



Here is your July 2023 guide to all things postdoc at YorkU.

Important Information

Canada Day Holiday—University closed

Monday, July 3

This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, July 3 in recognition of the Canada Day holiday.

[Learn more](#)

Financial Opportunities

Banting PDF Letter of Intent (LOI)

Deadline: July 12

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants. Because of the highly competitive nature of this opportunity, an internal selection process is in place, whereby supervisors/candidates must submit a preliminary version of the application as an LOI (Letter of Intent).

[Learn more](#)

Science & SciLifeLab Prize for Young Scientists

Deadline: July 15

The prize is awarded annually to one young scientist for outstanding life science research for which they were awarded a doctoral degree in the previous two years. The topic of the entrant's thesis research must be in one of the following categories: Cell and Molecular Biology; Genomics, Proteomics, and Systems Biology approaches; Ecology and Environment; Molecular Medicine.

[Learn more](#)

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: TBD

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](#)

In the News

Three York graduate students earn Governor General's Gold Medals

Three York University graduates received this year's Governor General Gold Medals, which recognize the outstanding scholastic achievements of graduate students in Canada. The 2023 recipients are Lawrence Garcia, Kathleen Dogantzis and Aaron Tucker. The Governor General awards are considered the highest honour earned by exemplary Canadian scholars throughout every level of academia. This year's awardees offered words of gratitude to their peers and mentors, and expressed what the medals mean to them, ahead of their Spring Convocation ceremonies.

[Learn more](#)

Grad students win thesis, dissertation prizes

Six York University graduands have been awarded thesis and dissertation prizes by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) for their outstanding scholarly work. The prizes are bestowed to celebrate exceptional master's and doctoral research work from the recent academic calendar year. The value of the awards is \$2,000 for doctoral dissertations and \$1,000 for master's theses. From creating the world's largest dataset on honeybee genomics to demystifying the function of consciousness, these talented scholars are breaking new ground with their research.

[Learn more](#)

FGS welcomes Dr. Ojo as incoming Associate Dean Students

Dr. Tokunbo Ojo joins the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) as the new Associate Dean, Students. Ojo is an associate professor in the Department of Communication and Media Studies and an affiliated faculty member in the Department of Social Science within the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS). He will transition into his new role through the month of July while liaising with the managers of the different portfolios in FGS throughout the summer.

[Learn more](#)

York University in the Top 40 globally in Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

York University is among the top 40 institutions for global leadership on advancing the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals, according to this year's Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, published last month. With 100+ additional universities joining the rankings this year, York has done exceedingly well to maintain its position of global leadership, placing 40th out of more than 1,500 competing institutions.

[Learn more](#)

Two faculty members to receive honorific professorships

York University will honour two esteemed faculty members during its 2023 Spring Convocation with a Distinguished Research Professorship and a University Professorship. A Distinguished Research Professor is a member of faculty who has made outstanding contributions to the University through research and whose work is recognized within and outside of the University, and this year will recognize Professor Carl James. He was awarded the honour during the Faculty of Education convocation ceremony on Friday, June 16. A University Professor is a member of faculty recognized for extraordinary contributions to scholarship and teaching and participation in university life, and this year will celebrate the work of Professor Marcia Annisette. She received the honour during the Schulich School of Business convocation ceremony on Friday, June 23.

[Learn more](#)

Faculty of Education unveils new videos "Leaders Supporting Future Leaders in Education" to help mark its 50th Anniversary Year

The Faculty of Education at York introduces a new four part video series inspiring and showcasing its bold leadership in education which helps create more just communities. The videos visually represent the Faculty's commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonization. They reflect the positive change which the Faculty helps drive, and experiences in return, by working with its various stakeholders including students, alumni, community partners, donors, faculty and staff.

[Learn more](#)

Special performance part of AGYU exhibit by York grad student

The Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) hosted a special performance by York University PhD student Erica Stocking as part of MotherGinger Promenade, an exhibit running until Dec. 2. The June 10 performance charted a path through the emergence of fashion as a discipline within modernism in late 19th century Paris, its entanglement in rhythms and spaces of visibility, and the social and material conditions of movement. Inspired by early examples of public promenades (such as those on the Bois de Boulogne in Paris after its redevelopment as a society gathering point in the late 1800s) as spaces where economic, social and aesthetic interests come together in an event of looking and being seen, Stocking invites the audience to consider, "What is a closet and where can it take you?"

[Learn more](#)

PhD student published in Canadian Jewish Studies

Congratulations to Alexandra Frankel, a PhD candidate in Social Anthropology has a new publication in Canadian Jewish Studies: Queering Reproductive Time: Jacob's Wrestling and Queer Temporalities in Sheila Heti's *Motherhood*.

[Learn more](#)

Kinesiology PhD Candidate awarded scholarship from True Sport Foundation

Samantha Burelle, PhD student in the School of Kinesiology & Health Science at York University was recently awarded the 2023 Lyle Makosky Values and Ethics in Sport Fund sport study scholarship from the True Sport Foundation. This competitive research award will support her work on a project entitled "Exploration of Safe Sport Practices and Safe Sport Culture Through Youth Coach Perspectives." As described by Samantha, this project will "... contribute to the ever-changing, yet necessary, discussion on Safe Sport and the critical role of youth coaches in values-based and ethical sport. Importantly, this fund will support the mobilization of the research directly into sport

by ensuring the findings are shared with coaches, sport organizations, and other stakeholders.”

[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, July 13, 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](#)

POLARIS (Place for Online Learning for the Adjudication of Researchers Inclusively and Supportively)

POLARIS is for anyone who is called upon in their job to rank, judge, adjudicate, or provide feedback on researchers and their applications.

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

Beyond the Professoriate’s Career Training Platform is an eLearning platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow PhDs and Postdocs to explore career options and discover ways to apply the skills acquired through their education. Content consists of videos, exercises and information for students in the areas of Arts, Social Sciences, STEM, Business, and Education. You can access the modules in any order and if you decide to complete 7 core modules, you earn a certificate of completion.

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