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

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.

Learn more

York University Faculty of Graduate Studies: Incoming Class of 2022
We have a private group for Incoming Class of 2022 students via Facebook. This group is administered by the communications team in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In this group, you will be able to ask questions about York, your graduate program, and next steps including academic inquiries, financial aid, residence, student life and more. Upon requesting to join, we ask you to answer a few short questions which will help us verify your current status at York. Please note: if we are unable to identify you due to lack of response to questions, you will be unable to join the group. Should you have any questions, please email us at fgsnews@yorku.ca.

YUGSA Health Plan Opt-in/Opt-out Deadline
Deadline: Monday October 31
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. Changes to the coverage: There has been a significant change in the YUGSA health plan coverage for the policy year 2022-23. A summary is available at yugsa.ca/health-plan. Please contact the Health Plan Coordinator for any questions at health@yugsa.ca.

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.

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.

Learn more

YSpace Venture Catalyst! seeking early-stage tech founders
Deadline: Sunday October 2
The Venture Catalyst program is a free 6-week training and mentorship program that supports early-stage tech entrepreneurs in testing their start-up ideas and bringing a proof-of-concept to life. Program participants gain access to interactive online workshops, expert mentorship, peer support, and start-up resources to transform their ideas into a successful business. Full details on Venture Catalyst can be found on our website.

Learn more

Two Grad Diploma in Management courses available to all grad students
The Graduate Diploma in Management has made two of its courses available to all graduate students:

- Canadian Admin Law and Public Sector Ethics 1.5Cr. Wed 6 to 9 pm: Oct 26 to Nov 30, 2022.
- Fundamentals of Public Sector Management 1.5Cr. Wed 6 to 9 pm: Jan 11 to Feb 15, 2023.

No additional fees will be incurred as grad fees are charged per term not per course. Courses will be delivered at IBM Canada headquarters. Contact gdminfo@yorku.ca for enrolment information.

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 (roberts@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
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.

In the News

Staff in two graduate programs receive President's Staff Awards
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.

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.

More than 25 AMPD community members dazzle at TIFF
More than 25 AMPD community members are premiering pieces at the 2022 Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). From Lina Rodriguez’s (MFA’ 20) sensitive and subtle return to the screen to Antoine Bourges’ (MFA’ 18) portrait of Toronto’s Thorncliffe Park immigrant community, AMPD alumni, students and faculty members are telling diverse and empowering stories on the main stage.

Grad student wins prize for original research on Canadian public administration
Jennifer Holmes Weier, who completed her Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law degree in August 2022, won first place at the National Student and Thought Leadership Awards which recognizes excellence in research. The award was presented jointly by the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration and the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

Financial Opportunities

External Opportunities
- 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.

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

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

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
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

Fall 2022 Virtual Sessions

Online, via Zoom, October 11–14
The Faculty of Graduate Studies is hosting a number of informative sessions with broad interest and appeal as part of Experience Grad York–Fall 2022.

- RSVP for Grad Studies Alumni Panel: How grad school fueled my career
  Thursday, October 13, 12:00pm
  Hosted by Dean & AVP, Thomas Loebel. Join us to hear from our alumni who’ve experienced grad school and how it helped them launch their careers. Alumni will share their candid experiences as grad students, why they decided to enroll in their program, what they wished they knew before beginning their studies, and tips on graduate school at York University.

  Register

- Q&A Session: Graduate Student Research Panel
  Tuesday, October 11, 3:00pm
  Hosted by FGS. Join us to learn more about exciting research being conducted by current York University graduate scholars!

  Register

- Career Planning for Graduate Students
  Tuesday, October 11, 2:00pm
  Join us to learn about York University's Career Decision Making Model, and how it can help you develop a holistic approach to your career transition planning. You will also discover the range of hybrid supports and resources offered by York’s Career Education & Development (CED).

  Register

- Panel & Discussion with Black Graduate Scholars at York
  Wednesday, October 12, 3:00pm
  Hosted by FGS. Join us to learn from some current Black graduate students at York; hear about their student experience, their academic experience, their research, and more!

  Register

Libraries’ Media Creation Lab Open House

Tuesday, October 4, 1:00–4:00pm
York University Libraries’ Media Creation Lab invites all members of the university community to a Launch and Open House on Oct. 4, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Scott Library atrium. The event will be highlighted by four interactive stations where attendees will have the opportunity for hands-on access to audio and video recording equipment and virtual headsets, guided by MCL staff.

Learn more

Writing Workshop Series for Graduate Students

Thursday, October 6, 2:00–4:00pm
Facilitated by Dr. Hallie Wells and Dr. Karina Vasiļeva-McKee, 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. The format of the sessions is interactive and collaborative, as we allocate time for trying out specific exercises as well as for discussion and sharing with other participants.

Learn more

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

York University Libraries Presents “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, 2:00pm 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

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

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. Zoom links will be provided prior to the event.

- Session #1: Thursday, October 20, 2022, 10:00–11:30am
- Session #2: Thursday, October 27, 2022, 10:00–11:30am

Learn more

"Artist in Residence" Exhibition by Noa Yaari: Opening Reception
Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies, 7th floor Kaneff Tower, Thursday, October 20, 4:00pm
"Artist in Residence" is an art project Dr. Noa Yaari created at home for the Centre for Jewish Studies when the campus was closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a series of twenty colourful paintings telling a personal and communal story about fear, faith, isolation, and love. At the opening reception, we will be celebrating this project and the contribution of the arts to our community and to the social and intellectual life on campus. To RSVP, please email cjs@yorku.ca and confirm your attendance in the subject line.

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

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

Enhancing your Experience
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

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.

Learn more

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 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

October 6
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor for Fall [FA22] term courses (via Course Transaction Form).

October 8–14
Fall Reading Week (no classes, University open).

October 10
Thanksgiving Day (University closed).
October 14–6

Fall 2022 Convocation.

October 15

Refund—80% refund date for Fall [FA22] term.

Administrative Deadline—All summer [SU21] term courses with blank and incomplete grades converted to F grade unless an approved course extension has been granted.

October 20

Online registration for Fall [FA22] term ends. Manual Registration Form required after this date.

Online course withdrawal ends. Course Transaction form required after this date.

Last date to add a course with permission of instructor for Fall/Winter [Y22-23] courses (via Course Transaction Form).

October 31

Refund—40% refund date for Fall [FA22] term.

Deadline for reassessment at the domestic tuition rate for the current Fall/Winter session. For international students requesting a status change.

TBA

Deadline to apply to graduate in February 2021.

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