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.

Register today

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

Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service

Free & confidential counselling support is available to graduate students through the Faculty of Graduate Studies’ Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service. Sessions are offered via phone, video, or in-person and 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
Victims of Downed Aircraft Remembered
Jan 8th marks the 3rd anniversary of the downing of Ukrainian Flight PS752 by two missiles fired by IRGC forces over the sky of Tehran. Among the 176 victims of the flight were 55 Canadian Citizens, 35 permanent residents and many international students. Three York University students were on the flight, and IGSAYU held a two-day vigil in Vari Hall on Jan 12-13. You can find more about the event on IGSAYU’s IG page.

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).

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.

MobilizeYU Knowledge Mobilization Course
Starts: February 9
The Knowledge Mobilization Unit at York University will be running their 8 week MobilizeYU knowledge mobilization course starting on February 9, 2023. The course is free for all York University faculty members, postdocs, graduate students, staff and recent alumni interested in learning more about knowledge mobilization. Additional details about the course can be found on the Innovation York website.

Learn more

YUGSA Health & Dental Plan- Winter Enrolment
Deadline: February 28
The YUGSA health plan is currently accepting opt-in submissions from new Winter registrants. Full-time students need not opt in since they will get automatically enrolled. Part-time students and dependents can add themselves to the plan from our website. The deadline to opt-in/opt-out of the plan is Feb. 28. If you have any questions, please email the Health Plan Coordinator at health@yugsa.ca.

Learn more

Safety Abroad Supports Grad Students Travelling Outside Canada
Safety Abroad is here to support all Graduate Students travelling outside of Canada on University-sanctioned activities by:

- Offering pre-departure supports and advice on managing the risks associated with international travel
- Monitoring travel advisories/emergency situations as well as providing advice and support when support is needed

All students are encouraged to complete the Safety Abroad steps and are eligible to apply for the York International Mobility Award Engage: Outgoing Global Learning Funding - York International (yorku.ca). Questions—email: safetyabroad@yorku.ca.

Learn more

Call for Nominations: National Student Paper Competition (NSPC)
Do you know any talented graduate students working on important Canadian policy issues? Consider nominating them for this year's National Student Paper Competition (NSPC)! Online applications are open from November 1, 2022, to January 31, 2023. The NSPC is an annual competition hosted by the Canada School of Public Service. The competition aims to identify and amplify important policy work coming out of Canadian graduate programs. The initiative gives graduate students the opportunity to connect with senior executives, expand their networks, nurture their leadership skills, and foster employment opportunities with the federal public service.

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 students and join in the fun!
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

Grad student Collette Murray earns two awards for work advancing diasporic dance styles
A York University graduate program assistant and doctoral student was named among six recipients of the 2022 Women Who Rock Awards and one of six changemakers for racial equity as the recipient of the 2022 Award for Racial Justice in Creative Arts presented by Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

Learn more

York Graduate Scholars conduct ground-breaking research for the community
Catch a glimpse of the cutting-edge research taking place at York University done by talented graduate students who generate innovative knowledge. Their visionary projects address pressing issues in our society as well as problems that are often overlooked.

Learn more

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.

Learn more

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.

Learn more

Doris Anderson Award honours for two York University grads
A York University graduate program assistant and doctoral student was named among six recipients of the 2022 Women Who Rock Awards and one of six changemakers for racial equity as the recipient of the 2022 Award for Racial Justice in Creative Arts presented by Urban Alliance on Race Relations.

Learn more

Financial Opportunities

Internal Opportunities

- **Academic Excellence Fund**
  *Deadline: February 28*
  The Academic Excellence Fund (AEF) program supports graduate students in advancing their research and scholarly objectives through simple and timely access to funds. The deadline for the winter term cycle is February 28, 2023. Value: up to $2,000 per academic year for student's research and scholarly activities.

  Learn more

- **Dr. Allen T. Lambert Scholars Award**
  *Deadline: February 28*
  Dr. Allen T. Lambert Scholars Award supports outstanding graduate Canadian Aboriginal or First Nations students showing promise as first-rank scholars and researchers in their chosen field. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, permanent residents or protected persons, be Ontario
Dr. Ralph Nicholls Graduate Scholarship
Deadline: March 1
Dr. Ralph Nicholls Graduate Scholarship is awarded to a graduate student in Physics, Astronomy, Atmospheric or Space Sciences. Value: $4,500.

St. George's Society of Toronto Endowment for Graduate Student Award
Deadline: February 10
The St. George's Society of Toronto Endowment for Graduate Student Award supports students whose research pertains British culture and health sciences. Value: $12,500.

Enbridge Graduate Student Award
Deadline: February 10
The Enbridge Graduate Student Award is available to graduate students at York University to support their research related to sustainability and the study of the environment. Value: $12,500.

