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

Financial Opportunities

**Space Strategy for Canada NSERC PDF Supplement**

*Deadline: January 13*

As part of its commitment to support the development of the next generation of space professionals in Canada, the CSA will offer grant supplements to postdoctoral researchers who have been awarded an NSERC postdoctoral fellowship, and who are involved in a promising research project that is aligned with and that will contribute to the priorities outlined in the Space Strategy for Canada.

[Learn more](#)

**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

Important Information

Coming this month: Knowledge Now 2023!
Ever wondered what graduate research at York University looks like? FGS presents Knowledge Now, a digital project showcasing some of our graduate scholars and their research. From video-recorded interviews, panel discussions on pressing social issues to stories highlighting our current researchers, Knowledge Now presents a collection of new ideas and technologies in development and possibilities for a better future!

Learn more

Coping with Stress in Post Secondary Education (Bell Let’s Talk 2023)
Online: Wednesday, January 25, 12:00pm
In partnership with Bell Let's Talk Day, join FGS as we discuss coping with stress in post secondary education. This virtual webinar is free and open to ALL students, staff, faculty and alumni of York University. The session will allow participants to share barriers to wellness while in PSE and also share what helps. Facilitator(s) will present some skills/suggestions, but the core of the session will be more centred around “wisdom harvesting” from one another, hopefully tying into the theme also around connection.

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.

Learn more

In the News

Reflecting on 2022: Important initiatives taking flight at FGS
York developed its latest University Academic Plan (UAP) in 2020, which included a university-wide challenge to contribute to the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs act as a framework to take urgent action in 17 areas that are critical to ensure peace and prosperity for people and the planet. York’s SDG challenge has enabled faculty, staff and students to think outside the box and create meaningful change in the community.

Learn more

Professor Sapna Sharma Receives Postdoctoral Supervisor Award from the Faculty of Graduate Studies
Congratulations to Sapna Sharma, Associate Professor in the Department of Biology, for receiving the 2022 Supervisor of the Year Award. The celebration took place Thursday, December 1 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) Council meeting. FGS bestows the award annually on an individual who has demonstrated outstanding support for postdoctoral scholars at York University, exceeding general supervisory expectations.

Learn more

Eyal Assaf joins the World Building Fellowship offered by Epic Games

Congratulations to Eyal Assaf, PhD Candidate in Digital Media, on his acceptance to the World Building Fellowship program offered by Epic Games, makers of the Unreal game engine. Epic Games launched their Fellowship program in 2021, with an emphasis on the integration of the Unreal engine into virtual production and visual effects for narrative-based film and broadcast.

Learn more

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.

Learn more

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

Learn more

Postdoc Drop-in

Thursdays, January 12 & 26, 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

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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