

Your monthly guide to all things grad at York  
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## Important Information

### Congress 2023—May 27–June 2

York University and the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences will host Congress 2023 from May 27 to June 2. [Register](#) to attend and please let us know if you plan to present. Join the nearly 8,000 scholars, graduate students, and practitioners in the humanities and social sciences (HSS) will come together and share their research. Please use these [social media graphic templates](#) to post about your talk on social media with the #Congressh hashtag.

[Learn more](#)

### Victoria Day Holiday—University closed

*Monday May 22*

This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, May 22 in recognition of the Victoria Day holiday.

[Learn more](#)

### Explore Markham Campus graduate programs at the Spring Showcase

*YSpace Markham, 169 Enterprise Blvd, Suite 300, Thursday, May 18, 6:30–8:30pm*

Join us to learn more about Markham Campus programs, speak with faculty members and program experts, and discover the facilities and services that will make York University's newest campus an exciting addition to Markham and York Region.

[Register](#)

## Philippine Studies Group Call for Nominations

*Deadline: May 30*

The Philippine Studies Group (PHSG) at York University invites course directors and teaching assistants to nominate exceptional student papers for the [Excellence in Philippine Studies/ Filipinx Diaspora Studies writing awards](#). Awards are available for undergraduate, Masters and PhD writing.

[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](mailto: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](#)

## In the News

### York University announces its 2023 Top 30 Alumni Under 30

FGS celebrates twelve alumni who made York's Top 30 Alumni Under 30 for the year of 2023. This distinguished group of York University alumni, under the age of 30, is recognized for exemplary leadership and volunteerism to address deep and complex social challenges both locally and globally.

[Learn more](#)

### Announcement of appointment of the vice-provost, teaching and learning

Chloë Brushwood Rose begins a three-year term as vice-provost, teaching and learning on July 1. Professor Brushwood Rose is a faculty member in Education and currently serves as graduate program director in Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies at York. She has previously served as associate dean academic in Education and as Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Standards, Curriculum and Pedagogy (ASCP). At the core of all her administrative leadership and service activities is a commitment to strengthening the University's openness to a greater diversity of perspectives, programs and students.

[Learn more](#)

### Professor becomes York's first School of Nursing doctoral graduate

Ramesh Venkatesa Perumal, a sessional assistant professor in the Faculty of Health, became the first doctoral graduate of York's School of Nursing program on Feb. 21 when he successfully defended his dissertation, "Impact of social support and mentoring on career advancement of internationally educated nurses."

[Learn more](#)

### Kanishka Sikri receives 2023 SWAAC Graduate Student Award of Merit

Kanishka Sikri (they/them) was selected to receive the 2023 Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC) Graduate Student Award of Merit. The Award will be presented to Sikri on May 5th. The SWAAC graduate student award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their university and in the community while maintaining an excellent academic record.

[Learn more](#)

### MFA Grad's work included in Museum of Modern Art photo exhibition

Department of Visual Arts MFA Graduate (2023) Abraham O. Oghobase's work is included in The New Photography 2023 exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, May 28–September 16, 2023, "featuring the work of seven artists who explore the image as a social medium, and are united by their critical use of photographic forms." It is extremely

rare for work by graduates to be recognized by American museums, let alone one of the most prestigious museums in the world!

[Learn more](#)

## **Scenario-based Functional Exercise for the 2023 Class of Master of Disaster & Emergency Management Students**

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, the Shivering Shores functional exercise was delivered in person over six hours (pausing for a one-hour lunch) at the York University Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). It was a joint effort by the MDEM program and Disaster & Emergency Management Student Association (DEMSA), the first in the post-pandemic world.

[Learn more](#)

## **New project to explore anxiety among Black youth, families**

The recently launched “Retooling Black Anxiety” project at York University looks to examine increased anxiety among Black youth and families who have had encounters with the criminal justice system (CJS).

[Learn more](#)

## **Research calls for governance of wildlife trade in pandemic treaty**

Researchers from York University’s Faculty of Health have co-authored a study investigating the governance of pandemic prevention in the context of wildlife trade. Published in The Lancet Planetary Health, the research considers the current institutional landscape for pandemic prevention and how prevention of zoonotic spillovers from the wildlife trade for human consumption should be incorporated into a pandemic treaty.

