Welcome to Fall 2022!

Here is your September 2022 guide to all things grad at YorkU.

To GPDs, GPAs, ADs Grad and Faculty Partners Only

Call for 2022–23 Graduate Program Representatives on Faculty Council
Deadline: September 14
Programs with a PhD have a faculty member representative additional to the Director. All graduate programs have one graduate student representative, normally selected by the program’s graduate students' association. Please send Faculty Council updates to fgsgovrn@yorku.ca.

Learn more

Faculty Council Meeting
via Zoom, Thursday, October 6, 3:00pm
The next meeting of FGS Faculty Council will take place Thursday, October 6, at 3:00pm and will be conducted remotely via Zoom. Information about the meeting is being forwarded to members of Council.

Learn more
Important Information

Labour Day Holiday
Monday, September 5
This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, September 5, in recognition of the Labour Day holiday.

Learn more

Recruitment—l’Amicale francophone de York (York’s Francophone Friendship Association)
In Spring 2022, l’Amicale francophone de York was created by a group of francophone York faculty members. It is an informal academic network for researchers conducting projects in French at York University, including for graduate students. L’Amicale is a peer support group for members to share information on research opportunities in French, consolidate their research networks, and find support to advocate for a better research environment in French at York.

If you are interested in joining l’Amicale, please email Jean Michel Montsion, Director of the Robarts Centre (robarts@yorku.ca).

Grad Sports League at YorkU
We’re pleased to announce a new initiative open to all graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members. The graduate sports league will meet once a month with teams challenging one another in round-robin style tournaments. This is a recreation league and no prior knowledge of the sports or strong athletic ability is required. Create a team with your graduate program program's team, or sign up to join a mixed team. Also, all are welcomed to just come out and socialize, and cheer the teams on! All tournaments will be held on York campus. Ideally teams should be between 8-16 people and should comprise a diverse group. Graduate programs may combine with another program to organize a team or we will help to bring teams together as necessary.

Learn more

Graduate Scholars: We want to hear about your current research!
The university is a space for critical thinking, innovation and discoveries. It is also a place where emerging leaders are formed, the change agents who will make an impact in academia, public and business sectors and in our communities. Are you a Master’s or Doctoral scholar undertaking cutting-edge, and socially engaged research? We’d love to hear about your research! Please email us at fgsnews@yorku.ca.

The Wellness Consultation Service is Here for You!
Free & confidential counselling support is available to graduate students through the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service. Sessions are currently offered via phone or video formats and can help with concerns about mental health, managing stress, transitioning to graduate school, coping with anxiety, as well as goal setting and action planning. 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.

Learn more

In the News
**Doctoral student launches newsroom in exile to cover human rights in Afghanistan**

Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies Doctoral student Zahra Nader has launched a newsroom in exile to cover human rights violations in Afghanistan with a particular focus on women, LGBTQ community and environmental issues. The website, Zan Times, has received coverage from CBC and Democracy Now for her work.

**Exploring local elephant knowledge in the Boteti River Region, Botswana**

Sharing local elephant knowledge to enhance human-wildlife coexistence. Recent York MES graduate Stephanie Bell began her major research project in 2019 in collaboration with Dr. Alice J. Hovorka and Dr. Kate Evans. Within its beautiful borders, Botswana is home to nearly 130,000 elephants claiming the title for world's largest elephant population. The Boteti River is an optimal spot for elephant conglomeration due its abundance of natural resources. The river is located on the border of the Makgadikgadi Pans National Park in Botswana. The unique quality of the Boteti is that it is primarily a male elephant-dominated landscape.

Learn more

**Exploring the experiences of racialized residents in two Toronto neighborhoods**

Racialized residents in Jane and Finch and St. James Town neighbourhoods identified structural and systemic barriers to accessing, using, and navigating greenspaces, a York University study finds. Park Perceptions and Racialized Realities is a community-based participatory research project that explores the experiences of racialized and Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) in public greenspaces. The research, led by EUC PhD candidate Nadha Hassen with Professor Sarah Flicker, collaborated with Greenchange, Jane/Finch Centre and the St. James Town Community Co-operative. In 2021, racialized residents who participated as “resident photographers” went on to visit greenspaces to take pictures in response to prompts that considered issues such as access, safety, and wellbeing. They were able to collect over 200 photos and videos documenting their experiences and capturing racialized residents' perceptions on issues of access, inclusivity, mental health, safety, and wellbeing resulting in a community report.