Mamdouh and Susan Shoukri Graduate Award
Deadline: February 28
The Mamdouh and Susan Shoukri Graduate Award will be awarded to an incoming or continuing full-time graduate student who demonstrates outstanding academic merit, with additional consideration for extra-curricular involvement and leadership characteristics. Value: $10,000.

Susan Mann Dissertation Scholarship and Provost Dissertation Scholarship
Deadline: March 1
The Susan Mann and Provost Dissertation Scholarship are awarded to encourage and assist outstanding students in their final year of doctoral study to concentrate exclusively on and complete their dissertations. Value: $22,500 (plus tuition fees).

The Mariano A. Elia Chair Graduate Student Scholarships
Deadline: March 1
The Mariano A. Elia Chair in Italian Canadian Studies Scholarship supports York University graduate students in any discipline whose research contributes to our understanding of Italians in Canada, or the Italian-Canadian (or related) experience. Value: $1,000.

Manulife Graduate Scholarships
Deadline: February 28
The Manulife Graduate Scholarships will be awarded to incoming and/or continuing doctoral students researching International Health Policy or Epidemics. Value: $10,000.

The Armand and Denise LaBarge Graduate Scholarship in Multiculturalism
Deadline: February 28
The Armand and Denise La Barge Graduate Scholarship in Multiculturalism will be awarded annually to a graduate student whose work relates to Multiculturalism, Human Rights, Cultural Diversity, Racism, or similar areas. Value: $8,000.

Zdenka Volavka Research Fellowship
Deadline: February 28
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).
Martin Cohnstaedt Graduate Research Award for Studies in Non-Violence

**Deadline: February 28**

This research costs award is open to York graduate students engaged in researching some aspect of pacifism or non-violence (biographical, historical, international, philosophical, political, religious, social action, etc., or some combination of the above). The award will assist graduate students with travel costs and other related research expenses in Canada and abroad. Value: $2500.

**To Apply:** Applications are accepted through the Award Application portal. The applicant's statement section should outline how the student's experience and current research are aligned with the scope of the award and a budget of estimated expenditures. Upload required material(s), merged into one PDF file, 1) Supervisor’s support, 2) Proof of Travel and research related expenses (boarding passes, tickets, receipts etc).

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellowship at York University

**Deadline: February 28**

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellowship at York University is made possible through the sale of the limited edition, The Essential Trudeau, edited by Ron Graham. The award will assist graduate students in the humanities and social sciences with travel costs, subsistence, copying and other related research expenses at archives, libraries and repositories in Canada and abroad. Value: One award up to $3,750.

**To Apply:** Applications are accepted through the Award Application portal. The applicant's statement section should outline how the student's experience and current research are aligned with the scope of the award and a budget of estimated expenditures. Upload required material(s), merged into one PDF file, 1) Supervisor’s support, 2) Proof of Travel and research related expenses (boarding passes, tickets, receipts etc).

Vector Scholarship in Artificial Intelligence

**Deadline: March 1**

The Vector Scholarships in Artificial Intelligence assist universities in attracting excellent students from Ontario and around the world. Programs are encouraged to nominate incoming students whose study path that is demonstrably AI-focused. Value: ~100 awards available provincially, valued at $17,500 for one year.

**How to apply:** If your program is not recognized by Vector Institute, please forward a completed application package to fgsro@yorku.ca by March 1, 2023.

External Opportunities

Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarships

**Deadline: February 1**

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.

IDRC Research Awards

**Deadline: February 1**

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is offering student research awards related to the following development areas or themes: Climate-Resilient Food Systems, Democratic and Inclusive Governance, Education and Science, Ethics in Development Research, Global Health, Policy and Evaluation, and Sustainable Inclusive Economies. All awards will be based in Ottawa except for the Global Health award that will be based in Nairobi. Value: $42,033 to $48,659 (CAD). Duration: 12 months (May 1, 2023 to April 26, 2024).

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Postdoctoral Fellowships

**Deadline: February 1**

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) has released a postdoctoral fellowship for promising early career researchers. Through this fellowship, they will be able to conduct research in
Japanese universities and in designated research institutions and laboratories. NSERC is responsible for recommending Canadian nominees for the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowships.

**5G Connectivity for Border Crossing Challenges**

*Deadline: February 15*

The 5G Connectivity for Border Crossing Challenges calls on post-secondary students to utilize 5G connectivity, smart mobility technologies, and data analytics (cloud and/or edge-based) to propose a solution for reducing border crossing congestion and wait times between Canada and the United States. The proposed solution may also include new payment and/or security technologies. Individual students and/or multi-disciplinary teams (up to five members) are encouraged to apply. Value: $500–$1500 CAD.

**Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada Scholarship for Canadian Women**

*Deadline: March 31*

The Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada supports the academic excellence for Canadian women who are enrolled in a Ph.D. program. Candidates who have attained high standards of scholarship, leadership and service to their community are encouraged to apply. Value: $10,000.

