Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2022 Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowships

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

Important Information

A Note for Students on Petitions Timing
Status-change petitions (leaves, extensions, reinstatements) should be submitted through the petitions portal 6 weeks prior to the term in which a change is to take place. For Winter term, that is November 15. If a petition is submitted after this point it will still be processed, but its intended effects, including financial outcomes, cannot be guaranteed.

Learn more

YUGSA Health & Dental Plan
Opt-in/ Opt-out and Dependent Opt-in: Fall registered students can opt-in or opt-out from the YUGSA Health Plan on our website until Oct. 31. Full-time students need not opt in as they will be automatically enrolled.

Out of Canada students: Students who are not present in Canada are required to opt out from the website by Oct. 31. They must contact the health plan office within 30 days of their arrival to enroll in the plan upon their return.
Claims from prior policy year: The deadline to submit claims from the previous policy year is Nov. 30. For any health plan-related queries, please email health@yugsa.ca.

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.

Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion offers Fall/Winter 2022–23 Workshops
The Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion is launching a new set of REDDI series workshops, all delivered on zoom. The Core series “Addressing Discrimination Today” covers promoting human rights and inclusion, interrupting bias, building solidarity, and foundational skill building in equity-related topics. A new set of mini-series workshops focuses on sex and gender discrimination, anti-racism, challenging ableism, and addressing religious and creed-related injustices. To learn more, go to REDI Workshop Series—Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion (yorku.ca) or to sign up for the first session on impacts and effects of microaggressions (September 22nd; 11am), go to YULearn.

Biophilia: Artist and Archive—Nuit Blanche
As part of the broader Streams~ event at Nuit Blanche Toronto 2022, and in collaboration with the Archives of Ontario and the AGYU, Archive/Counter-Archive organized six media art installations across the Keele campus involving many AMPD graduate students, faculty, and alumni. Alongside this, A/CA launched CineMobilia, a new mobile infrastructure dedicated to digitizing archival moving image material.

Alumni Engagement Seeks Student Alumni Ambassadors
Each summer, the Office of Alumni Engagement invites a number of highly involved students who excel academically and enrich the student community via extracurriculars to join the Student Alumni Ambassador Program. The program is designed to provide students with an ongoing leadership level volunteer opportunity that connects them to members of the York University Alumni community. The goal of the program is to provide the Ambassadors with opportunities to grow their own networks, connect with high profile alumni and gain skills and relationships that will support their career growth, all while helping the Alumni team expand the impact of our young alumni programming. Email Brodie Barrick <bbarrick@yorku.ca> if you have questions or to express interest.

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.

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

Announcing the 2022 Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars
York University has announced Sylvester Aboagye, Landing Badji, Leora Gansworth and Graeme Reed as this year’s recipients of the Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars. This important initiative supports up to four scholars annually in any field of study and provides the successful applicants with a salary of $70,000 annually for a two-year term. The program’s aim is to address the under-representation of Black and Indigenous scholars in many disciplines and fields of research and associated careers.

Learn more

Our community mourns the passing of Associate Professor Marie-Christine Leps (1953–2022)
The York University community is mourning the loss of Marie-Christine Leps, who passed away on Monday, October 17th 2022. She commenced teaching in York’s Department of English in 1987 and devoted her career to the university, where she was an Associate Professor.

Learn more

Professional Skill Development with FGS
Graduate students and recent grads can be proactive about their future and become competitive on the job market by professionalizing their degree with the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS). Career support services are available to help members of the graduate community develop professional skills that supplement the academic work done in their graduate program. The Graduate & Postdoctoral Professional Skills (GPPS) platform is the first point of contact for grad students who are seeking professional development resources. This convenient tool is available 24/7 and hosts a multitude of sources across campus that help students grow and meet their career plans and goals.

Learn more

Graduate student sports league makes it easy to stay active, build communities
More than 40 graduate students and faculty members met on the fields near Tait Mackenzie on Sept. 16 for the inaugural event of the Grad Sports League. Four teams battled for the top spot in a round-robin ultimate Frisbee tournament. This was the first of many matches to come, all housed at York University. The Grad Sports League will meet once a month with teams challenging one another in round-robin style tournaments, rotating through different sports. All graduate students, postdoctoral Fellows and faculty are welcome to participate.

Learn more

Discover Why Translation Matters!
Do you have an undergraduate degree in translation, comparative literature, or linguistics? Do you have advanced writing skills in a language other than English? Have you ever wondered about the role translation plays in almost every aspect of communication and the movement of knowledge across cultures? The Master in Translation Studies (MATS) at York University’s Glendon campus gives you an opportunity to explore translation as a meaningful social, political and cultural activity.

