



Here is your September 2023 guide to all things grad at YorkU

## Important Information

### **Labour Day Holiday—University closed**

*Monday, September 4*

This is a reminder that classes are cancelled and the university is closed Monday, September 4 in recognition of the Labour Day holiday.

[Learn more](#)

### **Call for Nominations for FGS Teaching Awards 2023–24**

*Deadline: November 15*

The FGS Teaching Award is bestowed annually on a member of FGS who has displayed substantial, significant and sustained excellence, commitment and enthusiasm to the multifaceted aspects of teaching at the graduate level at York. The nominator may be any member of FGS, including regular or adjunct faculty, graduate students or staff.

[Learn more](#)

### **Incoming students are invited to our Fall 2023 Grad Orientation**

*Online, Tuesday, September 5, 12:00–1:30pm*

Attending your graduate program orientation is a great opportunity to meet colleagues and learn more about grad studies at York. If you are a new graduate student, we also look forward to meeting you at the GRAD@York—Fall 2023! This event will be an opportunity for incoming graduate students to meet with our FGS team and campus partners, to learn about a variety of resources and services available to support your graduate journey. We will have representatives from the following university academic and administrative services.

[Learn more](#)

## 2023 Graduate Sports League

We're pleased to announce this year's [Graduate Sports League \(GSL\)](#) events open to all graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty members. The graduate sports league will meet 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, or sign up to join a mixed team. Also, all are welcomed to simply come out and socialize, and cheer the teams on! All tournaments will be held on York's Keele Campus.

[Learn more](#)

## Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service

We are "accepting" graduate students who are interested in free & confidential counselling support. Graduate Student Wellness Services is offering Wellness Consultation & Counselling Service. Sessions are offered via phone, video, or in-person, and the service is available M-F between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. To book an appointment, visit the [online appointment calendar](#) or email [gradwell@yorku.ca](mailto:gradwell@yorku.ca).

## 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. **The fall semester GSWIF application window is now open, and the application deadline is October 2, 2023.**

[Learn more](#)

## FGS Certificate in Personal Wellness and Learning Skills

This five-week free program focuses on social connection, personal wellness, and learning skills. Topics covered include stress reduction, overcoming procrastination, enhancing motivation, time management, and skills from the field of positive psychology. The program also focuses on creating opportunities to connect with peers and learn more about support at York. **The program takes place virtually over Zoom.** The upcoming **Fall Term** sessions will be on **Tuesdays from 1:30–3:30pm** for five dates.

[Learn more](#)

## In the News

### Seven York graduate students among Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship recipients

Seven York University graduate students are among this year's recipients of the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship. Presented by the Government of Canada, the award supports first-rate doctoral students who undertake graduate studies in the fields of social sciences and humanities, natural sciences and/or engineering, and health. Candidates are evaluated based on three equally weighted selection criteria: academic excellence research potential and leadership All seven YorkU recipients will be awarded \$50,000 annually for up to three years to support their research projects.

[Learn more](#)

### The path to equal access—Uncovering challenges and opportunities on York's Keele Campus

An audit of the southern portion of York's Keele campus highlights several opportunities to improve accessibility on the campus, grad students have found. The audit, assigned as part of ENVS 6128, Urban Transportation Planning this past winter found a mix of compliant and non-compliant features when measured against the City of Toronto's [Accessibility Design Guidelines](#).

[Learn more](#)

## York postdoctoral researchers receive prestigious Banting Fellowships

After a highly competitive selection process, York University Postdoctoral Fellows Chiara Camponeschi and Ashlee Christoffersen have been named among this year's recipients of the prestigious [Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships](#). The award is open to scholars who are devoted to research in three areas: health research, natural sciences and/or engineering, and social sciences and/or humanities. Awarded by the Government of Canada, the Banting Fellowship is valued at \$70,000 per year for two years and supports postdoctoral researchers who will positively contribute to the country's economic, social, and research-based growth.

