Here is your December 2022 guide to all things postdoc at YorkU.

Financial Opportunities

**Space Strategy for Canada NSERC PDF Supplement**  
**Deadline: January 13**  
As part of its commitment to support the development of the next generation of space professionals in Canada, the CSA will offer grant supplements to postdoctoral researchers who have been awarded an NSERC postdoctoral fellowship, and who are involved in a promising research project that is aligned with and that will contribute to the priorities outlined in the Space Strategy for Canada.  

[Learn more](#)

**SSHRC Exchange—Conference Grant**  
**Deadline: February 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](#)
Canadian Science Policy Fellowship (CSPF)

Deadline: February 1, 11:59pm PT
The CSPF is now accepting applications from PhD holders interested in a year-long policy position, starting in September 2023, with a Canadian government host office. Approved fellows receive an annual salary of $70,000 to $80,000 from their host offices, as well as professional development and networking opportunities facilitated by Mitacs.

Learn more

SSHRC Insight Development Grants (IDG)

Deadline: February 2
Insight Development Grants support research in its initial stages. The grants enable the development of new research questions, as well as experimentation with new methods, theoretical approaches and/or ideas. Funding is provided for short-term research development projects of up to two years that are proposed by individuals or teams.

Learn more

Mitacs Elevate PDF

Deadline: February 8
Build your career through this competitive annual fellowship for up to two years. Elevate includes a professional development training program and a postdoctoral fellowship. Enhanced funding is available in specified emerging industry sectors.

Learn more

Important Information

Winter Holiday Break

December 23–January 3
This is a reminder classes are cancelled and the university is closed from Friday, December 23 to Tuesday, January 3, because of the university’s annual winter holiday break.

Learn more

YorkU Holiday Social

Vari Hall (outside), Friday, December 2, 11:30am–2:00pm
The East Quad (green space across from Glendon Hall), Tuesday, December 6, 2:00–4:00pm
President Rhonda Lenton invites all students, staff, faculty members and course instructors to celebrate the end of the Fall term at York University’s Holiday Social. Join us for cookies, cocoa, cider and other holiday festivities as we kick off the holiday season. We will be accepting non-perishable food items for donation to food banks at both Glendon and Keele. Available all week, the York University Bookstore will offer a 25 per cent discount on all branded ceramic mugs which can be purchased in store and at the event.

Keele Learn more
Glendon Learn more

Memorial ceremony for National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

Online, Tuesday, December 6, 11:00am–12:00pm
York University is hosting its annual memorial ceremony on Tuesday, December 6 to honour the 14 women who were murdered on the same date 33 years ago at École Polytechnique in Montreal. This year’s ceremony honours the victims of this national tragedy and supports the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. It also gives us an opportunity to reflect on how violence against women and girls continues to plague our communities and how we can work together to end gender-based violence. This year’s memorial ceremony will be held virtually: Livestream | Event website. We encourage community members to attend these events, along with York’s memorial ceremony. We hope these events will help enable all of us to take action and support those who require our help.

Reminder: The Well-being Strategy Team wants your feedback!

Join engagement sessions to share your feedback and recommendations on student well-being needs to shape York’s future Well-being Strategy. Incentives are available at all in-person and virtual sessions. Your input is extremely valuable to helping our whole community flourish and be well together. For more information
about the engagement sessions, to register, or provide feedback please visit: yorku.ca/well-being/engagement-sessions/staff.

**UWO Seeks Graduate Academic Advisor & EDI Specialist**
The Graduate Academic Advisor & EDI Specialist provides academic advice and support to graduate students, especially those from equity-deserving groups, who are experiencing challenges navigating their programs, and our systems and regulations. The role provides sound and consistent guidance and provides academic advice to graduate students on matters related to academic accommodations and relief, and provides referral and/or connects graduate students to other relevant University services when necessary. Drawing on this student-centred lens and the principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, antiracism and decolonization, the role will advise the SGPS leadership and programs on strategic modifications to all components of graduate education, from recruitment to degree completion. Qualifications: Master's degree in any field or Bachelor's degree with equivalent experience/qualifications. PhD in any field or equivalent qualifications. For full details and to apply, please visit: recruit.uwo.ca and search for Job ID 28501.

**Grad Sports League at YorkU**
Calling all graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members, the graduate sports league meets 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'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.

**In the News**

**Incoming York Postdoctoral Fellow Receives AMS History of Medicine and Healthcare Award**
Congratulations to Efrat Gold for receiving the Post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Associated Medical Services (AMS) History of Medicine and Healthcare Program. Gold is one of five research grant and fellowship award recipients this year, chosen by an expert review panel. These talented scholars will enhance the scope of History of Medicine research in Canada and act as a source of lessons that will positively shape Canadian healthcare.

**Five York PhD students receive Vanier Scholarships**
York University is proud to celebrate five PhD students who were awarded the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship for 2022. This prestigious scholarship, valued at $50,000 per year for up to three years, is presented by the Government of Canada. The award is intended to support first-rate doctoral students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in the fields of social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, engineering and health. The selection criteria include academic excellence, research potential and leadership.

**Events**

**SSHRC Insight Development Grants (IDG) Information Session**
*Wednesday, December 14, 10:00–11:30am (French), 1:00–2:30pm (English)*
The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) will be holding two webinars on the upcoming IDG 2023 competition. The WebEx webinars will outline what is new this year and focus on responding to questions.

*Join the French webinar*
*Join the English webinar*

**Postdoc Drop-in**
*Thursday, December 1, 3:00pm*
The 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.
Enhancing Your Experience

**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 and PhDs**

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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