[Learn more](#)

## **Sixth annual Municipalities of the Future Symposium focuses on city building in challenging times**

The School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) held its SIXTH annual Municipalities of the Future Symposium in-person at York’s Second Student Center on March 22, 2023. This year’s theme, “City Building in Challenging Times: Looking Back, Thinking Forward,” showcased inspiring panels ranging from housing policy, workforce equity, to Ontario’s strong mayors legislation.

[Learn more](#)

## **Consultation first step in creating EUC Black Mentorship Program**

When Brandon Hay began working toward his master of environmental studies (MES) degree at York University in 2014, he was the only Black male in many of his classes.

[Learn more](#)

## **EUC champions hands-on learning, immersive outdoor classrooms**

In the Faculty of Environmental & Urban Change (EUC), students gain hands-on education through a variety of experiences, dismantling the traditional four walls of a classroom.

[Learn more](#)

## **Study explores barriers, opportunities for implementing Finnish Baby Box concept in Canada**

A new study out of York University examines how the Finnish Baby Box concept was instituted across nations identified as liberal welfare states, such as Canada, the U.K. and the U.S., that minimize income redistribution, social spending and management of the labour market. It also identified numerous barriers to building progressive public policy in these nations.

[Learn more](#)

## **Harry Jerome Leadership Award goes to York alum Rosemarie Powell**

York University alum Rosemarie Powell (MES ’15) will be honoured at the 2023 Harry Jerome Awards for her long-serving work in advancing social, economic and environmental justice.

[Learn more](#)

## **2023 Vico Lecture—Italy and the Black Mediterranean: Race, identity and citizenship**

This March, the [Vico Lecture](#), a public event presented by the Faculty of LA&PS, hosted Dr. Angelica Pesarini who delivered an important and impactful talk, Italy and the Black Mediterranean: Race, identity and citizenship, which explored the presence of Italy within the Black Mediterranean, considered a racialised physical and symbolic space marked by histories of colonialism and diasporic memories. [Event Recording-YouTube](#)

## Financial Opportunities

### Internal Opportunities

- **BIPOC Award in Medical Science and Medical Biotechnology**

*Deadline: April 30*

BIPOC Award in Medical Science and Medical Biotechnology will benefit graduate students who identify as Black and/or Indigenous, and who have demonstrated an interest in undertaking research in medical sciences, medical biotechnology or related fields. Applicants can be enrolled in a graduate program in the Faculty of Health, Faculty of Science, or related fields. This award is also open to domestic and international students enrolled on a full time or part time basis. Value: Up to 2 awards of up to \$5,000, non-renewable.

[Learn more](#)

- **NEW Congress 2023 Academic Excellence Fund**

*Deadline: June 2*

The Academic Excellence Fund will be providing support to subsidize the cost of association membership and conference registration fees for Congress 2023 hosted at York University from May 27-June 2, 2023.

**Value:** Up to the cost of the Congress Fee paid

**To apply:** Submit your application to the Academic Excellence Fund by June 2.

*Applications are awarded on a first come basis, and will be allocated until the available funds are expended.*

**Documentation Required:** Itemized receipts for association membership and conference registration fees. Student name must be clearly visible on receipts or proof of payment.

**Student Status:** As a student, you are enrolled full-time in a graduate program and hold a student ID card/number and are not employed full-time by the same institution.

Congress 2023 is offering [complimentary access](#) under certain categories for Black and Indigenous participants:

– If you are attending an association conference at Congress and are a student who self-identifies as Black or Indigenous, your Congress fee is waived. Contact your association for your unique registration link. Please note that a complimentary Congress fee does not waive your association fee. Check with your association to see if they are waiving your association fee or offering a fee discount.

– If you are purchasing a community pass to attend open events only, and you self-identify as Black or Indigenous, your community pass is complimentary.

