

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## NEWSLETTER

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### **This week we are pleased to present** **Hafeza Khan, 2nd year BPA Specialized Honours student**



Hello everyone! My name is Hafeza Khan, and I am a second-year student in the Specialized Honours Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program, Management stream. From a young age, I developed an interest in learning about the institutions that govern our society, and the actors that have a role in implementing change. My most memorable classes growing up were history and law. These courses solidified my passion to pursue a career in public service. At the same time, I was also drawn to business courses for the purposes of understanding how organizations operate and to gain financial literacy. I recognized that there is an overlap between these areas of study when planning fiscal and social policies. For these reasons, it was essential for me to obtain a well-rounded education that would mesh all my interests in a meaningful way.

When I discovered the School of Public Policy and Administration, I was impressed to find a program tailored to my interests. From the first week of classes, I realized that my time at York would be invaluable. The BPA program provides a competitive academic environment that combines theory and practice. I believe that the faculty are truly invested in students' success because they continuously encourage us to apply ourselves. Students can access opportunities through the [School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network](#) in addition to the undergraduate student association. It is also comforting to know that there is support available to students as they continue their education at York University.

Joining the [Public Policy and Administration Student Association \(PPASA\)](#) has introduced me to a community of individuals with a shared interest in advancing the public good. Currently, I serve as the Director of Marketing and promote our events and workshops. I hope to continue to be a part of this amazing team and work with talented people in the years ahead. If I could offer a piece of advice, it would be to take chances, embrace new opportunities, and prove your value everywhere you go.

## SPPA alumnus Jason Robinson named among TOP 30 ALUMNI UNDER 30 by York University



Jason Robinson (BA '17, MES '19) is an environmental and social advocate and researcher. Jason's current roles include data analyst for the Rural Ontario Institute, policy specialist for the Community Climate Council, and co-founder/research and data lead for Gradient Spaces. As a data analyst, he is responsible for researching various socio-economic issues affecting rural Ontario residents. As the policy specialist, Jason works to develop and execute strategies to increase environmental awareness and climate literacy in the Peel Region. As a co-founder of Gradient Spaces, a space for BIPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ people passionate about making tech more equitable, he works on collecting data to address the issues racialized and queer people face in the tech ecosystem. With a passion for sustainability metrics and issues impacting marginalized communities, Jason has led workshops and seminars on the interconnection of human, economic and environmental systems among various demographics. He is the 2021 North American Association for Environmental Education's 30 under 30.

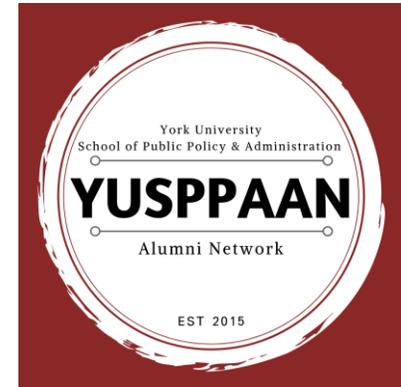
Jason completed our [Professional Certificate in Public Policy Analysis](#) in 2017 and served as Treasurer for our [Public Policy and Administration Student Association \(PPASA\)](#) for two years. He shared his experience with getting out of his comfort zone and taking on leadership positions in a [2017 SPPA student profile](#).

**Congratulations to Jason on his achievements!**

To view the full listing of York U TOP 30 ALUMNI UNDER 30 for 2022, click [here](#).



## YUSPPAAN Podcast Learning from Leaders *New Episode!*



### [Working in politics with Najva Amin](#)

Najva Amin is an MPPAL alumna and currently the Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party. Najva speaks about her work as a political staffer and how you can leverage a public policy degree in the political field. She also provides useful advice to anyone who wants to work as a political staffer. Take a listen!

## IPAC Toronto Region Presents

### Welcome to the Revolution: COVID, Careers, and the Future of Work

**April 13, 2022 11am-12pm**

Join CERIC, IPAC Toronto Region & OMHRA for a keynote address by Lisa Taylor, president of Challenge Factory & author of the playbook *Retain and Gain: Career Management for the Public Sector* on April 13, 2022 from 11am-12pm.

Lisa will connect what is happening right now to workforce and career trends that have been emerging over time and will explain what this all means for courageous public sector leaders looking to recruit, retain and grow an inclusive, agile and equipped workforce.

