



Here is your August 2023 guide to all things postdoc at YorkU

Important Information

Civic Holiday—University closed

Monday, August 7

This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, August 7 in recognition of the Civic holiday.

[Learn more](#)

Community Engagement Initiative for Black Grad Students & Postdocs

Let's get to know each other! Are you an incoming or current grad student or postdoctoral fellow? Do you self-identify as Black? We are fellow Black grad students at York, reaching out to connect and get to know each other. We will be having an in-person meeting in the days ahead. Share your email with us via online form.

[Learn more](#)

Job Posting: Anthropologist

Are you ready to work at the frontier of predictive anthropology, big data, and AI? We're not just blending these fields; we're pioneering a new one that redefines the industry. It's a revolution we call 'predictive anthropology,' and it fuels innovation across the Fortune 1000. As we grow, we're seeking two outstanding researchers to join our team and support our burgeoning roster of clients. In this role, you'll delve into the intriguing cultures of diverse topics - from plant-based proteins and sustainable packaging to the future of women's sexual health. Your insightful research will guide our clients' strategic investments, enabling them to future-proof their businesses and stay ahead of the curve. To be considered, you must be a Ph.D. candidate or graduate in fields such as anthropology, political science, sociology, or history. If interested, email your resume and cover letter to Tammy Kim-Newman, Associate Director, Employer & Alumni Engagement at tknewman@yorku.ca.

Financial Opportunities

SSHRC Exchange—Conference Grant

Deadline: August 1

To provide assistance for in-person attendance at or virtual participation in national and international scholarly conferences for which the applicant is giving a paper, making a poster presentation, or featured at a solo or 2 person opening of an exhibition, a principal screening, premier performance of dance, theatre or musical production.

[Learn more](#)

Agency-Specific Tri-Council Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Tri-Council (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) offers agency-specific postdoctoral fellowship opportunities. If you are interested in applying for one of these opportunities, it is recommended that you plan ahead, and contact your prospective supervisor well in advance of the deadline.

- **SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Deadline: September 13

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships offer up to 2 years of funding to the most promising recent PhD recipients conducting Social Sciences and Humanities research at a university or research institution.

[Learn more](#)

- **NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Deadline: October 17

NSERC Postdoctoral Fellowships offer up to 2 years of funding to the most promising recent PhD recipients conducting Natural Sciences and Engineering at a university or research institution.

[Learn more](#)

- **CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowships**

Agency Deadline: October 5

CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowships provide support for highly qualified applicants in all areas of health research at the post-PhD degree or post-health professional degree stages to add to their experience by engaging in health research.

[Learn more](#)

Ontario Genomics—CANSSI Ontario Postdoctoral Fellowship in Genome Data Science

Deadline: November 1

This fellowship will support the work of an early-career investigator pursuing research in the areas of genomics and data science. The fellowship offers two-year salary support for up to \$50,000 per year for postdoctoral fellows undertaking full-time research at a CANSSI Ontario partner university or their affiliated research institutes.

[Learn more](#)

Mitacs Elevate

Build your career through this competitive fellowship for up to two years. Elevate includes a research management training program and a postdoctoral fellowship. Proposals are now accepted all year round.

[Learn more](#)

In the News

New Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies announced

Dr. Alice MacLachlan has been appointed Vice-Provost and Dean, Graduate Studies for a five-year term which began July 1. The search committee was chaired by Provost and Vice-President Academic Lisa Philipps and comprised of graduate-affiliated faculty, staff and students from across the University. The committee undertook a thorough internal search process which attracted excellent candidates. On June 27, the Board of Governors concurred with President Rhonda Lenton's recommendation that Alice MacLachlan be appointed to the position of vice-provost and dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

[Learn more](#)

York team visits Arctic to learn about Mars

York University astrobiologist, Haley Sapers, an adjunct professor at the Lassonde School of Engineering, has traveled with a team to the McGill Arctic Research Station (MARS), an arctic research station situated on a polar desert island in Nunavut where they will study methane gas, execute Mars Rover simulations and more.

[Learn more](#)

Professor's new book redefines girlhood during Medieval, Renaissance era

Author and Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) Professor Deanne Williams investigates the overlooked roles of girls in theatre – and performing arts in general – from the 10th through 17th centuries in her new book *Girl Culture in the Middle Ages and Renaissance: Performance and Pedagogy* (Bloomsbury, 2023).

[Learn more](#)

Canada needs pollinator strategy: York researchers

Canada's wild pollinators are in decline and without a national pollinator plan, many species could be heading for extinction, like the endangered rusty-patched bumblebee or the American bumblebee, according to researchers at York University. Although the focus is usually on managed honey bees, unlike wild pollinators, they are not native to Canada, not adapted to this country's weather or plants and not at-risk of extinction, says the researchers. Wild pollinators are essential to Canada's economy, food security and ecosystems, but about 30 species, including eight bee species, are listed under *Canada's Species at Risk Act*.

[Learn more](#)

Lassonde students embody Women in Engineering Day

From the Civil Engineering department at York University's Lassonde School of Engineering, current Master's student Peace Ikpotoikin and recent doctoral graduate Josephine Morgenroth represent the intent of International Women in Engineering Day, celebrated annually in late June, to draw attention to women changing the face of engineering and the world's future.

[Learn more](#)

Graduate students recognized for contributions to Philippine Studies

Eight graduate students from three Faculties at York University are recipients of Philippine Studies Group funding for research, fieldwork and language acquisition. "These students collectively received \$32,000 in funding in support of their work. Their groundbreaking projects promise to make an important contribution to the field of Philippine studies," said Ethel Tungohan, associate professor of politics and Canada Research Chair in Canadian Migration Policy, Impacts and Activism.

[Learn more](#)

Events

Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion (REI) Summer Workshops

REI is offering a curated list of summer REDDI sessions, covering a wide range of topics to ensure University community members are prepared to address systemic inequities.

[Learn more](#)

Postdoc Drop-in

Online, Thursday, August 10 & 24, 3:00pm

The online sessions are meant to be an informal opportunity to cover issues of interest to postdocs and provide an opportunity to connect with your postdoc colleagues remotely. Password: 634453.

[Participate](#)

Enhancing Your Experience

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD)

NCFDD provides on-demand access to mentoring, tools, and support you need to be successful in the Academy. To access, navigate to “Become a Member”, select York University as your institutional member and register with your @yorku.ca email address.

[Learn more](#)

Academic Job Market Boot Camp

Online, August 21–25

This virtual boot camp is designed for doctoral students, PhDs, and postdocs from all disciplines who want to prepare for the academic job market, strengthen their application package, and stand out as a candidate.

[Learn more](#)

Beyond the Professoriate’s Career Training Platform for Post-Docs

Beyond the Professoriate’s Career Training Platform is an online professional development tool where postdocs and doctoral students can explore career options and learn job search strategies to secure employment in academia and beyond. The Career Training Platform also hosts a unique video library where students can hear from PhDs working in all career sectors. To log in simply visit [Beyond Prof’s Career Training Platform](#), select York University, and enter your institutional login information.

Career Counselling, Career Centre

Connect confidentially with York’s Career Centre’s career counsellor, Susan Pogue, to learn how to develop a holistic approach to career exploration both inside and outside academia and receive support you’re your career transition planning. Connect with Susan directly by email: spogue@yorku.ca.

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