Learn more

**Financial Opportunities**

**External Opportunities**

- **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

- **Tri-council (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC Doctoral and CGS-Masters) Application Deadlines**
  
  - **CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Awards and CGS Doctoral Awards (DFSA/CGSD)**: October 5, 2022
  - **NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships and CGS Doctoral Awards (PGSD/CGSD)**: October 5, 2020
    (Transcripts must be submitted by September 30, 2020)
  - **SSHRC Fellowships and CGS Doctoral Awards (DF/CGSD)**: October 11, 2022
  - **Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master’s (CGSM)**: December 1, 2022

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

  Applications to the Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEIIGST) 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**.

- **CANSII Ontario—Data Access Grants**

  *Deadline: Rolling Deadline*

  The Ontario regional node of the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSII 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

- **Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)**
  
  **Deadline: continuing until December 22**
  
  The Government of Canada has announced special funding administered by the tri-council that will provide relief and assistance to research trainees from Ukraine. Value: up to $20,000 (Master’s); $25,000 (Doctoral); $45,000 (Post-doctoral).

  Learn more

  - **Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)—for CIHR grant holders**
  - **Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)—for NSERC grant holders**
  - **Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)—for SSHRC grant holders**

**Internal Opportunities**

- **Bursaries**
  
  **Deadline: January 20, 2023 (expected bursary disbursement in March 2023)**
  
  The Student Financial Portal (SFP) for the Fall/Winter 2022–2023 application will be available from Tuesday, September 6, 2022 until the deadline of Friday, January 20, 2023. Graduate students who complete an SFP and demonstrate financial need will be automatically considered for eligible FGS administered bursaries.

  Learn more

- **Academic Excellence Fund**
  
  **Deadlines: October 30 (fall term), February 28 (winter term), June 30 (summer term)**
  
  The Academic Excellence Fund (AEF) program supports graduate students in advancing their research and scholarly objectives through simple and timely access to funds. Students are able to apply for and access AEF funds before the expenses are incurred. Value: up to $2,000 per academic year for student’s research and scholarly activities.

  Learn more

- **PhD Completion Fund**
  
  **Deadlines: September 30 (fall term), January 31 (winter term), May 31 (summer term)**
  
  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 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**

**FGS Hosts Social for Incoming Grad Students**

**Online, Tuesday, September 6, 12:00–1:30pm**

Are you a new graduate student? If so, we look forward to meeting you at the 2022 Grad Social! This event will be an opportunity for incoming graduate students to meet with our Decanal team and campus partners, to learn about a variety of resources and services available to support your graduate journey. After the main event, we will be hosting individual drop-in sessions where you can learn more and ask questions about graduate wellness & counselling, scholarships & awards, and graduate funding.

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 yorku.ca/gradstudies. Zoom links will be provided prior to the event.
CGS-M and OGS Application Workshops—Master’s (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 yorku.ca/gradstudies.

Learn more

NSERC Scholarships Information Session
Wednesday, September 7, 12:00–1:30pm
NSERC program officers to provide an overview of various NSERC scholarship and fellowship programs as well as tips for developing applications. Indicate your interest here and you will be notified when details are confirmed. This session will be co-hosted by FGS.

Learn more

WebEx link: nsercvideo.webex.com
Webinar number: 2430 089 9094
Webinar password: NSERC2022 (67372202 from phones)

MMXXII
September 7-23, Gales Gallery, 105 Accolade West
Every September, we kick off the York University gallery season with an exhibition by new and returning MFA and PhD graduate students. After a 2-year hiatus, the grad show will take place in Galles Gallery on campus! You’re invited to join us for our opening reception: Tuesday September 13 @ 4:00pm. Check out vaahartspaces.com and our instagram vaahartspaces@yorku for weekly takeovers by grads!

Learn more

York Centre for Asian Research Meet and Greet
Friday, September 16, 2:00–5:00pm
YCAR invites our Associates and current/incoming York University faculty and graduate students interested in Asia/Asian diaspora to YCAR’s annual Meet and Greet. The event will be held in High Park, in Picnic Area #1, which is near to Bloor Street and across from the High Park subway station.

Learn more

Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies Information Session
via Zoom, Friday, September 23, 2:30pm
The Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS) is a one-of-a-kind diploma tailored specifically for York University students conducting their graduate research in Asia and Asian Diasporas. With support from a large number of experts in Asian Studies, the Diploma provides academic and professional exposure to students who can enrich their graduate training and strengthen their credentials in Asian Studies.