[Learn more](#)

## PhD student wins prestigious crystallographic award

Nicholas Bragagnolo, a PhD student in the Department of Chemistry's [Audette Lab](#), won the 2023 Etter Student Lecturer Award from the American Crystallographic Association (ACA), which represents those working in the branch of science concerned with the structure and properties of crystals. The ACA houses 14 scientific interest groups (SIG), each representing a specific crystallographic discipline or area of interest. Among them is the Canadian Division SIG, which had the opportunity to—along with all other groups—invite one student to present a lecture at an ACA conference and receive an award.

[Learn more](#)

## Nursing grad named to Top 25 Immigrants in Canada in 2023

Congratulations to MScN graduate Edward Cruz on being named to the 2023 Top 25 Immigrants in Canada. Currently an associate Professor in the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Windsor, Edward was the first graduate of the thesis MScN program at York.

[Learn more](#)

## Financial Opportunitites

### Internal Opportunities

- **Bursaries**

*Deadline: Tuesday, October 31*

The Student Financial Portal (SFP) for the Fall/Winter 2023-2024 application cycle will be available from September 1 to October 31 for the Fall term. Graduate students who complete an SFP and demonstrate financial need will be automatically considered for eligible FGS administered bursaries.

[Learn more](#)

- **Academic Excellence Fund**

*Deadlines: October 30 (fall term), February 28 (winter term), June 30 (summer term)*

The Academic Excellence Fund (AEF) program supports graduate students in advancing their research and scholarly objectives through simple and timely access to funds. Students can apply for and access AEF funds before the expenses are incurred. Value: up to \$2,000 per academic year for student's research and scholarly activities.

[Learn more](#)

- **PhD Completion Fund**

*Deadlines: September 30 (fall term), January 31 (winter term), May 31 (summer term)*

The CUPE 3903 PhD Completion Fund supports eligible doctoral students in their final term of full-time study. To apply, complete the application as well as the Student Financial Profile (SFP) during the applicable application period. Value: Amounts are determined based on financial need of applicants and the volume of applications.

[Learn more](#)

- **Research Cost Fund**

*Deadlines: November 10 (fall term), March 10 (winter term)*

The Research Cost Fund assists with the costs directly connected to research undertaken by registered full-time York graduate students who are, or have been, members of CUPE 3903 within their current program of study. Value: \$1,600 per degree.

[Learn more](#)

## External Opportunities

- **Tri-council (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC Doctoral and CGS-Masters) Application Deadlines**

- **October 4** : [CIHR Doctoral Foreign Study Awards and CGS Doctoral Awards \(DFSA/CGSD\)](#)

- **October 4** : [NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships and CGS Doctoral Awards \(PGSD/CGSD\)](#)

- **October 10**: [SSHRC Fellowships and CGS Doctoral Awards \(DF/CGSD\)](#)

- **December 1**: [Canada Graduate Scholarships—Master's \(CGSM\)](#)

- **Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEIGSST)**

Applications to the Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS) and QEII Graduate Scholarships in Science and Technology (QEIGSST) are accepted at the same time as the Tri-Council applications. If you submit a Tri-council application and complete the [Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Cover Sheet](#) by the applicable deadline above, your application is automatically considered for an OGS/QEII. If you are submitting an OGS application only, please complete the required materials and submit your application through the [Ontario Graduate Scholarship & Tri-Council Scholarship Information Form](#). For details, please review [the OGS/QEII application process](#).

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

*Deadline: September 28*

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](#)

- **IODE War Memorial Scholarship Application**

*Deadline: October 1 (Letter of Intent); November 1 (Full Application)*

Since the first scholarships were awarded in 1921, IODE War Memorial Scholars have made important contributions to Canada and the world in medicine, science, business, politics and academia. Applicants must be Canadian citizens and in at least their second year of a doctoral program at a Canadian university. Applicants will be judged on academic excellence, potential, and volunteerism. Value: \$15,000.