Register [here](#)

To learn more about the playbook, click [here](#)

### 2022 Emerging New Professional Award

IPAC Toronto Region invites you to nominate an emerging leader for the 2022 Emerging New Professional Award.

The Emerging New Professional Award recognizes a new professional who represents the ideals of a public servant, has made remarkable contributions to public service, and is an emerging leader in the Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area (GTHA).

To review the eligibility criteria or submit a nomination, visit [here](#).

Deadline to submit a nomination is April 30, 2022.

For any questions, contact IPAC Toronto Region at [ipactrg@ipac.ca](mailto:ipactrg@ipac.ca).

### 2021 Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration

IPAC National Capital, IPAC Toronto and IPAC Southwest Ontario invite you to nominate an exemplary public servant for Ontario's highest honour for public service. The Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Distinction in Public Administration recognizes a public servant who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, dedication and innovation and contributed significantly to their community.

To review the eligibility criteria or submit a nomination, visit: [here](#)

Deadline for submission of nominations: April 30, 2022

For any questions, contact IPAC Toronto Region at [ipactrg@ipac.ca](mailto:ipactrg@ipac.ca).



## AMCTO Conference Scholarship

AMCTO is proud to offer **Student and New Professional members** the opportunity to apply for **one of eight conference scholarships** to attend our [2022 conference](#) taking place in-person this June 12-15<sup>th</sup> at the Niagara Fallsview Resort & Casino. The conference is a great opportunity to gain practical skills and knowledge on the latest municipal best practices, trends, research and more. It is also a great opportunity to network with your peers in the sector and to connect with expert speakers and industry suppliers.

### What's Covered

- One (1) Silver level conference package that includes:
  - Access to all professional development sessions and conference meals (Monday-Wednesday)
  - Access to Sunday opening night party
  - Access to conference exhibitor tradeshow
  - Access to Tuesday night Awards Gala Dinner
- Three night hotel stay (Sunday - Wednesday) at the Niagara Hilton
- Invitation to private welcome reception

Details, eligibility criteria and application requirements can be found [here](#).

**The deadline to apply is Friday, April 15, 2022**



## April Highlights at Career Education and Development

### Register to attend the Virtual Spring Career Fair!

Looking for a summer job, an internship, or a full-time position after graduation? Employers are actively hiring York students and alumni, meet them during the [Virtual Spring Career Fair](#) on **Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m.**

Participating employers include: BDO Canada, Canada Revenue Agency, Dell Technologies, Government of Nunavut, Homewood Health, RBC, RCMP, Sherwin-Williams, TD, Technical Standards and Safety Authority, York University [and more!](#)

[Register for the fair via the Experience York dashboard.](#)

### Upcoming Virtual Employer Recruitment Sessions and Customized Events

Connect with employers during these upcoming Employer Recruitment Sessions and Employer Customized Events:

#### Employer Recruitment Session: City of Toronto - Sports Specific Jobs

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2022

Time: 11 a.m. - Noon

#### Careers in Insurance: Ask a Recruiter

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

#### Employer Recruitment Session: City of Toronto - Sports Specific Jobs

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 5 - 6 p.m.

Interested in these events? [Login to the Career Education & Development Event Registration Portal to learn more.](#)

### Discover On-Campus Summer Jobs through YU Hire and our Job Portal

**Work with York University this summer** through one of the various Work/Study positions available across campus. For more information about how to apply to work/study positions, [click here.](#)

## [Research and Policy role, Innovation Accelerator - Canada Revenue Agency](#)

The Innovation Accelerator provides resources, customized supports, and technical services to help develop and test innovative solutions for the CRA. The program uses evidence-based practices, including data analytics, to inform the selection, design, and effectiveness of innovation projects. They are looking for researchers and policy analysts to help contribute to the development of our projects through the concept generation and incubation stages.

## [Advocacy Lead - Digital Public Goods Alliance \(part of UNDP\)](#)

The advocacy lead will help secure commitments and inspire action from high-level stakeholders including governments, private sector technology companies, think tanks, donors, UN agencies and other multilateral institutions and support and contribute to ongoing initiatives of the DPGA. This is a remote position.

