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

Financial Opportunities

**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.

- **CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowships**  
  **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](#)

- **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.
SSHRC Explore Grant  
**Deadline: October 31**  
To provide support to full time faculty, professional librarians, and current Postdoctoral Fellows for small-scale research projects (value up to $7000).

Innovation York Commercialization Fellowship  
**Deadline: October 31**  
$7,500 Commercialization Fellowship awards are now available to commercialize your research! Open to postgraduate students and post-doctoral fellows across York University. Please direct any inquiries to Anna Han.

Ontario Genomics-CANSSI Ontario Postdoctoral Fellowship in Genome Data Science  
**Deadline: November 1**  
Ontario Genomics (OG) and the Ontario regional node of the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute (CANSSI Ontario) have partnered to establish a joint postdoctoral fellowship to support the work of early-career investigators pursuing research in the area of statistical genetics, environmental genetics, or the economics and impacts of genomic technologies, in a climate-changing world.

Mitacs Globalink Research Award  
**Deadline: November 25, @5:00pm**  
Fields include advanced computing (quantum technologies and artificial intelligence), clean technologies, global health, and an open theme for social and scientific innovation. Senior undergraduate and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows will receive a $6,000 award to conduct a 12–24-week research project abroad.

Important Information

**Thanksgiving Day Holiday**  
Monday, October 10  
This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, October 10, in recognition of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

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.

In the News

Staff in two graduate programs receive President's Staff Awards
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Congratulations to Judith Hawley and Fiona Fernandes who are both among the recipients of this year’s President’s Staff Awards. The annual President’s Staff Recognition Awards celebrate the efforts of staff who have demonstrated extraordinary effort in contributing to the success of York University. Judith, graduate program assistant, Social & Political Thought Program received the President’s Voice of York Award, which is given to an individual who is a first line-of-contact person at York University. Fiona, graduate program assistant, Interdisciplinary Studies Program received the Ronald Kent Medal which recognizes the contributions of employees who promote and strengthen collegiality, values and goals of York.

Learn more

Workshopping AI: Who’s at the Table?

Political Science PhD Candidate Elia Rasky has critically examined a series of Canadian government sponsored workshops on Artificial Intelligence and Society. In 2017, the Canadian federal government launched the “Pan-Canadian Strategy on Artificial Intelligence,” an ambitious plan to make Canada “a global leader in AI.” As part of this plan, the government sought to stimulate discussion about the ethical and societal implications of AI. Hosted by the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), these workshops brought together academics, engineers, and policymakers to discuss the impact of AI on healthcare, education, the modern workplace, Indigenous communities, and other areas. In his peer-reviewed article, Rasky argues the workshops are elite-dominated spaces that systematically exclude laypeople and average consumers of technology.

Learn more

Events

York University Libraries’ “Precious Moments of Vivienne and Neville Poy”

Monday, October 17, 12:00–1:00pm

York University Libraries’ “Precious Moments of Vivienne and Neville Poy” event will take place on Oct. 17 at 2:00 p.m. in Scott Library. Vivienne and Neville Poy will have dialogue with Jack Leong, Associate Dean of Libraries, to share their precious moments that lead to their collaboration of the Precious Moments. The event includes a book donation ceremony and reception. Proceeds from book sales at the event will support the development of distinctive collections at York University Libraries.

Learn more

Beyond the Professoriate Annual Academic Career Success Conference

October 17–21, 12:00–1:00pm daily

All doctoral students and postdocs at York have access to the PhD Career Training Platform. So many doctoral students and postdocs seem to be worried about building meaningful and impactful careers. Through this platform, you have access to curriculum designed by experts to help you confidently job search in academia or beyond. In the platform, you have access to:

- video lessons and workbooks to help you apply for faculty jobs
- structured curriculum to help you explore career options and prepare for a professional career (industry, government, nonprofit)
- live monthly webinars and training where you’ll receive up-to-date information about the job search and receive answers to questions you have
- a unique video library featuring over 150 PhDs who work in a variety of rewarding career fields.

All doctoral students and postdocs are encouraged to login today and set up an account. By doing so, you’ll receive invitations to webinars and special events specifically designed for PhDs, and access on-demand videos lessons and workbooks to help you prepare for your job search. If you have previously logged in, no action is needed.

Learn more

Postdoc Drop-in

Thursday, October 6, 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.

Participate

Organizing Your Zotero Collections

Wednesday, October 12, 12:00–1:30pm

This series of live workshops are designed to take participants beyond the basics of using Zotero to having it
serve as a fully-fledged research partner.

Learn more

**Safeguarding your Research Data: Privacy and Security Tools**
*Thursday, October 13, 2:30–4:00pm*
Grant applications and ethics protocols suggest you need to ensure research data is kept secure, but the “how” of managing this task is rarely addressed. We’ll guide you through common research issues connected with privacy and security: using online or "cloud" services for file storage, ensuring a lost laptop doesn't mean compromised data, taking control of online tracking, and managing and sharing all those passwords.

Learn more

**Reading & Annotating with Zotero**
*Wednesday, October 19, 12:00–1:30pm*
This series of live workshops are designed to take participants beyond the basics of using Zotero to having it serve as a fully-fledged research partner.

Learn more

**Safeguarding Yourself: Online Harassment in Academia**
*Thursday, October 20, 2:30–4:00pm*
We'll guide you through common research issues connected with privacy and security: using online or "cloud" services for file storage, ensuring a lost laptop doesn't mean compromised data, taking control of online tracking, and managing and sharing all those passwords.

Learn more

**Scholarly Publishing and the Visibility of your Research**
*Tuesday, October 25, 11:00am–12:00pm*
This practical workshop will introduce trends in scholarly publishing of particular relevance to graduate students and junior scholars.

Learn more

**Understanding Research Data Management**
*Wednesday, October 26, 11:00am–12:00pm*
This workshop will discuss key themes, challenges, and considerations in research data management (RDM). The session will provide an overview of data management planning considerations and will cover effective practices for data organization, documentation, security, and sharing. Participants will also learn about the information, tools and resources they can use to meet publisher or funding agency requirements around RDM.

Learn more

**Zotero for Collaborative Research Projects**
*Wednesday, October 26, 12:00–1:30pm*
Zotero is a free, open-source tool to manage and track bibliographic citations. This series of live workshops are designed to take participants beyond the basics of using Zotero to having it serve as a fully-fledged research partner.

Learn more

**Reproducible Research Version Control**
*Tuesday, November 15, 9:30am–12:00pm*
Version control is a system that records changes to a file or set of files over time so that you can recall specific versions later. This session will introduce participants to the concept of version control via Git and Github as well as how to use Git in Github.

Learn more

**Enhancing Your Experience**

**Mitacs Training Courses**
Mitacs has an updated course portfolio to respond to modern learning preferences, and better align content with the competencies needed by industry partners and employers. Sessions are offered at no charge to
graduate students and postdoctoral fellows currently registered at a Canadian university and certificates of completion are available for each course bundle.

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.

Learn more

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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