



Here is your August 2023 guide to all things grad 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](#)

Incoming Students are invited to our FGS Orientation

Online, Tuesday, September 5, 12:00–1:30pm

Attending your graduate program orientation is a great opportunity to meet colleagues and learn more about grad studies at York. If you are a new graduate student, we also look forward to meeting you at the GRAD@York - Fall 2023! This event will be an opportunity for incoming graduate students to meet with our FGS team and campus partners, to learn about a variety of resources and services available to support your graduate journey. We will have representatives from the following university academic and administrative services.

[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](#)

Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service

Free & confidential counselling support is available to graduate students through the Faculty of Graduate Studies' Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service. Sessions are offered via phone, video, or in-person and the service is available M-F between 9:00am-4:00pm. To book an appointment, simply visit the [online appointment calendar and scheduler](#) or email gradwell@yorku.ca.

Graduate Student Wellness Initiative Fund

Fall Deadline: October 2

The Graduate Student Wellness Initiative Fund is available for individual or groups of graduate students to apply for up to \$1500 to support the undertaking of projects, initiatives, resource development, events, or programs related to graduate student wellness. **Spring/summer semester GSWIF application window is now closed. Fall semester GSWIF application is now open and deadline for submission is October 2, 2023.**

[Learn more](#)

FGS Certificate in Personal Wellness and Learning Skills

This five-week free program focuses on social connection, personal wellness, and learning skills. Topics covered include stress reduction, overcoming procrastination, enhancing motivation, time management, and skills from the field of positive psychology. The program also focuses on creating opportunities to connect with peers and learn more about support at York. The program takes place virtually over Zoom. The upcoming Fall Term sessions will be on Tuesdays from 1:30–3:30pm on the following dates: October 17, 24, 31, and November 7, 14 (2023).

[Register](#)

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](#)

Two York students presented with Autism Scholars Awards

Alaa Ibrahim and Carly Magnacca, two outstanding York doctoral scholars, are named recipients of the 2023-2024 Autism Scholars Award. The community of scholars fostered by this Scholars Awards Program excel in the creation of new knowledge of child autism that positively increases the province's capacity for diagnosis and assessment of autism and a strengthened treatment system. Ibrahim and Magnacca will each receive a one-year award of \$20,000 to advance their research, which can lead to improved treatments and healthcare policies.

[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](#)

Congratulations to MPPAL student Melodie De Marinis—CAPP/PA National Student Award Winner!

Congratulations to Melodie De Marinis on her hard work and immense achievement! Melodie was one of five 2023 CAPP/PA National Student Award winners for her MPPAL Topics paper “Perspectives of Working Mothers in the Ontario Public Service on Hybrid Work Arrangements”. Universities across Canada are only able to submit one paper per year, this alone indicates the quality of Melodie’s work—what an accomplishment in representing York University!

[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 Ikpotoke 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](#)

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Congratulations to MPPAL student Prince for securing a position with the Ontario Ministry of the Solicitor General. Prince Emmanuel Adjin-Tettey, Class of 2023, Business Analyst Ministry of the Solicitor General, enrolled into MPPAL with the sole aim of diversifying and broadening my horizon after more than a decade as an IT/Telecom specialist. He wanted to gain the acumen for public policy analysis. He says the MPPAL program has given him more than he expected. He landed a co-op position as research analyst at the Ministry of Infrastructure through the MPPAL program. After applying the research and public policy skills

acquired from the program, he was offered a position as Business and Information Analyst in the Broadband and Data Analytics Unit, even before the successful completion of his co-op. He recently moved to the Ministry of the Solicitor General as a Business Analyst with a much broader portfolio.

[Learn more](#)

Financial Opportunitites

Internal Opportunities

- **PhD Completion Fund**

Deadline: September 30

The CUPE 3903 PhD Completion Fund supports eligible doctoral students in their final term of full-time study. To apply, complete the application as well as the Student Financial Profile (SFP) during the applicable application period. Value: Amounts are determined based on financial need of applicants and the volume of applications.

[Learn more](#)

- **Mitacs Accelerate**

Deadline: apply anytime

Mitacs Accelerate provides funding for a paid internship at an organization that needs your expertise. Value: minimum \$10,000 over a four-month period.

[Learn more](#)

- **Dr. Sangdeok Woo and Mrs. Kwisoon Lim Woo Memorial Graduate Award**

Deadline: Monday, October 30, 4:00pm

The Dr. Sangdeok Woo and Mrs. Kwisoon Lim Woo Graduate Award has been created to support graduate students undertaking research on the topic of Korean history, culture and society, and to encourage students showing promise of leadership in the Korean community in Canada. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be Ontario residents, and demonstrate financial need. Value: up to \$12,500.

[Learn more](#)

External Opportunities

- **Google PhD Fellowship Program**

Applications open: September 2023

The Google PhD Fellowship Program recognizes outstanding graduate students doing exceptional and innovative research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields. Fellowships will support promising PhD candidates of all backgrounds who seek to influence the future of technology.

[Learn more](#)

- **Michael Smith CGS Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS)**

Deadline: September 28

Available for eligible CGS award holders (CGS-M, CGS-D, or Vanier CGS) in building global linkages and international networks at recognized research universities abroad. Value: up to \$6,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **IODE War Memorial Scholarship Application**

Deadline: October 1 (Letter of Intent); November 1 (Full Application)

Since the first scholarships were awarded in 1921, IODE War Memorial Scholars have made important contributions to Canada and the world in medicine, science, business, politics and academia. Applicants must be Canadian citizens and in at least their second year of a doctoral program at a Canadian university. Applicants will be judged on academic excellence, potential, and volunteerism. Value: \$15,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **ACM Doctoral Dissertation Award**

Deadline: October 31

The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) established the Doctoral Dissertation Award program to recognize superior research and writing by doctoral candidates in the fields of computer science and engineering. Value: \$20,000 plus travel expenses.

