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

Important Information

Payroll Deduction Forms—Due January 10th
Students who missed the September deadline for payroll deduction may request it for the winter term prior to January 10th by accessing the form available on the FGS Payroll Deduction Webpage.

Learn more

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

FGS Certificate in Personal Wellness and Learning Skills
This five-week free program focuses on social connection, personal wellness, and learning skills. Topics covered include stress-reduction, overcoming procrastination, enhancing motivation, time management, and skills from the field of positive psychology including mindfulness, gratitude, and self-compassion. The program also focuses on creating opportunity to connect with peers and learn more about wellness supports at York. The program will take place over zoom and run from 1:30–3:30pm on Tuesdays: January 31st, February 7th, February 14th, February 28th & March 7th.

Learn more

Learn about Graduate Student Wellness Services (Bell Let's Talk 2023)
**Online, Wednesday, January 18, 12:00pm**
In partnership with Bell Let's Talk Day, join FGS for an informative session! This virtual webinar is free and open to ALL students, staff, faculty and alumni of York University. This session will allow participants to learn about the various services and resources available to graduate students via Internal York: FGS, OSCR, REI, The Centre, Employee Well-Being, Learning Skills, SAS, etc., and External services. They will also be some time dedicated to Q&As with our Grad Wellness team.

[Learn more](#)

**Coping with Stress as a Student (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 as a student. 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](#)

**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 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](#)

**Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service**
Phone and video counselling sessions are available through the Faculty of Graduate Studies' Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service. Sessions are free and confidential and can help with a variety of concerns. To book an appointment, simply visit the online appointment calendar and scheduler or email gradwell@yorku.ca.

[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.

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.

Study reports public control over energy policy required to avert climate crisis
A new paper authored by York University PhD student Erin Flanagan and Professor Dennis Raphael explores the future of the environment in this time of climate crisis. “From Personal Responsibility to an Eco-Socialist State: Political Economy, Popular Discourses, and the Climate Crisis” was published in the Sage journal Human Geography and looks at how Canadians think about the crisis, and what can be done to move toward a more environmentally friendly future.

Symposium highlights global health research of Dahdaleh grad students
Four graduate students at York University’s Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research showcased their work on Dec. 14 at the Keele Campus. The students—Eric Asempah, Hillary Birch, Yuliya Chorna and Nilanjana Ganguli—presented their global health research, share more about their research journeys and discuss their progress during the third annual Global Health Graduate Scholars Symposium.

Gairdner events inspire world of possibilities for York and GTA high school students
Gairdner awardees, chosen by two separate juries of experts, travel across Canada, presenting research seminars and doing outreach to inspire future generations of scientists. After participating in online events during the pandemic, the laureates were able to engage with students and researchers in person this fall.

Financial Opportunities

Internal Opportunities

- **The Victor Hedges Graduate Scholarship**
  *Deadline: January 16*
  The Victor Hedges Graduate Scholarship will be awarded to graduate students who demonstrate academic excellence and are pursuing studies and research in British and/or Irish history, literature and culture. Value: Up to $12,500.

- **Fall/Winter 2022–2023 FGS bursaries**
  *Deadline: January 29*
  Fall/Winter 2022–2023 FGS bursary applications are accepted until Friday, January 20, 2023. All bursary applications require students to complete a [Student Financial Profile (SFP)](#).

- **PhD Completion Fund**
  *Deadline: January 31*
  The three-year program is open to outstanding doctoral candidates in social sciences and humanities disciplines. Scholars will receive leadership training to develop skills to translate their ideas into action, for the betterment of their communities, Canada, and the world. Value: Up to $40,000 per year for three years.
• **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

### External Opportunities

• **Loblaw Net-Zero Food Systems Challenge**  
  *Deadline: January 13*  
  The University of Guelph and Loblaw Companies Limited have partnered for a new graduate student experiential learning program intended to challenge tomorrow’s food leaders and develop solutions for a net-zero food system in Canada. Graduate students from across Canada are invited to apply to investigate strategic levers that will drive Canadian adoption and demand for net-zero agricultural products along the value chain, from farmers to consumers. Value: $2000. Duration: 10 months (February to November 2023).  
  Learn more

• **Michael Smith CGS Foreign Study Supplements—CIHR (CGS-MSFSS)**  
  *Deadline: January 23*  
  The CIHR has launched a new call for the 2022–2023 year to award the remaining MSFSS. This award is available for eligible CIHR CGS award holders (CGS-M, CGS-D, or Vanier CGS) in building global linkages and international networks at recognized research universities abroad. Value: up to $6,000.  
  Learn more

• **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.  
  Learn more

• **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).  
  Learn more

• **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.  
  Learn more

• **Research Impact Canada (RIC) Engaged Scholarship Award for Graduate Students**  
  *Deadline: February 24, 11:59pm PST*  
  The RIC Engaged Scholarship Award for graduate students recognizes engaged scholarship (making research with the people who benefit from it), co-creation of knowledge, or integrated knowledge translation efforts among graduate students. This award is available to graduate students and recent graduates from one of RIC’s Canadian member institutions who are leading, or have led, a significant research project following engaged scholarship principles. Value: $3000 (Doctoral); $2000 (Master’s).
- **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.

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**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](mailto:sungr@yorku.ca).

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**Events**

**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 Koessler, 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.

**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.

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**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.

**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. Read more [https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/training/training-courses] For more information, contact training@mitacs.ca.

**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**

**January 9**
- Winter [WI23] term classes begin.

**January 10**

**January 15**
- **Administrative Deadline**—Deadline for graduate programs to submit Fall [FA22] term grades to the Registrar’s Office.

**January 26**
- Last date to add a course without permission of instructor for Winter [WI23] courses.

**January 27**
- Online Registration ends for Winter [WI23] term.

**January 31**
- Deadline for reassessment at the domestic tuition rate for the current Fall/Winter session. For international students requesting a status change.

- **Refund**—100% refund, Winter [WI23] term.

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