## [Project Lead, Circular Economy and Innovation Unit \[2 positions\] - City of Toronto](#)

The City of Toronto's Circular Economy and Innovation unit is hiring two Project Leads to help advance circular economy, sustainable consumption, and waste management initiatives in Canada's largest city. Transitioning to a circular economy is essential in the fight against climate change and to build a resilient, inclusive, green, and prosperous future for residents and businesses and they are excited to be welcoming new sustainability champions to their team.

## [Senior Manager, Policy Innovation Hub - Cabinet Office](#)

Policy Innovation Hub is an in-house consultancy that partners with ministries to deliver on government priorities by providing hands-on support, training, and flexible resources. They help ministries develop, modernize, or transform government strategies, policies, programs, and services. The Hub combines traditional and innovation consulting into practice areas and services focused on public sector innovation: strategy and strategic foresight, systemic design, and service design.

## [Senior Policy and Research Analyst - Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada](#)

Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada (PIWC) is the national representative organization of Inuit women in Canada. They foster greater awareness of the needs of Inuit women, advocate for equality and social improvements, and encourage Inuit women's full participation in the community, regional and national life of Canada. The Senior Policy and Research Analysts will focus on the development of policy and research programs that further Pauktuutit's mandates and initiatives to support Inuit Women. Remote position, applications from across Canada welcome.

## [Policy and Research Consultant - City of Toronto](#)

Reporting to the Manager of the Community Benefits unit in the Social Policy, Analysis and Research section at Social Development, Finance and Administration division, this position will be a part of a newly formed community benefits unit focusing on developing the back end implementation infrastructure, as part of the City of Toronto's Community Benefits Framework.

## [Health Equity Analyst - Canadian Partnership Against Cancer](#)

The Partnership is looking for a Health Equity Analyst, a key member of the Analytics team, to take a lead role in the planning, analysis and reporting of data to inform system quality improvement initiatives and monitor the Partnership's organizational performance, ensuring that the content reflects cultural competence and addresses the needs of First Nations, Inuit and Métis and underserved populations across Canada.

## [Manager, Screening - Canadian Partnership Against Cancer](#)

Reporting to the Director, Screening, the incumbent leads the development and implementation of pan-Canadian initiatives that support the delivery of equitable, culturally safe and high-quality cancer screening services. As a highly organized and agile professional with strong strategic thinking, partner relations and people management skills, this position delivers on the tasks of the job while contributing to the Partnership's overall vision to reduce the burden of cancer on all people in Canada.

## [Program Manager, Oil and Gas - Environmental Defence](#)

The program manager will be responsible for working with a team at Environmental Defence to develop and implement programs to advance the shift in Canada away from fossil fuels. The ideal candidate will have experience running fast-paced and creative energy-related campaigns and knowledge of supply-side fossil fuel policies.

## [Project Assistant - Transparency International Canada](#)

TI Canada is looking for a part-time (2.5 days/week) project assistant to support the organization's work in a varied role, reporting to the Executive Director.

## [Policy Analyst, Justice - Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres](#)

The OFIFC is hiring for a two year contract Policy Analyst position to carry out engagement with OFIFC member Friendship Centres, and in collaboration with other parts of the OFIFC, to undertake analysis and provide recommendations for the co-development of the federal Indigenous Justice Strategy. In this role, you would be working as part of a team in a fast paced environment where the main responsibilities are advancing supportive public policy, advocating and building support for urban Indigenous issues.

## [Coordinator and Policy Analyst - International Institute for Sustainable Development](#)

In addition to being a strong coordinator and researcher, the incumbent must be a fluent or native speaker of Mandarin Chinese. The SPS Coordinator and Policy Analyst should have experience in developing and implementing strategies to coordinate and support research activities. The successful candidate will have strong working knowledge of issues in environmental governance or sustainable trade and investment and also be an excellent planner, organizer, and multitasker.

## [Manager, Public and Media Relations – Nuclear Waste Management Organization \(NWMO\)](#)

Reporting to the Director, Corporate Communications, the Manager of Public and Media Relations is responsible for initiating, leading, developing, implementing, managing and measuring public and media relations strategies to achieve business objectives and support the NWMO's visibility strategy. The Manager will lead public and media relations corporately and co-ordinate with regional counterparts to ensure alignment with corporate objectives, campaigns and messages.



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