- **Summer Graduate Bursaries**

*Deadline: June 2*

The online [Student Financial Profile \(SFP\)](#) for the Summer 2023 application cycle will be available starting in May. Students applying through the Summer 2023 SFP will be considered for the following bursaries/ funds where eligible: 1) Graduate Studies Bursaries, 2) CUPE 3903 Unit 1 Masters Bursary Fund

[Learn more](#)

- **CUPE 3903 Ph.D. Completion Fund**

*Deadline for Summer term: May 31*

Supports eligible doctoral students in their final term of full-time study and who have no scholarship or other form of funding (excluding bursaries) in that term. Value: varies according to assessed financial need.

[Learn more](#)

### External Opportunities

- **Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA) Scholarships**

*Applications open: May 2023*

The BBPA National Scholarship Program is dedicated to supporting and promoting the achievement of academic excellence by Black Canadian youth through an annual scholarship program. There are various scholarships available to Canadian students who meet the eligibility criteria. Value: varies.

[Learn more](#)

- **Canadian Cancer Society (CCS) Research Training Awards**

*Deadline: May 9, (full application)*

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 2-4 years.

[Learn more](#)

- **Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship**

*Deadline: May 10*

The Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship program supports PhD students pursuing research aligned to Microsoft Research areas of focus including artificial intelligence, machine learning, health and life sciences, human-computer interaction, and more. Students must be in their third year of their PhD program. Please reach out to your graduate program to express interest in being nominated. Value: \$42,000 USD for two years.

[Learn more](#)

- **AGE-WELL Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards in Technology and Aging (2023)**

*Deadline: May 12*

AGE-WELL Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Awards in Technology and Aging provide funding to highly qualified Master's and doctoral candidates enrolled at Canadian institutions, and provide them with access to training and mentorship opportunities. Value: \$10,000 (Master's); \$15,000 (Doctoral).

[Learn more](#)

- **2023 Bertram Scholarships**

*Launch date: May 19*

Open to PhD students registered at Canadian Universities who are conducting research focusing on topics directly related to governance. Value: \$15,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **Michael Smith CGS Foreign Study Supplements (CGS-MSFSS)**

*Deadline: May 31*

Available for eligible 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](#)

- **2023 CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award**

*Internal Deadline: May 31*

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) and ProQuest Dissertations Publishing are awarding a scholarship to doctoral students who have completed dissertations representing original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline. One applicant from the Humanities and Fine Arts and one from the Biological Sciences/Life Sciences will be forwarded from the university for consideration for this award. Please email a full application package, as outlined on the CGS website, by the internal deadline to [cnakada@yorku.ca](mailto:cnakada@yorku.ca). Value: \$2,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **SRK Graduate Scholarship**

*Deadline: May 31*

SRK Consulting has a scholarship for graduate students in North American universities and colleges who are studying mining-related fields including mineral process engineering, mining geology, and environmental science and engineering. Value: up to \$3000.

[Learn more](#)

- **Queen's University—Lake Shift Writing Retreat**

*Deadline: May 31*

Queen's University is hosting their Lake Shift annual thesis writing retreat for doctoral students from Ontario universities from July 2 to July 7, 2023. The retreat takes place at the Queen's University Biology Station on Lake Opinicon. Current Year 5 doctoral students in the writing stage of their dissertation research are encouraged to apply. Value: up to \$600. [Application Form](#) | [Supervisor Support Form](#).

- **2023 Dr. Mark Zamorski Award**

*Deadline: June 1*

This award assists full-time graduate students (Master's and PhD) conducting research in military, Veteran and family health. Value: \$10,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **Canadian Dam Association (CDA) Scholarships**

*Deadline: June 9*

The CDA offers two annual scholarships to full-time graduate students attending a Canadian university whose

program of study focuses on dam safety and/or the management of dams. The scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence, the relevance of the student's research, and leadership and community involvement. Value: \$2500 (Master's); \$5000 (Doctoral).

[Learn more](#)

- **2023 John W. Davies Memorial Award**

*Deadline: June 30*

Open to any full-time graduate student at a recognized University in Canada or the US State of Alaska whose research will assist in providing solutions to problems encountered in the Arctic or in cold ocean environments. Value: \$3,000, to be awarded in Fall 2023.