Learn more

York Centre for Asian Research Seeking Associates
The York Centre for Asian Research invites scholars with Asian and/or Asian Diaspora research interests to apply to become YCAR Associates. YCAR provides many opportunities for faculty, graduate students, external researchers, and other scholars to get involved.

Learn more

Beyond Graduate School Hosts Career Summit for Master’s Students
via Zoom, September 26–30, 12:00–1:00pm
Beyond Graduate School will be hosting a 2022 Career Summit for Master's Students. The summit is free to attend, and we'll be sharing trainings to help Master's students prepare for their internships, degree completion, and job search. From September 26–30, Master’s students/graduates are invited to join in a series of one-hour webinars designed to teach them how to effectively job search. Each session is held from 12 to 1 p.m. ET via
Understanding and Creating Data Visualizations
Tuesday, September 20, 11:00am–12:00pm
This workshop by the York University Libraries will cover the topics of how to find, read, and cite data visualizations, as well as provide an introduction on how to start creating your own data visualization for academic purposes.

Data Discovery in the Academy
Thursday, September 29, 11:00am–12:00pm
This practical workshop by the York University Libraries will explore advanced strategies for locating and evaluating published data sets for research in the social sciences. A review of how commonly requested social science data sets are produced and licensed will also be provided during the session.

VR for First-Timers
Thursday, September 29, 2:30–4:00pm
Learn the basics of virtual reality technology, and get hands-on experience with Quest headsets in this gentle introduction. Learn how to set up and use a Quest headset, see some examples of content for education and entertainment, and learn how to borrow VR equipment from the Scott Media Creation Lab.

Individualized Development Plan (IDP) Certificate of Completion
The Faculty of Graduate Studies' IDP is a tool to assist graduate students in identifying and developing their goals during their studies. It is designed to provide a framework for encouraging active participation among students in professional skills training and career management over the course of their degrees. Graduate students that elect to complete an IDP this academic year can receive a Certificate of Completion that they may highlight on their resume/CV. Instructions for self-declaration of completion will be communicated to students at the conclusion of the winter term.

Teaching Commons: Online Community and Resources
Join our Teaching Commons Online Community and Resources for access to the latest resources and opportunities, particularly if you are a new TA. Also, check our calendar of events for upcoming courses, orientations, and workshops.

60th Annual CAGS Conference–The Future of Graduate Studies: Toward Local and Global Relevance
Hybrid format, Montreal, November 1–3
The Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS) is excited to announce that it will host its 60th Annual Conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Montréal from 1-3 November 2022. The conference will take place in a hybrid format that will integrate both in-person and virtual components. The title of this year’s conference—The Future of Graduate Studies: Toward Local and Global Relevance—highlights both the opportunities and immense challenges of our times. Now, perhaps more than ever, the world needs wisdom, critical thinking, adaptability, and commitment to the public good in our most highly educated citizens.

Robarts Centre Seeks Associates
Are you a graduate student researching Canada? Become a Research Associate at the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies and join us this fall for the second year of the Robarts Connects Series. Keep checking back for updates. The Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies is a 21st-century research engine for the study of Canada and Canada in the world. We support York faculty, post-docs, graduate students, along with adjunct faculty and visiting fellows in critical, diverse and collaborative research leading to engaged research.
partnerships and projects, publications and intellectual exchange. The Robarts Centre provides leadership, funding, presentation and publication opportunities for graduate students through our Research Clusters and the Northern Studies Training Program.

Learn more

**Masters and PhD Career Counselling, Career Education & Development (CED)**

Connect confidentially with CED’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 for Master’s, PhDs and Post-Docs**

Beyond the Professoriate’s Career Training Platform is an eLearning platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow Master’s, 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.

Learn more

**Important Dates**

- **September 5**
  Labour Day Holiday—University closed.
- **September 7**
  Fall term (FA22) and Fall/Winter (Y22–23) start.
- **September 10**
  Deadline for payment of fees, Fall term [FA22].
- **September 15**
  Deadline for graduate programs to submit summer term grades to the Registrar’s Office.
- **September 22**
  Last date to add a course without permission of instructor for Fall [FA22] and Fall/Winter [Y22–23] term courses.
- **September 30**
  Refund—100% refund date for Fall [FA22] term.

**We Want to Hear from You!**

We want to hear from you! Do you have story ideas, events, or accomplishments you want to share? Get in touch at [Share with FGS](#).

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