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

Important Information

**Call for Graduate/Professional Student Nominations to the Board of Governors**

*Deadline: Monday, February 27, 9:00am*

The Student Senator Caucus (SSC) oversees nominations for student members for the Board of Governors and makes a recommendation to them based upon the election results. The election of student governors rotates annually between undergraduate and graduate/professional students. The Board of Governors appoints its members. The Student Senator Caucus is responsible for nominating those members, and in practice has done so through an election. Following the election results, SSC will confirm the results and recommend to the Board that the candidate with the highest vote total be appointed to the Board. This year SSC is accepting nominations for graduate/professional student nominees. Nominations will be accepted starting Monday, February 27, 2023 at 9:00 am. The deadline for nominations is March 9, 2023 at 9:00 am. No late or incomplete forms will be accepted. For further info including nomination forms, election rules, regulations and important dates, please visit the [Secretariat's website](mailto:secretariat@yorku.ca) or contact Elaine MacRae at [emacrae@yorku.ca](mailto:emacrae@yorku.ca).

[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.

[Register today](#)
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

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

Graduate Student Wellness Initiative Fund

The Graduate Student Wellness Initiative Fund is available for individual or groups of graduate students to apply for up to $1500 to support the undertaking of projects, initiatives, resource development, events, or programs related to graduate student wellness. Summer semester applications are due May 22, 2023.

Learn more

LA&PS Opens Study Space for Master's and PhDs

A new co-study space for all LA&PS MA and PhD students is now open! Each Wednesday, join us in the Atkinson Lounge (002 Atkinson) for a quiet designated study and co-writing space. The space opens at 8:30am. All are welcome!

LA&PS YUGrad Café

002 Atkinson, Wednesday, March 9, 12:00–1:00pm

Are you interested in connecting and engaging with fellow LA&PS MA & PhD Students? Then join LA&PS YUGrad Café events! Each session will have a focused theme that relates to graduate student life. The inaugural YUGrad Café theme will be Research, Rants and Raves. Take part in an ongoing conversation about each other’s research across various fields. Refreshments will be served.

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

‘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

GFWS PhD student Zahra Nader receives CFWIJ Kathy Gannon Legacy Award
Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies PhD student Zahra Nader is one of the inaugural recipients of the Coalition For Women In Journalism's Kathy Gannon Legacy Award. The award celebrates a veteran correspondent who broke many barriers in our industry while covering some of the most vital and globally critical stories of her time with deep compassion and integrity. This award honors distinguished women journalists who continue doing that by breaking new barriers that come with journalism today, with great conscientiousness and bravery. This award also celebrates one of our greatest values, camaraderie and spirit of peer-support, which our awardees demonstrate in their work ethic and initiatives.

Learn more

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

Associate Professor Sarah Barrett awarded 2022 Dean’s Research Impact Award

Associate professor Sarah Barrett is the recipient of the 2022 Faculty of Education Dean’s Research Impact Award awarded annually to a tenure stream member of the Faculty of Education in the Emerging and Established scholar streams, whose sustained programs of research displayed significant impact, broadly defined and relative to their career stage.

Learn more

The Conversation: Why teachers are letting students solve math problems in lots of different ways

Cristina De Simone, a Ph.D. student in Mathematics Education at York University, Canada, and Tori Trajanovski, a Ph.D. student in Education at York U, write about teachers who are now moving beyond traditional ways of teaching math and shifting towards evidence-based equitable teaching and assessment practices.

Learn more

Long-serving faculty member creates bursary award for Markham students

A new bursary award for York University’s Markham Campus students will honour the contributions and legacy of Professor Alice Pitt who currently serves as senior advisor, Markham Academic Strategic Planning.

Learn more

Financial Opportunities

Internal Opportunities

- 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.
  
  Learn more

- Susan Mann Dissertation Scholarship and Provost Dissertation Scholarship
  
  Student Deadline: March 1, Graduate Program Deadline: March 30
  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).
  
  Learn more
• 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.