**CSA Group Graduate Scholarship**

*Deadline: March 31*

The purpose of the CSA Group Graduate Scholarship is to support graduate students in the pursuit of knowledge generation related to standards. Graduate students at the Master’s level studying at a publicly-funded, accredited Canadian university are eligible to apply. The research can be conducted in any field (e.g., engineering, social sciences, health sciences) and must include standards as a significant component of the research. Value: $10,000. Duration: maximum of 2 years.

**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.

**Maple Leaf Centre for Food Security Scholarships**

*Deadline: February 10*

The Maple Leaf Centre for Food Security has launched a call for scholarship applications from master’s and PhD students who are conducting research on determinants, impacts, and policy or program interventions into food insecurity in Canada. There are four $15,000 scholarships available and in past years, the average application success rate has been 10%—meaning 1 in 10 applicants have received a scholarship!

**2023 RIC Engaged Scholarship Award Launched**

*Deadline: February 24*

Research Impact Canada (RIC) has launched the 2023 RIC Engaged Scholarship Award for graduate students and recent graduates. Award recipients will earn a cash prize of up to $3000 and opportunities to present their engaged research project. Applications are due February 24, 2023. For more information, please visit the RIC Engaged Scholarship page.

**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.
Events

Join us for our next Q&A panel with current graduate scholars!

*Online, Wednesday, February 22, 12:00am*

FGS will be hosting a Q&A panel with current graduate scholars on Wednesday, February 22 at noon. This is a virtual event hosted by our Associate Dean Academic, Dr. Cheryl van Daalen-Smith. Scholars participating: Nitima Bhatia, Sarah Redikopp, Margaret Lebold and Eleni Marino. Learn about their experience navigating grad school and research they are actively working on.

[Register]

**Time Management for Graduate Students**

*Online, Thursday, January 26, 2:00–3:00pm*

Graduate school poses a unique set of time management challenges for students, with its combination of structured and unstructured time, high performance expectations, and so many competing demands. This workshop, presented by Rebecca Koesler, of Learning Skills Services, focuses on strategies and resources for successfully managing your time as a grad student, to help you get your work done and find better balance in your life.

[Learn more]

**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.

[Learn more]

**Writing Workshop Series for Graduate Students**

*Online, Fridays, 11:00am–1:00pm, starting February 3*

Facilitated by Dr. Hallie Wells and Dr. Karina Vasilevska-Das, these online workshops are designed to help you develop and refine a writing practice and gain concrete techniques to embolden your writing. The sessions follow a trajectory from the beginning of the writing process (developing and refining your writing practice) through to the final stages of revising and submitting. The format of the workshop is interactive and collaborative, as we allocate time for trying out specific activities as well as for discussion and sharing with other participants.

[Learn more]

**Best Practices for Managing Research Data**

*Online, Tuesday, February 14, 12:30–2:30pm*

This online workshop introduces the general principles and best practices for data collection, storage, documentation, and sharing. You will learn about emerging principles, resources and tools that will help you plan and implement data management best practices throughout the data lifecycle and enable data reuse where appropriate.

[Learn more]

**Social Learning Space | Transnational Bicycles and Development Collective**

*Online, Tuesday, February 21, 10:30am–12:00pm*

The [Bicycles for Development Research Team](#) will be hosting a virtual workshop with a focus on policy development and advocacy strategies in and through bicycle-related social justice work. The workshop will feature three panelists (panelists TBD), all of whom have experience in shaping policy in transport and mobility.

[Learn more]

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

*Online, Monday, February 27, 10:00–11:00am*

Hosted 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. Please register on Experience York.

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®.

How to Market Your PhD

*Online, Wednesday, February 15, 12:00–12:30pm*

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?

This webinar is sponsored by the Global Higher Education division of ETS®.

Enhancing your Experience

Teaching Commons: Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium

The Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium is an annual conference for graduate students by graduate students. Register your interest for the Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium. Join the Decolonisation, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (DEDI) in Teaching and Learning Community of Practice (CoP). Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Teaching and Learning Workshop Series has monthly events.

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.

Mitacs Training Certificate
Mitacs is pleased to provide official certificates for students who successfully complete our course bundles. Each course bundle consists of a self-paced e-learning course and an online instructor-led session. Students must complete the former before registering for the latter. For more information, contact training@mitacs.ca.

Learn more

**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.

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**

- **February 8**
  Last date to add a course with permission of instructor for Winter [WI23] term courses (via Course Transaction Form).

- **February 10**
  Deadline to drop course(s) without receiving a grade for Fall/Winter [Y22-23] term courses. Courses dropped after this date, and within the term of the course, will be given a W grade.

- **February 15**
  **Administrative Deadline**—All Fall [FA22] term courses with blank and incomplete grades converted to F grade unless an approved course extension has been granted.

  **Refund**—80% refund, Winter [WI23] term.

- **February 18–24**
  Winter Reading Week (no classes, University open).

- **February 20**
  Family Day—University closed.

- **February 28**
  **Refund**—40% refund, Winter [WI23] term.

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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.

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