[Learn more](#)

- **ACM Doctoral Dissertation Award**

*Deadline: October 31*

The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) established the Doctoral Dissertation Award program to recognize superior research and writing by doctoral candidates in the fields of computer science and engineering. Value: \$20,000 plus travel expenses.

[Learn more](#)

- **Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship**

*Deadline: December 2023*

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholarship program offers doctoral candidates the skills to translate their ideas into action, for the betterment of their communities, Canada, and the world. Applicants' field of study should be broadly related to the humanities or human sciences, and be of direct relevance to the future of Canada. Their doctoral work must relate to at least one of the Foundation's four themes: Human Rights and Dignity, Responsible Citizenship, Canada and the World, People and their Natural Environment. Value: \$40,000 plus \$20,000 (travel allowance) 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](#)

- **Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship**

*Deadline: November 15*

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship will begin accepting online applications for the 2024-25 academic year on September 1. The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship supports the best and brightest minds in their postdoctoral research in Israel, connecting them with world-class academics and leading researchers. Value: ILS 168,000.

[Learn more](#)

## Events

### **Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages Open House**

*353B York Lanes, Monday, September 18, 1:30–3:00pm*

The Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages is an organized research centre at York accepting applications for new members. We encourage Indigenous graduate students and non-Indigenous students working in Indigenous Studies to join us for an Open House to learn more about the work we do and make new connections. Light refreshments will be provided.

[Learn more](#)

### **Envision, Write, Revise, Repeat: An Academic Publishing Workshop for Graduate Students and Post-Doctoral Fellows**

*Room 120, North Ross Building, Wednesday, 27 September, 9:30am–3:30pm*

Are you envisioning publishing some of your work? Would you like to hear more about the ins and outs? Please join us to listen to seasoned journal editors discuss academic publishing, provide feedback on a variety of student/ Post-doc papers (what we call workshopping), and explore the implications of the open access movement on scholarly publishing. Whether you submitted an article to be reviewed, or you are considering submitting a manuscript and want to hear other papers receive feedback and direction, this free session is for you! Geared specifically to graduate students and post docs at York, we've brought together a group of journal editors to give you the very best advice and direction. Registration is required.

[Register](#)

### **York Centre for Asian Research Meet and Greet**

*Thursday, September 28, 1:30–3:00pm*

We warmly invite all York students and faculty interested in Asia/Diasporas to YCAR's annual Welcome (Back) event. Drop by the Centre between 13:30 and 15:00 EDT on Thursday, 28 September 2023 for refreshments and snacks, meet with members of our research community, and learn more about what is happening in YCAR in the year ahead.

[Learn more](#)



## Road to Research Success: How to Find Scholarly Articles and Books Through YorkU Libraries

*Online, Thursday, September 21 and 28, 12:00–1:30pm*

Need help starting your research and navigating your way to academic sources? In this workshop you will learn how to: find the right resources for your academic work; find your way around the library website; start your search with subject guides and research strategies; access and use OMNI and databases to find the sources you need for your essays and assignments; evaluate different sources and understand different formats; ask for help when you need it.

- Thursday, September 21, 12:00–1:30pm (English)  
[Registration](#)
- Thursday September 28, 12:00-1:30pm (bilingual English|français)  
[Registration](#)

## Best Practices for Managing Research Data (Hybrid)

This workshop introduces the general principles and best practices for data collection, storage, documentation, and sharing. You will learn about emerging principles, resources and tools that will help you plan and implement data management best practices throughout the data lifecycle and enable data reuse where appropriate.

[Registration](#)

## Writing Workshop Series for Graduate Students

*Online, Monday, September 18 and Tuesday September 19, 1:30–3:00pm*

Facilitated by Dr. Hallie Wells and Dr. Karīna Vasiļevska-Das, these workshops are designed to help you develop and refine a writing practice and gain concrete techniques to embolden your writing. In these sessions you will learn creative strategies for all stages of the writing process, from outlines to final edits. The format of the sessions is interactive and collaborative, as we allocate time for trying out specific exercises as well as for discussion and sharing with other participants.