Learn more

Virtual book launch features scholarship of Professor Emeritus Kenneth McRoberts
The Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies recently hosted a virtual book launch to celebrate the work of Professor Emeritus of political science, former Glendon principal and former Robarts Centre director, Kenneth McRoberts. The launch featured a panel, which brought together an international cohort of leading thinkers to reflect on McRoberts' scholarship.

Learn more
**Winds of change focus on improved automobile design**

On-road wind and turbulence is an 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](#)

**In the media: Project helps breathe new life into stories of Greenwood's forgotten dead**

Naomi Norquay, a senior scholar at York University, and Rachel Lobo of the University of Toronto set out to work on uncovering the narratives of the people buried at the Greenwood Cemetery's indigent plot in 2020 before the pandemic.

[Learn more](#)

**Education PhD Candidate helps shape conversation on homelessness**

The Conversation: Who is ‘the public?’ The answer shapes how we address homelessness. Affordability and homelessness are hot topics in municipal politics these days. But ironically, unhoused citizens are left out of the civic debate that most impacts their lives.

[Learn more](#)

**In the media: York University Markham Campus exhibits Indigenous artworks in recognition of the site’s Indigenous heritage**

In recognition of the site’s Indigenous heritage, York University unveiled Indigenous art exhibits on the construction hoarding for the York University Markham Campus on Sept. 28, writes Education PhD Candidate Marissa Magneson.

[Learn more](#)

**The ABCs Of Community Arts**

Go behind the scenes on the mid-pandemic production of the ABCs of Anxiety—a tragicomic cartoon created by the ‘York U Group of 12.’ Interdisciplinary Studies Master's student Brian G. Smith unveiled the 15-minute comedy documentary in a world premier at the Chatham-Kent International Film Festival. Creation of the documentary, which forms the centre of Smith's Master's thesis about creating community through comedy projects, saw the involvement of 12 York grad students across 5 faculties. The production was fueled in part by a grant from the Graduate Student Wellness Initiative Fund.

[Learn more](#)

**Financial Opportunities**

**External Opportunities**

- **Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC)**  
  **Deadline:** November 20  
  The SWAAC is awarded annually to women graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records. Value: $4,000.  
  [Learn more](#)

- **Tri-council (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC Doctoral and CGS-Masters) Application Deadline**  
  **Deadline:** December 1  
  Value: $17,500 for one year.  
  - [Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master’s (CGSM)](#)

- **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.
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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.
- **Research Cost Fund**  
  *Deadlines: November 10 (fall term), March 10 (winter term)*  
  The Research Cost Fund assists with the costs directly connected to research undertaken by registered full-time York graduate students who are, or have been, members of CUPE 3903 within their current program of study. Value: $1,600 per degree.

- **Kent Haworth Archival Research Fellowship**  
  *Deadline: November 20 (Applications are accepted on a rolling basis subject to available funds)*  
  The fellowship is available to full-time doctoral students who are at the dissertation stage of his/her program and who wish to make use of the holdings of the Archives of York University in aid of his/her research. Value: $1,365.

- **Kostas Tsotsos Graduate Award**  
  *Deadline: November 20*  
  The Kostas Tsotsos Graduate Award will provide support for masters and doctoral students whose research is related to Greek History, Hellenic Studies, History, Law, Mathematics, or Science. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be Ontario residents, and demonstrate financial need. Value: $2,000.

- **Wilhelm Cohnstaedt Social Justice Award**  
  *Deadline: November 20*  
  The Wilhelm Cohnstaedt Social Justice Award will support a graduate student in the School of Arts, Media, Performance and Design or the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies whose research focuses on the principles of social justice and issues of human rights, equality, equity and inclusion. Value: $2,500.

- **YURA Graduate Student Award**  
  *Deadline: November 20*  
  The York University Retirees' Association Graduate Award will be awarded to full-time Master's students who demonstrate financial need and either a strong commitment to volunteerism in the community. In the 2022-23 academic year, the YURA award is open to full-time students in AMPD, LA&PS, Glendon and Education. Value: $1,500.

- **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.

- **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*).  

- **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*).  

- **David Hunter Jorgensen Memorial Award**  
  *Deadline: December 6*  
  The David Hunter Jorgensen Memorial Award is awarded to a graduate student with a physical disability. Value: One award of up to $5,000 (*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

- **Zdenka Volavka Research Fellowship**
  
  *Deadline: December 6*

  The goal of the Zdenka Volavka Research Fellowship is to stimulate and support the study of the art history of the indigenous peoples of Africa and North America through fieldwork and to provide opportunities for comparative study through field activities and related collections research. Value: Up to 3 awards of $6,000 each (*Subject to change*).

