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico and the Philippines. The Knowledge Fair held on April 7, 2021 showcased the student projects and learnings to over 130 attendees at the Knowledge Fair. To learn more and watch the recording, visit [the Program Website](#).



[Lassonde Civil Engineering Researchers Receive Best Paper Award](#)

## International Indigenous Student Knowledge Fair

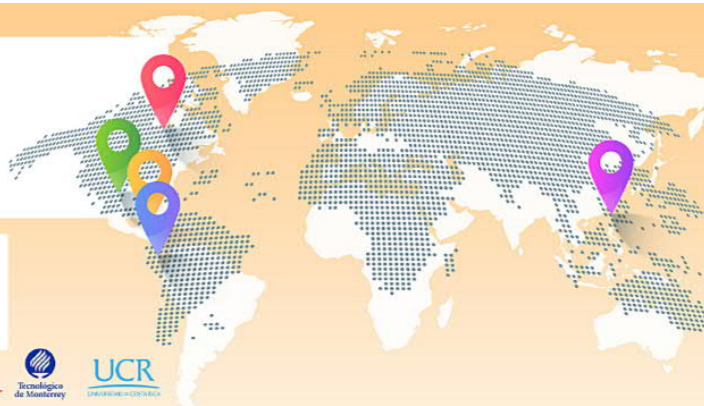
APRIL 7, 2021

7:00PM - 9:30PM ET (Toronto)

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3elm2uZ>



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## YorkU Celebrates Earth Month

### [York University tops scores in Times Higher Education \(THE\) Global Impact Ranking 2021](#)

This year, York has placed 11<sup>th</sup> in Canada and 67<sup>th</sup> overall among 1,115 postsecondary institutions from 94 different countries. The THE Impact Rankings are the only global performance tables that assess universities based on their contributions to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. The ranking compares universities on research, stewardship, outreach and teaching across 17 categories.

### [York's new SDG Student Hub - a hub to take action on the SDGs](#)

The SDG Student Hub, a new student-driven initiative launched in fall 2020 by York University's Sustainability Office, is helping students of all disciplines learn about Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and take action to help achieve them.

### [York University - one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the ninth time](#)

York University has received the designation of being one of Canada's Greenest Employers for the ninth consecutive time, a testament to its dedication to sustainability through action, research, education and partnerships. The title of Canada's Greenest Employers is awarded to national organizations in recognition of exceptional sustainability initiatives.

## Global Engagement Opportunities

**Call for Globally Networked Learning (GNL) Projects for Summer and Fall/Winter 2021**

The GNL approach engages faculty and students in collaborative joint lectures and class discussions, assignments or research projects through innovative pedagogies and the use of online communication and information technologies. In addition to innovative pedagogical approaches, GNL fosters and

### Events



[Join Osgoode's International Trained Lawyers' Day on May 27](#)



[Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies launches 'E-xplore the World' global learning series](#)

**Virtual Programs at YorkU Partners**

[Summer School Programs](#)

[Upcoming Fall Programs](#)

facilitates intercultural learning and global engagement for both faculties and students. York University faculty members are invited to explore GNL partnership offers on the [Partner-Matching site](#) and [book an individual consultation](#) to learn more. Additional information and resources are available on [GNL Faculty Toolkit](#) and the [2021 GNL pilot projects](#).

### Association of Commonwealth Universities: Call for Climate Action Case Studies

COP26, the UN Climate Change Conference will be held in Glasgow, UK this November. The ACU looks to showcase how universities contribute to climate action, promote ways to maximize this impact, and boost networking and collaboration between its members. To do this, the ACU is asking its members to share recent examples of how they have influenced national, regional and global debates through research, education or partnership activity, or examples where international collaboration between universities has strengthened the impact of ACU members in this area. For more information and to submit your brief project summary, follow the [survey link](#).

### DAAD Funding for Transatlantic Virtual Academic Collaboration

The second round of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) program "International Virtual Academic Collaboration" (IVAC) is offering project funding opportunities for virtual cooperation. The IVAC program promotes and supports the integration of digital collaboration formats in study programs through a number of objectives, including the development of digital competencies of students and teachers, the cross-university digitization of processes in study, teaching and blended mobility, the extended access to international university programs of specific target groups, as well as the formation of a community of practice. The general maximum sum of the DAAD-grant is €50,000. The deadline for applications is May 25, 2021. For more information and details on how to apply, visit the [DAAD website](#).

**Note:** A York faculty had a successful IVAC application last year (2020-21) and York International would be happy to connect interested faculty. Email [helencb@yorku.ca](mailto:helencb@yorku.ca)

### Events to look forward to:

- [The Association of Commonwealth Universities: The Internationalist Podcast Series](#)
- [Next International Association of Universities Webinar on May 11: Strategic and Purposeful Internationalization](#)



[Read the full University Academic Plan, 2020-25](#)



[President and Vice Chancellor Rhonda Lenton reappointed for a second term](#)



[Read York University's Framework and Draft Action Plan on Black Inclusion](#)

### New York University Partnerships to Celebrate!

**African Institutes for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), South Africa**  
*Collaborative Academic MOU*

**Central University of Finance and Economics, China**  
*Articulation Agreement*

**University of Borås, Sweden**  
*Erasmus Agreement with the Lasse School of Engineering*

**University of L'Aquila, Italy**  
*Collaborative Academic MOU and Exchange Agreement*

**University of New South Wales, Australia**  
*Collaborative Academic MOU and Exchange Agreement*

**University of Witwatersrand, South Africa**  
*Collaborative Academic MOU*

For more information about global engagement and partnerships, connect with [York International](#).



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