[Register](#)

## Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies Information Session

*Online, Friday, September 2, 10:00am*

The Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies (GDAS) is a one-of-a-kind diploma tailored specifically for York University students conducting their graduate research in Asia and Asian Diasporas. The Diploma provides academic and professional exposure to students who can enrich their graduate training and strengthen their credentials in Asian Studies.

[Register](#)

## NSERC Scholarships and Fellowships Q&A Session

*Online, Thursday, September 7, 2:00–3:00pm*

NSERC program officers to provide an overview of various NSERC scholarship and fellowship programs as well as tips for developing applications.

[Registration](#)

## LA&PS Graduate Student Lounge Now open!

*124 Atkinson, Sunday–Saturday, 7:00–10:00pm*

Are you looking for a space to study, connect with fellow peers, or just relax? LA&PS Colleges is happy to announce the opening of a Graduate Student Lounge for students affiliated with the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies. The lounge is located in room 124 Atkinson and will be open from 7:00–10:00pm, 7 days a week! Please be advised that you will be required to scan your YU Card for access.

## **York Centre for Asian Research hosts Burma Past and Present: Religion, Ethnicity and Power. Graduate Diploma in Asian Studies Information Session**

The York Centre for Asian Research hosts Burma **Past and Present: Religion, Ethnicity and Power** a series of events on Burma. This is a pivotal moment for Burma and the study of Burma. The next years will see a huge transition for the country and its diasporas. It is key to think through both the long history of the current fractures in Burmese society (religious identities, ethnic identities) as well as how the contemporary situation reconfigures these in important ways. The speakers are organized in four thematic clusters: Religious Minorities; Ethnicities and Belonging; Critical Studies of Buddhist Monasticism; Economy, Activism and Politics. The series is organized by Alicia Turner (Humanities).

### **LA&PS PhD Student Re-Orientation**

*Online, Tuesday September 26, 10:00–11:00am*

Are you a returning PhD student? LA&PS Colleges is hosting a PhD Re-Orientation session. Take this opportunity to reflect and reset as you prepare to move from coursework to your proposal, dissertation, and defense.

[Learn more](#)

### **CGS-Master's and OGS Application Workshops (Identical sessions)**

*Online, Thursday, October 12, 9:30–11:30am–Session 1*

*Online, Friday, October 20, 9:30–11:30am–Session 2*

This workshop will provide an overview of the application process and scholarship proposal writing to support the preparation of applications for the Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's (CGSM) (Deadline: December 1). The two sessions are identical. To register, please visit the [registration page](#).

### **Getting Started on your MRP/Thesis Workshop**

*Online, Thursday, October 5, 12:30–1:30pm*

The first of many upcoming Writing Series workshops, this session aims to help graduate-level writers get started. Here, we will focus on choosing a topic, learning how to turn your ideas into a proposal, selecting an advisor, beginning your research, planning, and drafts, and setting expectations.

[Learn more](#)

### **Tri-Council and OGS Application Workshops**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is offering workshops to students on scholarship proposal writing on the following dates. To register to any of these sessions, please visit the [workshop information page](#). Zoom links will be provided prior to the event.

- Session #1: Thursday, September 14, 9:30 – 11:30am
- Session #2: Wednesday, September 20, 9:30 – 11:30am

### **Join the LA&PS Graduate Student Hub on Discord!**

Are you looking to connect with fellow graduate students online? LA&PS Colleges have created a community hub on Discord that includes a private space for graduate students. Join and get connected to a community of friends and colleagues. Join the [community](#) today!

## Enhancing Your Experience

### **The Teaching Commons offers a variety of certificates!**

Find all of the [workshops](#) that count toward the [Record of Completion Certificates](#). Register for [“How do you know learning happens?”](#) OR [“How do you know teaching happens?”](#) OR [“Experiencing Educational Development in Higher Education”](#).

