

SPPA Practicum Student, and PPASA President **Khushbu Dhaliwal** receives Supporting Our Future Award



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Khushbu Dhaliwal

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Congratulations and Thank You
from the CSMB Management Team
& the Enterprise Business Services Division



We are delighted to announce that Khushbu Dhaliwal, received the **Supporting Our Future Award** at the 5th Annual Standing Ovation Awards in the Client Services Management Branch at the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. Congratulations to Khushbu!

2020 Practicum Update

Our Practicum in Public Administration (AP/PPAS 4995 6.0) is approaching its third decade of providing enriching learning opportunities for students and meaningful contributions to business objectives for public sector partners. Program participants have witnessed significant change in public administration over the years and many program alumni have successfully leveraged their experience in pursuit of a fulfilling public service career.

While the practicum had weathered public service transformations and economic cycles before, the disruption caused by the COVID19 pandemic is on an unprecedented scale resulting in considerable uncertainty and risk. Earlier this past spring, the opportunities for student placements for the 2020-2021 school year were in doubt. There were, however, signs that organizations, both public and private sector, were making incredible strides to adjust and rapidly accelerate the transition to online channels wherever possible. It was clear, the annual outreach to returning and new program partners would need to be augmented if the program was to succeed in meeting student demand for placement opportunities for another school year as it had done for so many years previously.

In anticipation of formidable challenges among public sector agencies coping and adjusting to the pandemic, the outreach effort to secure placement opportunities began earlier and was as extensive as possible. Previous placement partners, alumni, past student placement participants and other prospective partners were approached. Provincial crown agencies, non-governmental and not-for-profit/charitable organizations were contacted. Our School's ongoing effort to further engage local and regional government was an important element of the overall outreach effort. With the trend toward remote or telework arrangements, limiting partners to the GTA was no longer necessary. In the end 120 individual points of contact were made in the outreach effort to secure program partners for student placement opportunities.

The initial response in early May 2020 from prospective partners was discouraging but not entirely unexpected given the sheer uncertainty, disruption and public health emergency overtaking public sector agencies at all levels of government, the broader public sector, the non-governmental/not-for-private sector. While the merits of the program were not in question, participation in 2020/2021 presented numerous challenges that could not be overcome with confidence by the start of the school year. Equally concerning, previous program partners could not readily recommit as they had in previous years due to extensive personnel and labour relations considerations at play and any prior approvals would need to be revisited and renewed.

By the end of June, the initial outreach netted precious few firm commitments. The initial outreach was supplemented in early July along with a refreshed communication to long-time program participants. By late July, the adaptability and resiliency on the part of returning and prospective public sector partners provided a degree of confidence that engaging in the practicum program, in some sense presented a modicum of returning to past practices. Our School of Public Policy and Administration community (school and practicum program alumni) along with other progressive leaders in the public service came through with exciting and meaningful placement opportunities, once again meeting the student demand for this year. In addition, many more organizations expressed an interest in supporting the program next year anticipating a return to a steadier state in their operations.

We look forward to the continued success of the Practicum in Public Administration and are very grateful to past and present partners for their support. We take pride in the successes of our students as they start their careers, and are also very excited about the prospect of working with new partners in the future. Thank you for your contributions to our students' learning and professional development.

Professors Constantinou and Natarelli

New SPPA Website is Now Live!

We are pleased to announce that our new School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA) website is now live.

Please explore the new website and its features at:

<https://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/>

We would like to thank the York University staff for all of their hard work on this project!

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York University's

Student Financial Aid Initiative

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on students. Your donation will go towards bursaries and scholarships that will help students focus on their studies and future instead of worrying about how to make ends meet.

YUSPPAAN is seeking support from the SPPA community to raise donations and pledges to support students in need.

Our goal is to reach \$5,000 by January 7, 2021.

[CLICK HERE TO DONATE NOW](#)

Please note that although the donation page is York's generic site, the unique YUSPPAAN donor link provided has been set up with tracking so we can see how many donations are made through this initiative.

In order for contributions to be counted under YUSPPAAN's initiative/goal, it is important for donations to be made by clicking on the particular URL shared.



A [message](#) from YUSPPAAN President
Ashley Cabral

Thanks to the profound generosity of The Victor Dahdaleh Foundation and The Pierre Lassonde Family Foundation, **if you give to the Emergency COVID-19 Student Relief Fund your gift will now be tripled up to \$300,000.** This means that your gift will go three times as far and have triple the impact!

York University's Zoom/e-Class Student Tutorial Sessions

Learn the ins and outs of ZOOM and eClass in preparation for your virtual classes!