[Learn more](#)

- **Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship**

Deadline: December 2023

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship program offers doctoral candidates the skills to translate their ideas into action, for the betterment of their communities, Canada, and the world. Applicants' field of study should be broadly related to the humanities or human sciences, and be of direct relevance to the future of Canada. Their doctoral work must relate to at least one of the Foundation's four themes: Human Rights and Dignity, Responsible Citizenship, Canada and the World, People and their Natural Environment. Value: \$40,000 plus \$20,000 (travel allowance) for three years.

[Learn more](#)

- **Tri-council (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC Doctoral and CGS-Masters) Application Deadlines**

- **CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Awards and CGS Doctoral Awards (DFSA/CGSD) : October 4, 2023**

- **NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships and CGS Doctoral Awards (PGSD/CGSD) : October 4, 2023**

- **SSHRC Fellowships and CGS Doctoral Awards (DF/CGSD) : October 10, 2023**

- **Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's (CGSM) : December 1, 2023**

- **Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEIGSST)**

Applications to the Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEIGSST) are accepted at the same time as the Tri-Council applications. If you submit a Tri-council application and complete the [Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Cover Sheet](#) by the applicable deadline above, your application is automatically considered for an OGS/QEII. If you are submitting an OGS application only, please complete the required materials and submit your application through the [Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Information Form](#). For details, please review [the OGS/QEII application process](#).

- **CANSSI Ontario—Data Access Grants**

Deadline: Rolling Deadline

The Ontario regional node of the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI Ontario) is offering grants to cover the costs associated with accessing and working with large data sources, which are necessary to carry out data-intensive research and applications. Trainees or faculty members at Ontario-based universities are eligible to apply. Value: \$5,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **Tri-Council and OGS Application Workshops**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is offering workshops to students on scholarship proposal writing on the following dates. To register to any of these sessions, please visit our [MachForm](#). Zoom links will be provided prior to the event.

Tri-Council Doctoral and OGS Application Workshops (The two sessions are identical)

- Session #1: Thursday, September 14, 2023, 9:30–11:30am

- Session #2: Wednesday, September 20, 2023, 9:30–11:30am

- **CGS-Master's and OGS Application Workshops (The two sessions are identical)**

This workshop will provide an overview of the application process and scholarship proposal writing to support the preparation of applications for the [Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's \(CGSM\)](#) (Deadline: December 1). The two sessions are identical. To register, please visit our [MachForm](#).

- Session #1: Thursday, October 12, 2023, 9:30–11:30am
- Session #2: Thursday, October 20, 2023, 9:30–11:30am

Mitacs Accelerate Program

Deadline: Continuous (6-8 week review period)

Put your talent to work with a paid internship at an organization that needs your expertise. Funding starts at \$15,000, and your partner organization's financial contribution starts at \$7,500. Duration: min. 4 months
Value: \$15,000. If you are interested in applying to this competition, please contact Rachel Sung, Mitacs Business Development Specialist at sungr@yorku.ca.

[Learn more](#)

Events

Complete your study permit or visa application at the Immigration Workroom

Are you working on an application to IRCC? Get real-time support for your study permit, work permit or visa. One of our advisors will be available to help you with IRCC's online application system, the application forms and any questions you may have. To find the next workroom please visit the [York International Calendar](#).

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](#)

Graduate Coffee Break is back for Summer!

York International has a lot of fun-filled events planned for Graduate students this summer and the meet and greet is just the start of it all. It is a great place to meet new people. Feel free to bring your friends and encourage them to register. You will also meet other international students like yourselves while enjoying some great snacks. Check the [York International calendar](#) and join us for our next Coffee Break!

Enhancing Your Experience

Individualized Development Plan (IDP)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies' IDP is a tool to assist graduate students in identifying and developing their goals during their studies. The Individualized Development Plan (IDP) webpage now hosts completed IDP examples across a variety of levels/disciplinary areas from a first-year course-based master's student to a third-year PhD student in a social sciences/humanities-based program.

[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](#)

Master's and PhD 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 with your career transition planning. Appointments can be booked on [Experience York](#).

[Learn more](#)

Beyond the Professoriate's Career Training Platform

Beyond the Professoriate's Career Training Platform helps graduate students, postdocs, and PhDs successfully transition into academic or non-academic careers. Through two programs of study (Academic Careers and Professional Careers), postdocs and graduate students can explore career options and learn job search strategies to secure employment in academia and beyond. To log in simply visit [Beyond Prof's Career Training Platform](#), select York University, and enter your institutional login information.

Important Dates

Summer term classes, as well as deadlines for course additions and drops, differ widely in May, June, July, August due to many class sections. Please visit [Important Dates](#) for a summary of dates relevant to you.

- **August 7**
Civic Holiday—University Closed.
- **August 8**
Last day for Oral Examinations to be held to fulfill requirements for October 2023.
- **August 20**
Last day to Register for Fall 2023 without being charged a late fee of \$200.
- **August 21**
Thesis/Dissertation Deadline: Last day to submit/upload Electronic Thesis and Dissertation to fulfill requirements for October 2023 convocation.
- **August 31**
Deadline to withdraw from course(s) and receive a “W” on transcript via Course Transaction Form for SU23 term courses. Petition required beyond this date.

Deadline to apply for October Convocation. All degree requirements, including final grades, must be met by August 31, 2023 in order to be eligible to convocate in October 2023.

We Want to Hear from You!

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