Here is your February 2023 guide to all things postdoc at YorkU.

Financial Opportunities

**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*
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

Mustard Postdoctoral Award Applications Now Being Accepted
Deadline: March 24
The Institute for Work & Health is now accepting applications for its Mustard Postdoctoral Research Award in Work and Health. The award supports the development of outstanding new researchers in the field of work and health congruent with the mission of the Institute. It aims specifically to build capacity for innovative multidisciplinary research concerning the relationships between work environments and worker health. The award is valued at $55,000 per year and may be awarded for up to two years (i.e., one year with the possibility of a one-year renewal). Only one award will be awarded.

Learn more

Important Information

Join us for the 92nd Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences hosted by York (May 27–June 2)
York University and the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences are thrilled to welcome back members returning and new for the first in-person Congress in three years. In 2023, 67 associations and up to 8,000 scholars, graduate students, and practitioners in the humanities and social sciences will come together and share their research. The conference will support equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization (EDID) under the theme Reckonings & Re-Imaginings and, building on two previous virtual Congresses, feature virtual components to accommodate participants joining remotely.

Learn more

Family Day Holiday—University closed
Monday, February 20
This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, February 20 in recognition of the Family Day holiday.

Learn more

Why Black History Month Matters
As we honour and celebrate Black History Month, there is importance in continuing the conversation around Black history, cultural and lived experiences. We invite you to watch Why Black History (Month) Matters on our YouTube channel. Speakers included: Michele A. Johnson (Associate Dean Students & Professor, Faculty of LA&PS), Emmanuel Frimpong (Scholar in Political Science), Océane Nyela (Scholar in Communication & Culture), and Rossini Sandjong (Scholar in Public and International Affair).

Learn more

Black Graduate Student Panel Discussion
As part of our Experience Grad York's event, FGS held a Black Graduate Student Panel Discussion to understand the experiences of current Black scholars coming to York and going to grad school. There was much momentum around such a panel, as we garnered several questions in advance. We invite you to watch this panel discussion on our YouTube channel.

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 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

Chemists at York University create more sensitive rapid antigen test
New research by a team at York University addresses limitations of current rapid antigen tests, reducing the potential for false-negative results.

Brain ‘prototypes’ help us navigate new environments, study shows
A new review paper that examines how the brain forms lasting memories of spatial environments, and how those representations change with our experience in those environments, brings forth a novel theory on how spatial schemas and cognitive maps are formed and used.

Events

Safeguarding Your Research Data
Online, Tuesday, January 31, 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. Kris Joseph, Digital Scholarship Librarian, will guide you through common research issues connected with privacy and security. This is an online event. Event URL will be sent via registration email.

CIHR Research Excellence, Diversity, and Independence (REDI) Early Career Transition Award Information Sessions
The CIHR REDI Early Career Transition Award is available to post-doctoral researchers, clinicians, and research associates from specific underrepresented groups to help them launch their research faculty careers in Canada. This transition award has two phases across a maximum of 6 years to increase independence and support the transition of successful applicants to independent research careers.

- February 1, 12:00–1:30pm ET (English) | Register
- February 2, 12:00–1:30pm ET (French) | Register

MobilizeYU Knowledge Mobilization Course
Online, Thursdays, February 9–March 30, 1:30–3:00pm
Offered by the Knowledge Mobilization Unit at York, participants will learn about knowledge mobilization planning, effective ways to share academic research with society and how to measure and communicate the impacts of their research.

On-Campus Academic Job Interviews
Online, Wednesday, February 1, 12:00–12:30pm
It's the time of year in the academic job market cycle when on-campus interviews are taking place. Maybe you're waiting to hear back after having completed some screening interviews. Or maybe you've already booked your on-campus interview dates, and you're wondering what to expect. Join the Beyond the Professoriate team to learn how best to approach an on-campus interview and how to effectively pitch yourself as the candidate for the role. This virtual workshop is uniquely designed for doctoral students, PhDs, and postdocs from all academic disciplines who are wondering:

- What do I need to prepare for my on-campus interview?
- How can I request information from an institution to prepare properly?
- What kinds of questions will the hiring committee ask me?
- How can I adapt to unexpected situations that might arise in an interview?
This webinar is sponsored by the Global Higher Education division of ETS®.

Learn more

**How to Market Your PhD**

*Online, Tuesday, January 31, 2:30–4:00pm*

As a grad student or postdoc, you might be wondering what you can do with your PhD. Where can you apply your skills and experience outside of academia in a meaningful and rewarding way? And how can you communicate your value to potential employers? Join the Beyond the Professoriate team to learn how to identify your most marketable skills, and communicate those skills to employers in industry. This virtual workshop is uniquely designed for doctoral students, PhDs, and postdocs from all academic disciplines who are wondering:

- How do I find a nonacademic career path where I can use my skills and experience?
- What skills do I have that employers are looking for in job candidates?
- How do I articulate the value that I bring to industry positions?

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**Enhancing the Visibility of Your Research: STEM**

*Online, Tuesday, February 28, 11:00am–12:00pm*

This practical online workshop will introduce trends in scholarly publishing of particular relevance to graduate students and junior scholars in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. Techniques to increase the discoverability of scholarship on the web via researcher identifiers, self-archiving, and open access publishing will also be covered during the session.

Learn more

**Postdoc Drop-in**

*Thursdays, February 9 & 23, 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

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**Enhancing your Experience**

**Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion offers Winter 2023 Workshops**

The Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion is launching a new set of REDDI series workshops, all delivered on Zoom.

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**

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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