All students are welcome to join this session and learn the ins and outs of Zoom and eClass in preparation for your virtual classes this Winter. These sessions in December and January will cover York's primary online learning platforms. You'll learn some key information as well as tips and strategies from senior students on Zoom lectures, breakout rooms, online testing evaluations and more! Registration required.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



National Competition for Students

The *Building Better Financial Futures Challenge* is a national student competition hosted by the [Financial Consumer Agency of Canada](#) (FCAC; a Government of Canada agency).

We are looking for outstanding undergraduate/graduate student papers that recommend actionable, evidence-based, solutions to current challenges faced by vulnerable communities related to personal finance, financial consumer protection, and/or financial literacy (e.g. managing debt, budgeting, saving money, navigating the financial marketplace).

[The Review of Financial Literacy Research in Canada: Environmental Scan and Gap Analysis](#) provides background research that students can use. It describes some current and planned financial literacy research projects and identifies existing knowledge gaps.

The paper and submission requirements can be found online at [Building Better Financial Futures Challenge](#).

Deadline for submission: April 30, 2021

Details can be found at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/financial-consumer-agency/programs/research/2021-building-better-financial-futures-challenge.html>

Submit papers to: Competition@fcac-acfc.gc.ca

Outcome: Selected authors will have their **papers published by the Government of Canada** and will **present their paper** to the financial literacy and consumer protection communities.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) at the following email: Competition@fcac-acfc.gc.ca



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[Indigenous Youth Research Associate - City of Toronto](#)

Are you a skilled communicator looking for an opportunity to collaborate on various projects and initiatives to support the City of Toronto's relationship with Indigenous peoples? If so, bring your research skills and innovative ideas to these exciting roles with the City of Toronto. As an Indigenous Youth Research Associate, you will provide support to City divisions in the area of Aboriginal/Indigenous relations, implementing processes and services both internal to the Toronto Public Service and external services provided to citizens, businesses and visitors.

[Policy Advisor - AMCTO](#)

AMCTO is looking to hire a policy advisor to join their Policy and Government relations team. AMCTO is Ontario's largest municipal sector professional association. Its mission is to offer leadership, direction and service to the municipal sector in Ontario through education, member services and advocacy. By joining their Policy and Government Relations team, you will work towards positive outcomes for Ontario communities by supporting the people who deliver local programs and services to Ontarians.

[Director of Research and Evaluation - The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness](#)

The Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (COH) is a non-partisan research and policy partnership between academics, policy and decision makers, service providers and people with lived experience of homelessness. The COH works in collaboration with partners to conduct and mobilize research designed to have an impact on solutions to homelessness. The COH evolved out of a 2008 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council funded project called the Canadian Homelessness Research Network and is housed at York University. The Director of Research & Evaluation is responsible for planning, oversight, coordination and implementation of all research and evaluation activities of the COH's social enterprise, Hub Solutions. Specific areas of responsibility include project development and implementation, business development, supervision of staff and promotion of the COH and its objectives. The Director of Research & Evaluation also provides support to the Making the Shift Youth Homelessness Demonstration Lab, including data analysis and report writing.

[Head of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion - Infrastructure Ontario](#)

Infrastructure Ontario is seeking an individual who will lead the development and implementation of programs and strategies to progress equity, inclusion and diversity at IO, reporting directly to the CEO, this person will provide independent advice to executive management team on strategies to help address and progress equity and diversity at IO.

[Public Policy Partnerships - TikTok](#)

Do you live at the intersection of internet culture and public policy? TikTok Canada is looking for a creative, highly driven candidate to lead policy partnerships/stakeholder outreach with NGOs, charities, civil society, academia, and government organizations/officials. Based at TikTok's new Liberty Village Canadian HQ in Toronto (once we're all eventually back to work), you'd identify, research, establish, and then manage long-term relationships with key partner organizations focused on issues such as online trust & safety, digital literacy, civic literacy, diversity & inclusion, and cultural policy.

[Manager, Government Relations - General Motors](#)

The Manager, Government Relations, will work as a member of GM Canada's Corporate Affairs team with responsibility for maintaining strong public policy relationships and generating positive business outcomes in Canada. Reporting to the Vice President, Corporate & Environmental Affairs and working with the broader GM North America Public Policy team and our associations and partnerships in Canada, this role focuses on managing a range of federal, provincial and municipal policy issues including, but not limited to: competitiveness and investment policies for manufacturing, technology and R&D; international trade agreements; customs, logistics and border issues; privacy policy; fiscal and taxation issues. This public policy role also works with governments in support of the expansion of GM Canada's engineering and innovation work in alignment with Canadian universities and technology scale up companies.

