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

**Important Information**

**Winter Holiday Break**  
*Friday, December 23–Tuesday, 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](#)

**You're Invited: 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.
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/students.

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 including mindfulness, gratitude, and self-compassion. The program also focuses on creating opportunity to connect with peers and learn more about wellness supports at York. The program will take place over zoom and run from 1:30–3:30pm on Tuesdays: January 31st, February 7th, February 14th, February 28th & March 7th.

Learn more

Western 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.

Global Internship Info Sessions

Gain a new perspective! Global internship opportunities are now open. Internship placements are arranged at a wide variety of government and non-government organizations, both in Canada and abroad. They offer students a range of experiences from field internships to research and/or administrative placements. Please register in advance for these sessions.

- December 2, 10:00am
- December 8, 3:30 pm
- December 13, 2:00pm

Learn more

Call for Nominations: National Student Paper Competition (NSPC)

Do you know any talented graduate students working on important Canadian policy issues? Consider nominating them for this year’s National Student Paper Competition (NSPC)! Online applications are open from November 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023. The NSPC is an annual competition hosted by the Canada School of Public Service. The competition aims to identify and amplify important policy work coming out of Canadian graduate programs. The initiative gives graduate students the opportunity to connect with senior executives, expand their networks, nurture their leadership skills, and foster employment opportunities with the federal public service.

Learn more
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.

Learn more

Funded Graduate Opportunity
The Master of Science in Management Practice (MScMP) is designed to train professionals to successfully run organizations by focusing on applied research and analysis of business data. The MScMP is a fully funded program designed to serve full-time students and professionals who desire to obtain a graduate degree in management, while continuing full-time employment. For more information visit the MScMP website or email us at mscinfo@yorku.ca.

Graduate Opportunity
The Graduate Diploma in Management (GDM) is designed to complement non-business degrees by providing a solid understanding of the core principles of modern management in business. The GDM provides non-business graduates with most pre-requisites required for the Master of Science in Management Practice (MScMP). The GDM is a full-time program, completed in two terms (8 months) and is open to domestic and international students. The program meets PGWP eligibility, making it particularly attractive to our international students. It is designed to serve full-time students and working professionals who seek to advance their careers, while continuing full-time employment. For more information visit the GDM website or email us at gdminfo@yorku.ca.

In the News

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.

Learn more

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.

Learn more

Zahra Nader Advocates for Positive Change at the UN Security Council Open Debate on Women, Peace and Security
Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) is inspired by Zahra Nader, an exceptional member of our York community who is a driving force for positive change on a global scale. In August 2022, Nadar and a group of women journalists from Afghanistan launched Zan Times, a non-profit newsroom in exile, to report on human rights violations in Afghanistan, mainly focusing on women, the LGBTQ community, and environmental issues.

Learn more

Osgoode grad helps draft proposed Chilean constitution, reflects on her role in history
An Osgoode Hall Law School graduate who was involved in Chile’s historic effort to create a new, progressive constitution said she’s still saddened that voters overwhelmingly rejected the proposal in a referendum in September. “I was optimistic until the very end,” Amaya Alvez, a 2011 Osgoode PhD graduate and a professor
of law at University of Concepción in Concepción, Chile, told a group of Osgoode students during an Oct. 24 talk at the law school.

Learn more

Professor Sue Winton delivered talk on privatization and public education
Sue Winton, associate professor in York University’s Faculty of Education, drew on her book Unequal Benefits: Privatization and Public Education in Canada, (University of Toronto Press), to explain how growing education privatization is undermining public education and democracy during a public talk, Nov. 8.

Learn more

In the media: Land and Language
Celia Haig-Brown, a Professor in the Faculty of Education at York University, wrote a master’s thesis on Kamloops residential schools in the mid-1980’s, the work was published as a book but was ignored. Haig-Brown has returned to the work and recently published "Tsqelmucwilc: The Kamloops Indian Residential School—Resistance and a Reckoning' in light of recent events.