  Learn more

**Innovation York Commercialization Fellowship**

*Deadline: Monday, 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.

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**

**Tri-Council CGS-M and OGS Application Workshops—Master’s**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is offering workshops to students on scholarship proposal writing on the following dates. To register, please visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies website. Zoom links will be provided prior to the event.

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 (CGS-M) (award deadline: December 1).

- Thursday, October 27, 10:00–11:30am

**Designing a Meaningful Career for Masters and PhD Students Webinar**

*via Zoom, Wednesday, November 2, 10:00–11:00am*

Facilitated by Career Education & Development. Join this webinar to learn how to develop a holistic approach to
your career exploration and career wellness planning as a graduate student. You will also be introduced to
York's Career Decision Making Model, online resources, and the range of hybrid supports Career Education &
Development provides to help you create a meaningful future. Registration Required Experience York.

Learn more

York International Hosts Global Learning Fair

Vari Hall, Wednesday, November 2, 9:00am–3:00pm
Our annual Global Learning Fair(s)—is a great opportunity for your students to discover the global learning
programs - exchange, summer, internships, faculty-led -that are available to them for the upcoming year, as well
as the scholarships available to support their travel. We will host three (3) events to increase the accessibility
for both students and our global partners.

- November 2, Vari Hall, 9:00am–3:00pm
- November 8, virtual, 8:00am–10:00am—registration required
- November 10, virtual, 7:00–9:00pm—registration required

Learn more

Data Cleaning and OpenRefine for Social Scientists

Wednesday, November 2, 1:00–4:00pm
An important part of the data workflow is preparing data for analysis. OpenRefine is a powerful free and open
source tool for working with messy data: cleaning it and transforming its formats.

Learn more

Zotero Pro Tips

Wednesday, November 2, 2:30–4:00pm
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

Creating Digital Exhibits with CollectionBuilder

Thursday, November 3, 1:30–4:00pm
An effective online exhibit of your research doesn't require advanced coding skills, expensive software, or a web
hosting provider. In this workshop you'll learn how to build a searchable, tagged exhibit of digital media that can
include timelines and maps, and can be hosted on free sites like GitHub Pages.

Learn more

Writing Workshop Series for Graduate Students

continues Thursday, November 3, 2:00pm & Friday, November 11, 11:00am
Facilitated by Dr. Hallie Wells and Dr. Karina Vasilevska-Das, these workshops are designed to help you
develop and refine a writing practice and gain concrete techniques to embolden your writing. In these sessions
you will learn creative strategies for all stages of the writing process, from outlines to final edits. Participants are
welcome to attend all sessions or to choose certain sessions.

Learn more

How to Write a Thesis Proposal

Tuesday, November 8, 11:00am–12:30pm
Finding your own voice as a new scholar is one of the biggest challenges you will face as a graduate student.
Writing a solid research proposal can be a critical step on that journey. Led by Scott McLaren, PhD, from York
Libraries, this session will focus on elements that make up a good proposal with particular emphasis on the
central role played by the literature review.

Learn more

Enhancing your Experience

Teaching Commons: "How Do You Know Teaching Happens?"

Check our calendar of events for new workshops that count toward the Record of Completion Certificates.
Register your interest for the course "How do you know teaching happens?", which is part of the Teaching
Assistant Certificate in Teaching.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Important Dates

**November 1**
Deadline for Students to submit Research Proposals for Ethics to program office for approval to commence in January 2023.

**November 4**
Deadline for submission of Ethics Proposals requiring ORE approval for MRP Research using human subjects to the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

**November 8**
Deadline for Graduate Programs to submit Research Proposals for Ethics to FGS for approval to commence in January 2023.

**November 12**
Deadline to drop course(s) without receiving a grade (via manual form), Fall [FA22] term. Courses dropped after this date, and within the term, will be reflected with a W grade.

November 15
Deadline for the Faculty of Graduate Studies to receive recommendations for Oral examination from Graduate Programs for **Doctoral students** expected to fulfill all degree requirements for February 2023 convocation.

November 22
Deadline for the Faculty of Graduate Studies to receive recommendations for Oral examination from Graduate Programs for **Master's students** expected to fulfill all degree requirements for February 2023 convocation.

**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](mailto:Share with FGS).

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