



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

## Important Information

### **Pride Month at York**

Happy Pride Month! York University recognizes the contributions that the 2SLGBTQIA+ communities have made to York University's values of equity, diversity inclusivity and social justice. We encourage everyone to learn about the history, culture and contributions 2SLGBTQIA+ members have made to our campuses and Canadian society. |

#YUPride

[Learn more](#)

### **National Indigenous History Month at York**

National Indigenous History Month is a time to celebrate the presence, cultures and achievements of Indigenous community members. It is an opportunity to engage with the Indigenous knowledges, languages, practice, and ways of being that Indigenous people bring to York University and their importance to Canadian society. |

#IndigenouatYU

[Learn more](#)

### **York launches new Decolonizing Equity Diversity and Inclusion Strategy**

## **YORK LAUNCHES NEW DECOLONIZING, EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STRATEGY**

York University is excited to share its first [Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(DEDI\) Strategy](#). We are among the first Canadian universities to incorporate decolonization in a meaningful and substantial way throughout a document of this kind, and this strategy will formalize and coordinate DEDI efforts across the institution. The strategy includes five strategic directions – teaching and learning, research and innovation, representation and success, campus climate and environment, and leadership and capacity building.

[Learn more](#)

## **POSTDOCTORAL SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS**

*Deadline: Thursday, June 1*

Recognition will be given to one Postdoctoral Supervisor who has demonstrated exemplary support for postdoctoral scholars at York University, exceeding general supervisory expectations.

[Learn more](#)

## **JOIN US FOR PRIDE 2023 OPENING CEREMONY**

*Wednesday, June 7, 12:30–2:00pm*

Join the Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion (CHREI) in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Events and Student Community & Leadership Development for the York University [Pride 2023 Opening Ceremony](#) on Wednesday, June 7 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Vari Hall Rotunda. All York community members are welcome.

## **BONNIE DEVINE PUBLIC LECTURE HONOURS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH**

*Helliwell Centre, Osgoode Hall Law School, Monday, June 12, 12:30–2:00pm*

York University alum Bonnie Devine (MFA 99') will be on campus June 12 to present her work titled "[Writing Home](#)" at the Helliwell Centre at Osgoode Hall Law School from 4 to 6 p.m. All York community members are invited to attend this in-person event as part of National Indigenous History Month. To secure a spot, complete the [RSVP form](#).

## **FGSNEWS EDITIONS ARCHIVED**

Past editions of FGSnews, covering Fall 2022 and Winter 2023 can be found on the [Faculty of Graduate Studies website](#)—a handy reference if you need to find something in a previous edition.

## Financial Opportunities

### **BANTING PDF LETTER OF INTENT (LOI)**

*Deadline: July 12*

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants. Because of the highly competitive nature of this opportunity, an internal selection process is in place, whereby supervisors/candidates must submit a preliminary version of the application as an LOI (Letter of Intent).

[Learn more](#)

### **SCIENCE & SciLifeLab PRIZE FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS**

*Deadline: July 15*

The prize is awarded annually to one young scientist for outstanding life science research for which they were awarded a doctoral degree in the previous two years. The topic of the entrant's thesis research must be in one of the following categories: Cell and Molecular Biology; Genomics, Proteomics, and Systems Biology approaches; Ecology and Environment; Molecular Medicine.

[Learn more](#)

## In the News

### **MEET YORK UNIVERSITY'S LATEST COMMERCIALIZATION FELLOWS**

Four budding researchers completed York University's Commercialization Fellowship program—now in its second year – at the end of April. The Commercialization Fellowship program is funded by the innovation arm of the Office

of the Vice-President Research & Innovation at York. The program runs from January to April and provides graduate students and postdoctoral Fellows support and assistance to develop their academic research into a commercially viable product.

