



Here is your June 2023 guide to all things grad 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](#)

Current Indigenous Scholars Panel

Online, Tuesday, June 6, 12:00pm

Learn about the graduate experience (student, academic and research) from our current Indigenous scholars at York University. This event will be hosted by our very own Dean Loebel in partnership with The Centre for Indigenous Student (CISS) Services. Panelists include: Amy Hull (PhD scholar in Communication & Culture); Chandra Maracle (PhD scholar in Environmental Studies); Lance Morrison (MA scholar in Interdisciplinary Studies); and Terry Jones (MFA scholar in Film Production). Join us virtually on Tuesday, June 6th at 12:00 pm (EST).

[Learn more](#)

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](#)

Value Meal Program introduced on Campus

Food Services has introduced Value Meal Weekdays \$6.99 in Central Square & Glendon Chef's Table. To support community members who dine on campus at different price points, we are introducing a value meal program which ensures that community members can access healthy and exciting meal options with a 2 week cycle at a value price point. This value menu items will be available at Central Square Market and Glendon Marché locations and easily identifiable from Chef's Table stations so everyone can navigate the dining areas with ease.

[Learn more](#)

Connecting YU Mentorship Platform

Interested in growing your network and developing new relationships to support your professional and personal growth? Join Connecting YU—York University's professional development platform for students, alumni, faculty and staff that is focused on positive change through mentor-mentee connections, with groups dedicated to specific networks, faculties, and areas of expertise or interest.

[Learn more](#)

Join Us for Pride 2023 Opening Ceremonies

Vari Hall Rotunda, 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, 4:00–6:00pm

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](#).

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

Fall Deadline: October 2

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. **Spring/summer semester GSWIF application window is now closed. Fall semester GSWIF application is now open and deadline for submission is October 2, 2023.**

[Learn more](#)

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.

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 York 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](#)

Congratulations to York Film MFA Alum on Blackberry Film

Blackberry the film made by York's MFA Film alums is now in the cinemas and the [numbers](#) and [reviews](#) are extraordinary. Bravo to Matt Miller and Matt Johnson, and all the CMA alums who worked with them.

Financial Opportunitites

Internal Opportunities

- **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](#)

External Opportunities

- **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](#)

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

Deadline: between July 3

The BBPA National Scholarship Program is dedicated to supporting and promoting the

The BSA 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. Please visit the link below for more details. Value: varies.

[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.

[Learn more](#)

Events

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

Online, Tuesday, June 13, 1:00pm (English) and Thursday, June 15, 1:00pm (French)

Registration Deadline: Monday, June 5

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.

[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](#)

Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support & Education hosts Art Therapy Workshops

Online, Wednesday, June 21, Wednesday, July 19, 12:00–1:00pm

This monthly art therapy workshop series will guide participants through mindful art wellness exercises, which can help them develop grounding skills to achieve emotional balance. No prior art skills are required. The focus is on the benefits of the art making process, and does not require any previous art making experience. To register, email:

thecentre@yorku.ca.

[Learn more](#)

Complete your study permit or visa application at the Immigration Workroom

Are you working on an application to IRCC? Get real-time support for your study permit, work permit or visa. One of our advisors will be available to help you with IRCC's online application system, the application forms and any questions you may have. To find the next workroom please visit the [York International Calendar](#).

Graduate Coffee Break is back for Summer!

York International has a lot of fun-filled events planned for Graduate students this summer and the meet and greet is just the start of it all. It is a great place to meet new people. Feel free to bring your friends and encourage them to register. You will also meet other international students like yourselves while enjoying some great snacks. Check the [York International calendar](#) and join us for our next Coffee Break!

Enhancing Your Experience

Teaching Commons: Supporting Teaching At York (STAY) Symposium

The [Supporting Teaching At York \(STAY\) Symposium](#) includes asynchronous online modules on eClass. [Self-enroll on eClass](#) to access all of the modules.

[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](#)

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](#)

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

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.

- **June 14**
Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Courses Registration Opens.
- **June 15**
Deadline to withdraw and receive for 80% Refund for Summer Term.
- **June 9, 15–23**
June Convocation.
- **June 21**
Online Registration and Enrollment Ends for Summer 2023.
- **June 26**
Online Course Withdrawal Ends. Manual form required after this date.
- **June 30**
Recommended date to apply for government financial aid for the Fall/Winter session.
Deadline for reassessment at the domestic tuition rate for the current Summer session.
Deadline to withdraw and receive 40% Refund for Summer Term.

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