

Dear colleagues,

Our esteemed colleague, Professor James J. Orbinski, OC, OOnt, MSC, MA, MD, founding Director of the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research at York University, has been appointed the 7th Principal of Massey College at the University of Toronto. His appointment begins on a part-time basis on September 1, 2024, through to the end of 2024 when he will take on the Principalship in a full-time capacity. More information can be found in the announcement from Massey College:

<https://www.masseycollege.ca/2024/08/16/announcing-the-7th-principal-of-massey-college/>

During his time as Director of the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research, James has delivered visionary leadership advancing York's interdisciplinary research in global health while raising the profile of York's expertise on a vast range of global issues including antimicrobial resistance, health disparities, climate change, Indigenous health, humanitarian water engineering, among many others. He made substantial contributions to the establishment of important projects, including CIFAL and Y-EMERGE, as well as the School of Global Health and the proposal for the School of Medicine. James also provided many experiential education opportunities for students as research assistants at the Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research and through various symposia.

I am grateful for James' leadership and vision, and for the many things he has accomplished in his seven years at York. He will be missed but I look forward to new collaborations with him as he pursues innovative ways to support our mutual commitments to the public good and wish him all the best in his new leadership position at Massey College.

Please join me in congratulating James on this wonderful new opportunity and wishing him the very best for success.

With best regards,
David Peters
Dean, Faculty of Health