[Learn more](#)

### **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.

[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](#)

### **Beyond the Professoriate Career Training Platform**

Beyond the Professoriate's Career Training Platform helps graduate students, postdocs, and PhDs successfully transition into academic or non-academic careers. Through two programs of study (Academic Careers and Professional Careers), postdocs and graduate students can explore career options and learn job search strategies to secure employment in academia and beyond. To log in simply visit [Beyond Prof's Career Training Platform](#), select York University, and enter your institutional login information.

### **York Centre for Asian Research Seeks Graduate Students with Research Focused on Asia/Asian Diaspora(s)**

The York Centre for Asian Research welcomes new graduate students with a research interest in Asia/Asian Diaspora(s) to affiliate with the Centre.

[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](mailto:training@mitacs.ca).

[Learn more](#)

### **York Centre for Asian Research Awards Support Graduate Research**

The York Centre for Asian Research has awards to support graduate research, fieldwork travel and language training. For our 30 October 2023 deadline, there is funding for research on Korea/Diaspora, East/Southeast Asia, Tamil Studies, and Hakka Studies.

[Learn more](#)



## **l'Amicale francophone de York (York's Francophone Friendship Association)**

In Spring 2022, l'Amicale francophone de York was created by a group of francophone York faculty members. It is an informal academic network for researchers conducting projects in French at York University. L'Amicale is a peer support group for members to share information on research opportunities in French, consolidate their research networks, and find support to advocate for a better research environment in French at York. If you are interested in joining l'Amicale, please email Jean Michel Montsion, Director of the Robarts Centre ([robarts@yorku.ca](mailto:robarts@yorku.ca)).

## **Canadian Southeast Asian Studies Initiative (CSEASI) Supports Conference Attendance**

The Canadian Southeast Asian Studies Initiative (CSEASI) will fund graduate students to attend the Canadian Council for Southeast Asian Studies (CCSEAS) conference in Québec City, 12 to 14 October 2023.

[Learn more](#)

## **Two Grad Diploma in Management courses available to all grad students**

There are two Graduate Diploma in Management courses which are available to all graduate students:

- DMGM 5120 Canadian Admin Law and Public Sector Ethics 1.5Cr. Wed 6:00–9:00pm: Oct 25 to Nov 29
- DMGM 5110 Fundamentals of Public Sector Management 1.5Cr. Wed 6:00–9:00pm: Jan 10 to Feb 14, 2024

No additional fees will be incurred as grad fees are charged per term not per course. Courses will be delivered at IBM Canada. Contact [gadminfo@yorku.ca](mailto:gadminfo@yorku.ca) for more information.

## **Velomobility for Disability Project Seeks Grad Student for Fieldwork**

The Velomobility for Disability project is seeking an incoming domestic student interested in conducting fieldwork focused on the design, fabrication and trade of adaptive cycles used by persons with a disability.

[Learn more](#)

## **Masters and PhD Career Counselling, Career Centre**

Connect confidentially with York's Career Centre'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](#)

## **Important Dates**

- **September 1**  
Deadline for **Students** to submit Research Proposals for Ethics to program office for approval to commence in January 2023.
- **September 3**  
Deadline for Students to submit Research Proposals for Ethics to program office for approval to commence in January 2023.
- **September 4**  
Labour Day Holiday–University Closed.

- **September 8**  
Deadline for **Graduate Programs** to submit Research Proposals for Ethics to FGS for approval to commence in January 2023.
  - **September 10**  
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 February 2024 convocation.
  - **September 15**  
**Administrative Deadline**—Deadline for graduate programs to submit summer term grades to the Registrar's Office.
  - **September 17**  
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 February 2024 convocation.
  - **September 20**  
**Administrative Deadline**—Deadline for graduate program to submit degree audit for October Convocation.
  - **September 30**  
Refund—100% refund date for Fall term [FA23].
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## We Want to Hear from You!

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