  Learn more

External Opportunities

• Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) Training Awards
  Launching March 2023
  The CCS has launched the Research Training Awards for Master’s, Doctoral, and Postdoctoral fellows in order to build capacity in the cancer research ecosystem by funding competitive and scientifically excellent applications. This award aims to support the development of a diverse, inclusive and representative research workforce. The CCS and its partners support and encourage Black and Indigenous trainees to apply. For all levels of training, applicants must be Canadian citizens, First Nations (status and non-status), Métis, Inuit or permanent residents. Value: $30,000 per year (Master’s); $50,000 per year (Doctoral); Duration: up to 2 years.

  Learn more

• 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.

  Learn more

• 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.

  Learn more

• 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.

  Learn more

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.

  Learn more

Events

How to Decide Between an Academic or Nonacademic Career

  Online, Wednesdays in March, 12:00–12:30pm
  In today’s creative economy, a faculty career isn’t the only option for PhDs who are seeking engaging and rewarding work. PhDs work in every part of the economy--industry, nonprofits, higher education, and government. But what career pathway will be right for YOU? If those questions resonate with you, then Beyond the Prof’s March webinar series, “How to Decide Between an Academic or Nonacademic Career” is designed to help you! Registration is required, free for Beyond Prof members.
Inclusion Week 2023—Reclaiming Social Justice in EDI
Monday, March 6–Friday, March 10
CHREI’s annual Inclusion Week is just around the corner, and we want to tell you about our exciting line-up of speakers and events. This year CHREI has partnered across the York campus, and we are excited about these collaborations. Visit our website often for additional information and remember to register early!

- What does Social Justice have to do with it?
  Senate Chamber Room N940 Ross Building, Tuesday, March 7, 11:00 / Hybrid
  A fireside chat with guest speakers who will explore the (dis)connections between EDI and Social Justice.
  
  Register

- Reclaiming the Transformative Roots of DEDI/EDI
  Online, Wednesday March 8, 11:00am–1:00pm
  Our keynote speaker Kike Ojo-Thompson will reflect on: What does DEDI have to do with social justice movements? What are the tensions between DEDI and social justice movements? Are DEDI and social justice movements compatible or contradictory? This is an online event, please register early.
  
  Register

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.

Effective Presentation of Qualitative Research
G208 McEwen Building, Schulich, Thursday, March 02, 2:15–3:15pm
Any interested PhD student is invited to a special talk on Effective Presentation of Qualitative Research by Cele Otnes, Professor of Marketing Emerita and Research Professor, Gies College of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This session is also offered virtually. To join virtually: yorku.zoom.us. Meeting ID: 99764903393.

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.

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.

Writing Workshop Series for Graduate Students
Online, Continuing Friday, March 3, 11:00am–1:00pm
Facilitated by Dr. Hallie Wells and Dr. Karina Vasilevksa-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.
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.

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.

Learning about Grad School from Current Scholars

Online, Thursday, March 16, 12:00–1:00pm

Entering a Master’s program or continuing into the PhD presents many considerations for students to think about. We want to help support future students in their decision-making process! Associate Dean Academic, Cheryl van Daalen-Smith, will be speaking with Eleni Marino, Ramesh Venkatesaperumal, & Zahra Nader to learn more about their individual experiences as current scholars at York. The panelists will bring rich perspectives to future students grappled with various questions and share resources available to graduate students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies. This is a free event, however registration is required.

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.

Designing a Meaningful Career for MA and PhD Students (Webinar)

Online, Tuesday, March 21, 2:00–3:00pm

This webinar is customized for MA and PhD students affiliated with the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS). Join to learn how to develop a holistic approach to your career exploration. You will also be introduced to York's Career Decision Making Model, online resources, and the range of hybrid supports offered by Career Education & Development.

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

March 8
Deadline for the Faculty of Graduate Studies to receive recommendations for Oral examination from Graduate Programs for Doctoral students expected to fulfill all degree requirements for June 2023 convocation.

March 13
Deadline to drop a course without receiving a grade for Winter [WI23] term courses. Courses dropped after this date, and within the term, will be reflected with a W grade.

March 15
Deadline for the Faculty of Graduate Studies to receive recommendations for Oral examination from Graduate Programs for Master’s students expected to fulfill all degree requirements for June 2023 convocation.

Summer [SU23] term registration and enrolment online access begins.

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