[Research and Policy Assistant, Technology Cybersecurity and Democracy Program - Ryerson Leadership Lab](#)

RLL is looking for an enthusiastic graduate student or professional Research and Policy Assistant to help produce quantitative and qualitative research, analysis, and written products through its Technology, Cybersecurity and Democracy Program. This role will support the Ryerson Leadership Lab in building a robust, data driven and, public policy-informed picture of major issues related to public policy on technology, cybersecurity and democracy in Canada, and of how Canadians from different communities interact with this landscape.

[Ontario Legislature Internship Program - Canadian Political Science Association](#)

Are you a soon-to-be university graduate that is interested in Ontario politics? The Ontario Legislature Internship Program (OLIP) is a 10-month, non-partisan, paid internship offered to recent university graduates. The Programme is designed to provide backbench Members of Provincial Parliament with highly qualified staff. In addition to providing practical experience in the daily workings of the Ontario Legislature, OLIP provides interns the opportunity to supplement their university training through regular academic discussions and by writing an academic paper on a topic of their choice. Interns also visit other legislatures to gain an understanding of how the political process works in different jurisdictions.

[Senior Analyst, Policy and Operations - CMHC](#)

Join the Data Exchange Team, where CMHC works to be the catalyst for solving housing affordability challenges. Your skills and passion for data and project management will support the development and scaling the data infrastructure while driving efficiencies and value to business areas and into the design of information technology.

[Senior Specialist, Housing Research - CMHC](#)

Join the Policy and Innovation Team, where we accelerates housing affordability through evidence-based policy, research and disruptive innovation. Your skills and passion managing and conducting specific research, modelling, projection, and housing data will help support the development and deployment of national policies, strategies, programs, and standards designed to measure and improve housing and living conditions.

[Environmental Research and Policy Analyst - York Region](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Health Protection, the Environmental Research and Policy Analyst is responsible for researching and evaluating environmental health data, risk management strategies and preparing technical reports on water, air and/or soil analysis, in order to manage toxicological and health impacts on residents within York Region. 6 month contract.



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[Coordinator, Strategy and Government Relations - City of Richmond Hill](#)

Reporting to the Manager, Strategy & Government Relations, the Coordinator, Strategy & Government Relations is responsible for coordinating programs, managing smaller scale projects and supporting the Manager in larger ones and conducting research and analysis. The coordinator also facilitates discussions and workshops with internal and external stakeholders and uses the information to write reports and make recommendations.

[Policy Coordinator - Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business](#)

CCAB is hiring a Policy Coordinator to join their team of energetic professionals dedicated to driving positive change in the Indigenous economy. The role supports the development and implementation of public policy projects, engagement, and communication activities with CCAB members and external stakeholders, including government officials. The primary objective of the Policy Coordinator will be to support effective government policy development and policy design to support Indigenous prosperity and well-being.

[Program Manager, Environment - City of Toronto](#)

If you are a passionate and innovative individual, able to pivot when priorities change, constantly curious, excited by excellent public policy, with a desire to advance the environmental and energy policies and programs, this is the place for you! Reporting to the Manager of Policy & Research, the Program Manager is responsible for managing a variety of programs and projects, with assigned staff and external consultants, to support the implementation of environment and energy initiatives and strategies for the City corporation and Toronto communities

[Communications Officer \(Research and Analysis\) - Council of Canadians](#)

Under the general direction of the Director of Communications and working in close collaboration with the Campaigners and other members of staff, the Communications Officer (Research and Analysis) is primarily responsible for planning and producing high-quality investigative research and analysis materials, primarily in the form of analysis posts to our website. The Officer will work closely with our Campaigners to develop and create timely analysis pieces consistent with the Council's political goals. The Officer is also responsible for cultivating and maintaining effective relationships with contractors engaged in supporting research

[Senior Policy Consultant and Senior Program Consultant- Ontario Ministry of Health](#)

Ministry of Health is responsible for administering the health care system and providing services to the Ontario public through such programs as health insurance, drug benefits, assistive devices, mental health and addictions, home care services, community and public health, health promotion and disease prevention. It also regulates hospitals; operates psychiatric hospitals and medical laboratories; and coordinates emergency health services. Are you eager to be part of the solution in the fight against COVID-19? If you thrive in fast paced, dynamic environment, have policy and program development experience and want to support Ontario's pandemic response, please consider this opportunity. These positions are currently within a virtual team of policy/program professionals in various Ministry of Health locations across the Province of Ontario. **20 positions available!**