[Learn more](#)

## Research shows family members of those with mental illness feel stigmatized

Family members of those with serious mental health issues are feeling stigmatized and alone, say York University researchers in a new study. It's well known that those who have serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia face a great deal of stigma in society, but what has been less understood is the concept of "stigma by association"—the discrimination people close to them experience.

[Learn more](#)

## York MES Alumni receives EUC Dean's Teaching Award

Congratulations to YorkU MES Alumni Nashwa Khan from Environmental & Urban Change (EUC) who has received the Dean's Teaching Award for her contributions towards student support and pedagogical innovation.

[Learn more](#)

## YorkU PhD scholar leads course that highlights the colonial impact on Indigenous people

Indigeneity and Decolonization in a North American Context, an eight-session course supported by Lassonde EDI Seed Funding, concluded its exploration of themes, methods and concepts in Indigenous studies and knowledge in relation to ideas in sociology. Emma Posca, a PhD candidate, led the course, drawing on her PhD work in the School of Gender, Feminist and Sexuality Studies, and her dissertation which uses theories, methods and concepts such as Indigenous feminism, allyship, intersectionality, critical race theory, ethnography, patriarchy, colonialism and decolonization.

[Learn more.](#)

## Book highlights the importance of supports for university students

A book written by Professor Carl James, York University Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora and Leanne Taylor, an associate professor in the Faculty of Education at Brock University, profiles York alumni who participated in a 2002 pilot project. The project was designed to support first-generation university students during their undergraduate years, recognizing that they didn't have parents who could offer them insights into the world of post-secondary education. *First-Generation Student Experiences in Higher Education: Counterstories* (Routledge: 2022) catches up with a selection of these students 20 years later and profiles their experiences prior to university, during university and in the years afterward.

[Learn more](#)

## Events

### Online Banting Information Session

*Thursday, June 1, 1:00–2:30pm*

Of interest to potential applicants and supervisors, this online session will include an overview of the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship application process at York, a discussion of the evaluation criteria, and a Q & A.

[Register](#)

### CIHR 2023 Question & Answer Session for Trainees and Postdoctoral Researchers in Health Research

*Online, Tuesday, June 13, 1:00–2:00pm (English), Thursday, June 15, 1:00–2:00pm (French)*

*Registration deadline: Monday, June 5, 12:00–1:00pm*

CIHR will be hosting Information Sessions for trainees on awards in Health Research. These are designed to assist participants with the different awards funding opportunities requirements and answer questions on how to apply

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[Learn more](#)

## **Introduction to Zotero: Make Citing Easier with this Citation Management Tool**

*Online, Wednesday, June 7, 12:00–1:30pm*

This introductory hands-on workshop will teach you how to organize your citations and create your bibliographies with ease. You can do a lot with Zotero! This is an online event. Event URL will be sent via registration email.

[Learn more](#)

## **Postdoc Drop-in**

*Online, Thursday, June 1, 15, 3:00pm*

The online 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.

[Participate](#)

## Enhancing Your Experience

### **Arthritis Society Canada’s Junior Investigator Grant Mentoring Opportunity**

*Deadline: Friday, June 23*

This opportunity will support early career investigators in arthritis research in the areas of grantsmanship and peer-review processes. Successful applicants from across Canada will gain first-hand experience and develop a deeper understanding of Arthritis Society Canada’s gold standard peer-review process through the opportunity to participate as observers in one of our virtual panel meetings.

[Learn more](#)

### **National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (NCFDD)**

NCFDD provides on-demand access to mentoring, tools, and support you need to be successful in the Academy. To access, navigate to “Become a Member”, select York University as your institutional member and register with your @yorku.ca email address.

[Learn more](#)

### **POLARIS (Place for Online Learning for the Adjudication of Researchers Inclusively and Supportively)**

POLARIS is for anyone who is called upon in their job to rank, judge, adjudicate, or provide feedback on researchers and their applications.

[Learn more](#)

### **Beyond the Professoriate’s Career Training Platform for Post-Docs**

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.

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