

NEWSLETTER

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MENTORSHIP CIRCLES – CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

Dear alumni and students,
We are pleased to announce the launch of a new round of mentorship circles at SPPA.

Circles have 3 members (3 of the 4 categories represented in each circle):

Level 1: 1 Upper year BPA, MPPAL student or recent graduate at entry-level position

Level 2: 1 Analyst/Advisor

Level 3: 1 Manager

Level 4: 1 Senior Executive e.g.: Director, ADM, DM

Each group will consist of a Level 1, 2 and 3 or a Level 2, 3 and 4.

The minimum commitment is to hold two meetings for each mentorship circle by end of March 2023, and preferably one more by the end of April or May, with the aim to advance the professional development and careers of participating members.

We are pleased to share that we have a record number of mentors this year. **Please see list of confirmed lead mentors on page 2.**

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Confirmed lead mentors include:

David Au – Director, Labour Relations Policy and Fiscal Coordination Branch at the Ontario Treasury Board Secretariat

Jim Cassimatis – Chief Operating Officer, Bereavement Authority of Ontario and former Assistant Deputy Minister, Enterprise Business Services Division at Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services

Wendy Chen – Manager, Corporate Court Services, Services Support Unit, Ontario Ministry of Attorney General

Judith D’Souza – Director, Occupational Disease and Survivor Benefits Program, WSIB

Irwin Glasberg – Fairness Commissioner, Office of the Fairness Commissioner, OPS

Nathan Gomes – Senior Intergovernmental Affairs Economist, Economics, Justice and International Relations Policy, Ontario Cabinet Office

Trevor J. Howard – Justice of the Peace at Ontario Court of Justice

Ana Kapralos – Director, Program Modernization and Appointments, Policy Division, Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General

Michael Kehinde – Special Advisor/EA, Anti-Racism Directorate, Citizenship and Multiculturalism, OPS

Asare Kester-Akrofi – Acting Manager, Program and Strategic Support to Deputy City Manager of Corporate Services, City of Toronto

Molly Mann – Director, Transformation and Modernization Branch, Strategic Policy Division, Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS), OPS

Ajay Nandalall – Risk Manager, Environmental & Social Risk Management, TD Bank

Fausto Natarelli – Consultant and career public servant with positions spanning the Ministry of Transportation, Metrolinx and York Region Rapid Transit Corporation

Nancy Sanders – Career public servant and former Assistant Deputy Minister, Solicitor General of Ontario

Victor J. Severino – former Assistant Deputy Minister, Pandemic Response Secretariat, Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade

If you are interested in participating or have questions about the mentorship circles, please contact Prof. Alena Kimakova, SPPA Director, via email at akimakov@yorku.ca no later than **Thursday, October 20, 2022.**

Information Sessions: Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL)

Come and join MPPAL Graduate Director Prof. Naomi Couto to learn more about the MPPAL program at one of our upcoming information sessions. The MPPAL program is primarily a part-time program designed to provide entry level to mid-career professionals in the broader public service with the skills needed for effective public administration and public policy analysis, with an emphasis on law, social justice, program evaluation, leadership and public sector management.

Register for one of our upcoming Fall 2022 information sessions below:

Thursday, October 27, at 6:30pm – Virtual session

Saturday, November 12, at 1:00pm – In person, YorkU Keele Campus

Monday, November 21, at 6:00pm – In person, Downtown Toronto

To register, please visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/ppal/future-students/>

To learn more about MPPAL, please visit:

<https://www.yorku.ca/gradstudies/ppal/>

**The MPPAL program application deadline is
January 15, 2023.**



Call for PPASA Junior Ambassadors

Apply to become a Junior Ambassador for
the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA)!



As a Junior Ambassador, your responsibilities will include:

- Plan and attend networking events and professional development events
- Build close connections with students, faculty, and alumni
- Become involved in the community
- Transition to become an executive member of the PPASA

Interviews will take place between **Monday, October 17 and Friday, October 21, 2022.**

We are accepting applications until October 7, 2022 at tinyurl.com/JuniorAmbassador22

To learn more about the PPASA, please visit our [website](#).

National Student Competition: Now open for submissions!

The [Financial Consumer Agency of Canada](#) (FCAC)'s [National Student Paper Competition](#) is now open for submissions!

The theme for this year's *Building Better Financial Futures* competition is “**Reducing Barriers**” inspired by FCAC's [National Financial Literacy Strategy](#).

We are seeking undergraduate/graduate student papers that recommend actionable, evidence-based solutions to help reduce barriers that hinder people from accessing, understanding, or using the appropriate financial products, services, and information that best meets their needs.

Participants are welcome to use FCAC datasets to conduct research for their papers. The anonymized data from the [COVID-19 Financial Well-Being Survey](#), [2019 Canadian Financial Capability Survey](#), and [2018 Financial Well-being Survey](#) are available upon request (please contact: competition@fcac-acfc.gc.ca).

Competition details:

National Student Paper Competition: The Building Better Financial Futures Challenge

Deadline for submissions: April 30, 2023

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.