Learn more

The Conversation: Canada identifies international students as 'ideal immigrants' but supports are lacking
Isaac Garcia-Sitton, a Ph.D. student of Education: Language, Culture & Teaching at York University, writes about the federal government identifying international students as a key source of talent for the growth and sustenance of the Canadian economy, and to address the skilled labour shortages.

Learn more

Winds of change focus on improved automobile design
On-road wind and turbulence is a ongoing concern for engineers designing new vehicles. As part of a partnership with the Aiolos Engineering Corporation and BMW, one York University engineering professor and his research team are building a new system to produce realistic turbulent flows around vehicles, the first of its kind. Professor Ronald Hanson, from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Lassonde School of Engineering, has partnered with Aiolos Engineering Corporation to develop methods for simulating on-road wind and turbulence conditions in an automotive wind tunnel.

Learn more

Change the system, not the students: Sociologist on Black lives in Canadian education
Professor Carl E. James is the winner of the prestigious 2022 Killam Prize for Social Science. The sociologist has studied Canada's schools and universities for 40 years. He argues there is much to learn about how racialized students can succeed in education.

Learn more

Newly graduated GFWS PhD student wins prestigious book prize
Harshita Yalamarty has been awarded the University of Illinois Press and the National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) prize for the best dissertation or first book manuscript by a single author in the field of women's and gender studies. Prizes are considered from among nonfiction manuscripts that exemplify cutting-edge intersectional feminist scholarship, whether the area of focus is historical or contemporary.

Learn more

Financial Opportunities

External Opportunities

- Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s (CGS-M) Tri-council (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC)
  Deadline: December 1
  Value: $17,500 for one year.
- Autism Scholars Awards (2023–24)
  Deadline: December 1
Autism Scholars Awards are given to graduate students whose research topic focus is related to autism. 
Value: Master’s Awards - $18,000; Doctoral Awards - $20,000.

Learn more

- **Ontario Women’s Health Scholars Awards (2023–24)**
  **Deadline:** December 1
  Applications are open to graduate students whose research focuses on women’s health which will contribute to improved health for women, more effective health services and products for women, and a strengthened health care system. Value: Master’s Awards—$25,000 plus $1,000 research allowance; Doctoral Awards—$35,000 plus $2,000 research allowance.

Learn more

- **Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation Scholarship**
  **Deadline:** December 2 @ 5:00pm EST
  The three-year program is open to outstanding doctoral candidates in social sciences and humanities disciplines. Scholars will receive leadership training to develop skills to translate their ideas into action, for the betterment of their communities, Canada, and the world. Value: Up to $40,000 per year for three years.

Learn more

- **Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarships**
  **Deadline:** February 1, 2023
  The Mackenzie King Scholarships are available to graduates of Canadian universities and support graduate studies: the Open Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship. The Open Scholarship is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in any discipline, in Canada or elsewhere. The Travelling Scholarship is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom in the areas of international relations or industrial relations. York University can nominate 2 applications for the Open Scholarship and 2 for the Travelling Scholarship. Value (approximate; exact values are not yet confirmed for the current academic year): Open—$12,000, Travelling—$13,500.

Learn more

- **IDRC Research Awards**
  **Deadline:** February 1, 18:59
  The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is offering student research awards related to the following development areas or themes: Climate-Resilient Food Systems, Democratic and Inclusive Governance, Education and Science, Ethics in Development Research, Global Health, Policy and Evaluation, and Sustainable Inclusive Economies. All awards will be based in Ottawa except for the Global Health award that will be based in Nairobi. Value: $42,033 to $48,659 (CAD). Duration: 12 months (May 1, 2023 to April 26, 2024).

Learn more

- **Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowships**
  **Deadline:** February 1
  The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) has released a postdoctoral fellowship for promising early career researchers. Through this fellowship, they will be able to conduct research in Japanese universities and in designated research institutions and laboratories. NSERC is responsible for recommending Canadian nominees for the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships.

Learn more

- **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

- **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).

Special Response Fund for Trainees (Ukraine)—for CIHR 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](#)

- **Abella Scholarship in Equity Studies**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  The Abella Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student whose research addresses issues related to equality. Value: $5,000.