[Learn more](#)

- **Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship**

*Deadline: June 30*

The Ross C. Purse Doctoral Fellowship supports theoretical and practical research in the field of vision loss in Canada. The fellowship is awarded for research in the social sciences, engineering, or other fields of study that are relevant to the field of vision loss. Value: \$12,500.

[Learn more](#)

- **Language Learning Dissertation Grant Program**

*Deadline: between July 7 and 14* Facilitates the research of doctoral candidates in the language sciences, including research in the disciplines of psychology, linguistics, cognitive science, educational inquiry, neuroscience, ethnography, sociolinguistics, sociology, and semiotics, and research that addresses fundamental theoretical issues in language learning. Value: up to \$2,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **2024 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships**

*Deadline to submit preliminary application to FGS: July 14*

The Vanier CGS program aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies in the social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, engineering, and health. Value: \$50,000 per year for three 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](mailto:sungr@yorku.ca).

[Learn more](#)

## Events

### Beyond the Professoriate's 10th Annual Online Career Conference for Grad Students

*Online, Monday, May 1–Saturday, May 6, 12:00–1:00pm*

This year's conference continues our mission to empower PhDs to explore their career options and build meaningful careers. The workshops will help you build a foundation for your job search strategy and the career panels will help you learn about career options and what it takes to pursue a nonacademic career with a Humanities, Social Science, or STEM PhD.

[Learn more](#)



## **CAGS Workshop Series for Graduate Students and Postdocs—Anti-Racism Response Training (ART)**

*Online, Thursday, May 25, 11:30am–2:30pm and 3:30–6:30pm*

Back by popular demand, CAGS is pleased to offer another round of this important and timely 3 hour workshop designed to build awareness around issues of race and racism in Canadian higher education. This workshop will introduce attendees to the concepts of active versus passive witnessing, and help to instil a better understanding of the impacts of racist encounters on both victims and bystanders. The workshop is premised on the active-witnessing model, in which participants will learn enhanced techniques for intervening and disrupting racism in their institutions and in their daily lives. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and practice a wide range of anti-racism responses, and to share their own experiences. Registration closes on Sunday, 21 May at 9:00pm (ET).

[Register](#)

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

*Online, Monday, May 15, 10:00–11:00am*

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 be introduced to York's Career Decision Making Model, online resources, and the range of hybrid supports York's Career Centre provides to help you create a meaningful future. Register on [Experience York](#).

[Learn more](#)

## **CIHR 2023 Info Session for Trainees**

*Registration deadline: June 5*

CIHR will be offering a series of virtual events to trainees, postdoctoral researchers, and institution staff regarding award programs that are offered. Dates: June 13, 2023 (English); June 15, 2023 (French); 1:00–2:00pm.

[Learn more](#)

## **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 for the Supporting Teaching At York \(STAY\) Symposium](#). Ever wonder, how do you know learning/teaching happens? Join us for two intensive courses to answer these questions together! [Register for How do you Know Learning Happens?](#) [Register for How do you Know Teaching Happens?](#)

[Learn more](#)

### **Individualized Development Plan (IDP) Certificate of Completion**

[The Faculty of Graduate Studies' IDP](#) is a tool to assist graduate students in identifying and developing their goals during their studies. It is designed to provide a framework for encouraging active participation among students in professional skills training and career management over the course of their degrees. Graduate students that elected to complete an IDP this academic year can receive a Certificate of Completion that they may highlight on their resume/CV. Providing a copy of one's IDP is not requested nor required to receive the certificate. Certificates can be requested by registering your completion in [YU Learn](#).

[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

Summer term classes, as well as deadlines for course additions and drops, differ widely in May, June, July, August due to many class sections. Please visit [Important Dates](#) for a summary of dates relevant to you.

### May 22

Victoria Day Holiday—University closed.

Registration: Last day to Register for Summer 2023 without being charged a late fee of \$200.

### May 27–June 2

Reading Week—University Open, No Classes - 2023 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

### May 31

Deadline to withdraw and receive 100% Refund for Summer Term.

## We Want to Hear from You!

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