Competition details can be found at: [Competition guidelines for the 2023 Building Better Financial Futures Challenge - Canada.ca](#)

Please direct any questions or concerns to Competition@fcac-acfc.gc.ca

[Senior Policy Advisor/Senior Consultant \(3 positions\) - Ontario Cabinet Office, Policy Innovation Hub](#)

The suitable candidate will have demonstrated knowledge of government priorities, knowledge of policy development and processability to develop and implement performance measurement framework and conduct an evaluation. They must also have knowledge of quantitative and qualitative research such as ethnography, sampling and statistical analysis.

[Director, Ontario Government Relations - Canadian Bankers Association](#)

Reporting to the Vice President, Government Relations, the Director, Ontario Government Relations will work collaboratively with the Vice President in the development and implementation of the CBA's Ontario government relations outreach strategies. The Director will also support the development of government relations strategies outside of Ontario, to help advance industry strategic priorities and objectives through engaging with government.

[Business Planner, Strategic Planning and Stakeholder Relations \(2 positions\) - Toronto Community Housing](#)

The Business Planner will be responsible for coordinating a variety of projects, ranging from the delivery of TCHC's Strategic Plan, to administration of the Policy Management Framework, to special projects involving company-wide process changes, coordinating and tracking shareholder and service manager requirements and identifying emerging problems and proposing solutions to senior management and the executive team.

[Program Manager, Policy and Advocacy \(Student and New Grad program 2023\) - Klick Health](#)

The Policy & Advocacy practice partners with our clients and internal teams to deliver insights, analysis and strategies to help clients understand and shape the environment in which they operate. The Policy & Advocacy practice has smart, dedicated, and team-oriented individuals who work with diverse cross-functional teams to create stakeholder engagement and public affairs programs.

[Senior Manager, Provincial and Municipal Government Affairs – Scotiabank](#)

The Senior Manager contributes to the overall success of the Government Affairs in Canadian provinces and municipalities by ensuring specific individual goals, plans, initiatives are executed / delivered in support of the team's business strategies and objectives. Ensures all activities conducted are in compliance with governing regulations, internal policies and procedures

[Policy and Research Analyst \(Ontario\) - Heart & Stroke](#)

Reporting to the Senior Manager Health Systems and Research, the Analyst supports the work of the Ontario Mission team by researching and analyzing data and evidence to be used in all areas of Mission work. Through research synthesis and appraisal, policy analysis and environmental scanning, the Analyst develops evidence tables, briefing notes and memos, collaborates on the development of health systems, policy advocacy materials

[Policy Development Officer, Child Services \(3 positions\) - City of Toronto](#)

The suitable candidate can see strategic linkages and make connections to operations and service delivery by leading policy innovations from concept to implementation to measurement. The first position will lead the research, consultation, and drafting of policies and processes related to fee subsidy and broader operational priorities, the second position will provide strategic advice, lead policy reviews, and formulate recommendations to support childcare centers and the third position will provide policy development guidance to support the implementation of Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care.

[Strategic Policy Co-op student - Ontario Energy Board](#)

In this role, the Co-op Student will provide support to Senior Advisors and Advisors on strategic initiatives related to innovation, electric vehicles, energy transition and decarbonization. The work of the Co-op Student will include research and analysis, assisting with drafting written materials such as briefing notes and presentations, and supporting stakeholder engagement.

[Program Head, Investor Research and Behavioural Insights - Ontario Securities Commission](#)

The Program Head leads the Investor Office Research and Behavioral Insights Team which applies behavioral science and other research methods and techniques to policy and operational activities and uses quantitative and qualitative research methods (i.e., experimentation, testing, surveys, and more) to support evidence-based decision making throughout the OSC.

[Senior Advisor, Government Relations and Advocacy - Ontario Medical Association](#)

The Senior Advisor, Government Relations and Advocacy is responsible for providing strategic advice and executing strategies to advance the government relations and advocacy goals of the Ontario Medical Association. The Senior Advisor, Government Relations and Advocacy is responsible for providing strategic advice and executing strategies to advance the government relations and advocacy goals of the Ontario Medical Association.

[Senior Research Impact Officer – CIFAR](#)

The Senior Research Impact Officer supports the impact agenda of CIFAR's research programs. Reporting to the Senior Director of Research and taking the intellectual direction from the research programs' interests, this position works to strategically develop, execute, and evaluate an array of activities that advance a range of programs' research impact and knowledge mobilization efforts, including the engagement between programs and key stakeholders.

[Membership Coordinator – Canadian Association of Learned Journals](#)

The Membership Coordinator of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals (CALJ) is a part-time contract role. This individual provides overall administrative support for the Board of Directors and the association membership. In consultation with the Board, the Membership Coordinator supports CALJ committees in organizing CALJ meetings and events; communicates with the membership and broader community; drafts reports, letters, communiques, and funding applications; supports the onboarding of new Board members; maintains and updates the CALJ website; promotes CALJ and CALJ membership through various promotional activities; develops an annual budget; and manages CALJ activities to meet budget expectations.



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