  [Learn more](#)

- **Ambassador Gary J. Smith Award**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  The Ambassador Gary Smith award is given to Master’s or Doctoral students whose area of specialization includes an international focus, preferably relative to Canadian Foreign Policy. Value: One award up to $3,000 *(Subject to change).*

  [Learn more](#)

- **Anne Simone Graduate Student International Conference Award**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  The Anne Simone Graduate Student International Conference Award will be given annually to one student enrolled full time in a graduate program in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies who is attending an international conference to present his/her research. Value: One award of $1,000 *(Subject to change).*

  [Learn more](#)

- **CCCJ John Lockwood Memorial Award**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  The award is given to students whose research is related to cultural diversity or cross-cultural understanding in Canada. Value: Up to one award of $3,750 *(Subject to change).*

  [Learn more](#)

- **Jaclyn and Michelle Marcus Award**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  The Jaclyn and Michelle Marcus Award will be given to students who demonstrate volunteerism through charitable work at York University or in the broader community. Value: One award up to $1250 *(Subject to change).*

  [Learn more](#)

- **Penelope Jane Glasser Graduate Scholarship**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  This scholarship assists York students returning to university from a work or family career who are pursuing a graduate degree in interdisciplinary studies or in interdisciplinary fields such as, education, social work or women's studies. Value: Up to 3 awards of $6,100 each *(Subject to change).*

  [Learn more](#)

- **Varpu Lindstrom Graduate Award**
  *Deadline: December 6*
  The Award is open to students in the Graduate Program in History or the Graduate Program in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies, who engage in research in the history of women, or immigration history. Value: $3,100.

  [Learn more](#)

- **The Victor Hedges Graduate Scholarship**
  *Deadline: January 16*
  The Victor Hedges Graduate Scholarship will be awarded to graduate students who demonstrate
academic excellence and are pursuing studies and research in British and/or Irish history, literature and culture. Value: Up to $12,500.

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

Reimagining South Asian Dance
Saturday, December 3, 5:00–7:00p, Morrison Hall, 75 St. George Street
Reimagining South Asian Dance, a performance salon with Arpita Bajpeyi (Dance PhD student) and York alumni Meera Kanageswaran (University of Toronto) that includes choreographies and works-in-progress that explore how we can make South Asian 'classical' dances more inclusive.

Learn more

Enhancing your Experience

Teaching Commons: Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium
The Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium is an annual conference for graduate students by graduate students. Register your interest for the Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium and let us know your preferences for participating to help us plan the event. Register your interest for the course "How do you know teaching happens?" which is part of the Teaching Assistant Certificate in Teaching.

Learn more

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

Calling All Environmental Researchers
The Robarts Centre Environmental Research Group is one of the research clusters of the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies. This group brings together graduate students and faculty at York University studying aspects of the Canadian environment from a broad range of disciplinary perspectives including sciences, social sciences, humanities, fine arts, health, and engineering. We strive to provide a forum for researchers to share findings and explore key issues in environmental research. Email us to learn more: robarts@yorku.ca.

Learn more

Masters and PhD Career Counselling, Career Education & Development
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 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.

Learn more

Important Dates

December 6
Fall term [FA22] classes end.

December 7
Fall Study Day (no classes; University open).

December 8–23
Fall [FA22] Examinations. Check with your Course Director.

December 9
Last day to hold Master’s/Doctoral defence exams in the Fall [FA22] term (for Fall term completion). Exams held after this date will be coded for Winter term [WI23].

December 15
Students who did not register for Fall term [FA22] will be withdrawn from the program for failure to maintain continuous registration unless a Leave of Absence was approved.

December 20
Deadline to upload Electronic Thesis and Dissertation for Fall term [FA22] completion.
Deadline to register for Winter term [WI23].

December 21
$200 Late registration fee for Winter term [W23] will be applied.

December 23
Winter Break—University closed (December 23–January 3).

December 31
Deadline to submit Academic Petition (e.g. leave of absence, change to part-time/full-time status, extension of program time limits, reinstatement) for Winter [WI23] term.

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