Here is your April 2023 guide to all things postdoc at YorkU

Financial Opportunities

**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](#)

**L’Oréal Canada For Women in Science Research Excellence Fellowships**

*Deadline: April 4*

Canadian Commission for UNESCO, recognize the outstanding contributions of women in science as part of the For Women in Science Program. This year, two fellowships valued at $20,000 each will be awarded to female postdoctoral researchers in the fields of Life Sciences and Engineering/Pure and Applied Sciences.

[Learn more](#)

**AGE-WELL Postdoctoral Awards in Technology and Aging**
Age-WELL Postdoctoral Awards in Technology and Aging provide funding to highly qualified postdoctoral candidates and provide them with access to training and mentorship opportunities through the AGE-WELL Network of Centres of Excellence. Interested applicants are encouraged to attend a virtual info session on these awards and fellowships on March 28 (EN) or March 29 (FR). For application questions please contact training@agewell-nce.ca.

Learn more

CCS Research Training Awards
Abstract Deadline: May 1
The Research Training Awards objective is to support growth and foster innovation for the next generation of cancer researchers across Canada through a comprehensive approach including mentorship, training, and knowledge-sharing. These awards also aim to build inclusive capacity in cancer research and recognizing this we encourage and support applicants from Black and Indigenous communities to apply for this opportunity.

Learn more

Important Information

Good Friday Holiday—University closed
Friday, April 7
This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Friday, April 7 in recognition of the Good Friday holiday.

Learn more

Elevate Your Postdoc Experience: Building Skills and Networks for Future Success
Thursday, April 20, 12:00–1:00pm
Join Jennifer Polk, PhD, a career coach and educator for an online professional development workshop designed exclusively for postdoctoral researchers at York.

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

Professor Anne MacLennan receives 2022-2023 FGS Teaching Award
This year’s Faculty of Graduate Studies’ Teaching Award recipient is Professor Anne MacLennan from the Graduate Programs in Communication & Culture, History and Interdisciplinary Studies. The award, which is bestowed annually on a member of FGS, recognizes teaching and supervisory excellence, as well as scholarly, professional and teaching developments and initiatives in the graduate program and curriculum development. Vice-Provost Academic, Lyndon Martin, presented the award on March 2 at the Faculty Council, praising MacLennan’s passion for educating. “I would like to extend my personal thanks and gratitude for your many contributions to graduate education, and in particular the excellent teaching and mentorship you have provided to our community.”

Learn more

York researchers create tool to measure indoor pollution
Two York researchers, have designed an instrument that could more easily and accessibility assess pollution levels inside homes and businesses. Assistant Professor Trevor VandenBoer of the Faculty of Science, and former York postdoctoral researcher Leigh Crilley, have developed groundbreaking equipment to measure indoor air quality for pollution. Air pollution in outside environments—caused by cars, trucks and industry—is something that has long been studied and
measured. Indoor air quality, however, is something that has not been examined as closely, largely because there has been no easy way to measure it. Most existing equipment is of the size and complexity that it would likely fill a single car garage and need several scientists to operate it.

York named academic lead in UN’s new global Water Academy, a first of its kind
York University’s growing area of strength in water research, strong local and global relationships, and commitment to positive change has resulted in the University being named academic lead in the United Nation’s (UN) new Water Academy. The first-of-its-kind Water Academy brings together public and private sector partners from around the world to establish an innovative water training and education resource. Announced by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) at the UN 2023 Water Conference, held in New York City between March 22 and 24, the Water Academy is a global multi-sector collaboration.

Social stigma of tuberculosis needs to be erased, researchers say
While the bacteria that causes tuberculosis (TB) may be millions of years old, and the disease was first recorded in human history thousands of years ago, it remains one of the deadliest infectious diseases globally, with only COVID-19 surpassing it in recent years. TB is also one of the most stigmatized diseases; people are often afraid to visit health facilities, take treatment or share news of diagnosis with others. Eradicating TB will require eliminating the social stigma, which includes a shift in how we frame and talk about the illness and those affected by it, according to York University and international researchers in a new paper published in advance of World Tuberculosis Day, March 24. “Policing language is not the goal—it’s not just about changing the way we talk about TB, but what impact that is going to have on the people and communities that are affected,” says lead author and York University postdoctoral researcher Beauty Umana, a Global Health Scholar with the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research.

Events

CERLAC Presents: The Caribbean Studies, Today Series: The Tragedy of Caribbean Studies in Canada
*Online and 857 Kaneff Tower, Thursday, April 13 at 2:00–4:00pm*
We are pleased to invite you the inaugural event of the Caribbean Studies, Today Conversation Series, hosted by the Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean. Join us for a thought-provoking discussion featuring Chevy Eugene, educator, researcher and international human rights activist, in conversation with Cikiah Thomas (Global African Congress), Dr. Beverley Mullings (Professor, University of Toronto) and Dr. Carl James (Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora, York University). Chevy will talk about The Crisis of Caribbean Studies in Canada. Moderated by Dr. Shaunasea Brown, the conversation considers contemporary Caribbean Studies not just as a field of study, but “as a conceptual, ideological, political, and moral question” (Scott, 2013). [Register](mailto:tkapin@yorku.ca) to receive a link to the virtual stream here or email tkapin@yorku.ca to register to attend in-person (limited tickets available). The event is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Research Commons Workshop: Why Apply for External Research Funding
*Online, Thursday, March 30, 10:00am–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.

Postdoc Drop-in
*Thursdays, April 6, 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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