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

Financial Opportunities

**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](#)

**SSHRC Explore Grant**

*Deadline: March 31*

The SSHRC Explore Grant provides support to full time faculty, professional librarians, and current Postdoctoral Fellows for small-scale research projects.

[Learn more](#)

**SSHRC Explore—KMb Grant**

*Deadline: March 31*

The SSHRC Explore—KMb Grant provides support to full time faculty, professional librarians, and current Postdoctoral Fellows for small-scale knowledge mobilization activities such as stakeholder consultations, policy briefs, publication subventions, workshops, etc.

[Learn more](#)
CIHR Research Excellence, Diversity, and Independence (REDI) Early Career Transition Award

Deadline: May 5

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 program addresses the impact of racism and gender inequality on early career researchers. It uses an intersectional framework for race and gender and the first launch is open to racialized women and Black people.

Learn more

Important Information

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

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.

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In the News

York postdoctoral Fellow is Holland Bloorview’s first EMBARK scientist

De-Lawrence Lamptey, an exceptional member of our graduate community at York University, has been named Holland Bloorview’s inaugural EMBARK scientist. The first program of its kind in Canada, EMBARK (Empowering Black Academics, Researchers and Knowledge creators) fills an important gap in amplifying diverse Black voices in disability research. Launched in partnership with the Black Research Network, an institutional strategic initiative at the University of Toronto, the EMBARK program addresses barriers that researchers from Black communities face in order to set them up for successful academic careers. Specifically, the Network’s mission is to promote and propel the interdisciplinary work of Black scholars at the university and beyond through investment and mentorship.

Learn more

‘One Health’ inspired a community approach to integrating the UN SDGs into teaching at York

York University is well on its way to integrating the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its classrooms and courses, thanks to a community effort coordinated by FGS associate dean academic, provostial fellow and nursing professor Cheryl van Daalen-Smith. A public health nurse, van Daalen-Smith says everything is connected—a fact illuminated daily when she supports her farm rescue animals. Van Daalen-Smith is featured in a Suzanne Bowness story, accompanied by a Gary Beechey photo, in the 2021–22 Faculty of Health Impact Report.

Learn more
Events

**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](#)

**Reading and Annotation with Zotero**  
*Online, Wednesday, March 1, 12:00–1:00pm*  
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](#)

**Introduction to GitHub for Version Control**  
*Online, Friday, March 3, 12:30–1:30pm*  
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. Version control is crucial for good reproducible research and open scholarship practices. This session will introduce participants to the concept of version control via Git and GitHub, how to use Git in GitHub, and how to edit and share files with collaborators.  
[Learn more](#)

**Research Commons Workshop: Opportunités de Recherche en Français à York? L’Amicale Francophone de York**  
*Online, Friday, March 10, 1:00–2:30pm*  
Cet atelier servira à presenter un certain nombre d’opportunités de financement, de réseaux d’échange et de collaboration en français pour les chercheurs de l’Université York, tout en offrant un lieu d’échange pour les chercheurs francophones afin de discuter notamment des services de soutien à la recherche académique en français à Toronto et à York.  
[Learn more](#)

**Create a Data Management Plan (DMP) for Your Research Project**  
*Online, Monday, March 13, 12:30–2:00pm*  
This workshop discusses Data Management Plan requirements for a variety of funding agencies, and introduces the Canadian DMP Assistant tool which simplifies DMP creation for your research project.  
[Learn more](#)

**Enhancing the Visibility of Your Research: Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities**  
*Online, Tuesday, March 14, 11:00am–12:00pm*  
This practical workshop will introduce trends in scholarly publishing of particular relevance to graduate students and junior scholars in social science, arts and humanities. 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](#)

**Publishing Your Research Data in a Data Repository**  
*Online, Monday, March 27, 12:30–2:00pm*  
This workshop introduces the guiding principles of data publishing. You will learn how to prepare your data for sharing and long term access, and how to select a data repository that meets your needs. A brief overview of the data deposit process for York University Research Data Repositories will also be provided.  
[Learn more](#)
Research Commons Workshop: Why Apply for External Research Funding
Online, Thursday, March 30, 10:30am–12:00pm
Have you wondered why you would put in the work to apply for an external grant when you can do the research you want without money? Do you feel pressure to “commodify” your program of research and your CV? Perhaps common metrics for success that simply count outputs, such as publications and research dollars, seem to you to be part of the ever-present colonial capitalist agenda that produces the “corporate university,” promoting competition and undermining collaboration. We invite you to engage with us in an open conversation about the opportunities and pitfalls of pursuing external funding.

Learn more

Postdoc Drop-in
Thursdays, March 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.

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