

MPPAL Students Succeed Through Co-op Experiences!



Maggie de Barra

I started the MPPAL program in the fall of 2021 while I was still working full time in the private sector. I knew that I wanted to pivot to the public sector eventually, but I was planning to wait until after graduation to start applying for jobs in the OPS.

I noticed a job posting that Dr. Couto sent to our class that sounded like a perfect fit for my interests and skills and took a huge leap and applied right before the holidays. I started my co-op position with the Ministry of Education in early January! During my eight months as a Co-op Student, I attended several formal and informal networking sessions and workshops. Towards the end of my second term, I learned of an upcoming vacancy in another Branch through a fellow Co-op Student. In September, I started my new role as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the Skills Development and Apprenticeship Branch. The Co-op program was a great way to get experience working in the OPS, learn new skills, and grow my professional network.



Mitchell Contant

I am in my first year of the MPPAL program. As a co-op student for the Business Supports Unit (BSU), part of the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI), I worked on program and policy-related projects.

Throughout my co-op experience, I learned many data synthesizing and analysis skills, and in 3 short months, this experience led to a full-time offer. Currently, as a program analyst, I evaluate metrics and key performance indicators for Ministry projects, which help optimize and improve MOI's program trackers. With my willingness to learn and support from the BSU team, I have had the opportunity to work on many amazing projects, including ones that have been published on the Ontario Builds website.

Professional Development Workshop I

Do you want to elevate your resume?

Join the Professional Development Workshop I for:

- Cover letter and resume building
- Advice on LinkedIn presence
- Information on internship and Co-op opportunities.
- Free professional headshots!

[Register for the upcoming workshop below:](#)

Thursday, December 15,
6:00pm – In person, Curtis Lecture Hall C

To register, please visit:

www.tinyurl.com/ppasapdw

To learn more about PPASA, please visit:

www.linktr.ee/ppasa

Guest Speaker & Activities:

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Resume and Cover
Letter Specialist



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WORKSHOP**

Q&A and resume review with
peers: bring your resume!



The PWSA Announces Its Fifth Annual Undergraduate Symposium: Sententia

[The Professional Writing Students' Association](#) (PWSA) is hosting an undergraduate symposium where students can explore and share their writing on a chosen theme in a ten-minute multimodal presentation. All pieces are immortalized on a symposium-specific website.

For the PWSA's Fifth Annual Undergraduate Symposium, the theme is: **Sententia: ways of thinking, ways of being, ways of writing.**

5 Reasons why you should participate:

1. Opportunity to be published
2. Beef up that resume or grad school application
3. Build your creative portfolio
4. Collaborate with amazing Professional Writing faculty members to develop your piece (you are not alone in this)
5. Major flex opportunity!

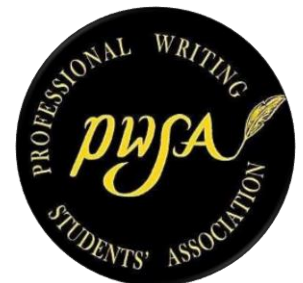
[Read more about the theme of Sententia and the symposium here.](#)

Seeking **creative non-fiction** papers from undergraduate students across disciplines that engage with the **theme of Sententia** and invite you to submit your **250-word abstract** for consideration.

Abstract Submission Deadline is January 9th, 2023

For questions or concerns, contact: pwsasympoium@gmail.com

[Click here for more information about the PWSA.](#)



IPAC Virtual Webinar – Procuring for Value

Join Deloitte Canada and IPAC as they open a dialogue with Canadian Public Sector leaders focused on the evolution of ‘**procuring for value**’.

The guest speakers will:

- Provide their insights on procuring for value and the next evolution of procurement;
- Provide reflections on current trends (e.g., digital government, data and artificial intelligence, social procurement); and
- Discuss opportunities to challenge thinking around procuring for outcomes.

Register for the virtual conference below:

Wednesday, December 7, at 12:00pm – Virtual

To register, please visit:

<https://form.jotform.com/223105142976251>

To learn more about the event, please visit:

<https://www.ipac.ca/>



Nominations now open for this year's National Student Paper Competition until January 31, 2023

The [National Student Paper Competition](#) is an annual competition hosted by [the Canada School of Public Service](#). The competition aims to identify and amplify important policy work coming out of Canadian graduate programs. The initiative gives graduate students the opportunity to connect with senior executives, expand their networks, nurture their leadership skills, and foster employment opportunities with the federal public service.

Only university professors or supervisors can submit papers on behalf of their graduate students.

The Grand Prize winner(s) of the competition are offered a 4-month internship with the Government of Canada and many opportunities to expand their networks. In addition, the authors of the top five papers are invited to present their papers to senior executives and can attend many events with public servants from diverse departments. By participating, students have the unique opportunity to influence important policy conversations, and many participants go on to be employed with the federal government.

The NSPC initiative is committed to contributing to a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive Canadian public service. We strongly encourage the participation of students from equity-deserving groups, including graduate students with disabilities, or from BIPOC and 2SLGBTQI+ communities. This competition is designed to remove barriers, ensure a fair assessment, and allow all candidates to demonstrate their competencies fully. Accommodation measures are available to applicants upon request.

To learn more about the application process, topics of interest, eligibility, and the grand prizes, please [visit the NSPC webpage](#).

Latest News from York University Career Education and Development

Upcoming Events

Winter Career Fair

Jan. 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Victor Philip Dahdaleh Building

Prepare to meet great employers at our upcoming Winter Career Fair! Learn about the full-time, part-time, internship and summer 2023 job opportunities that are available to York students and recent grads.

[Click here to read more!](#)

Preparing for Career Fair Success!

Jan. 9 to Jan. 13, Virtual Webinars

Get the inside scoop on impressing recruiters with your resumé, cover letter, LinkedIn profile, interview skills and more during our "Preparing for Career Fair Success!" webinar series. See the webinar schedule on the

[Experience York calendar](#).

Employer Meet and Greet for Students with Disabilities

Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., 152 Founders College

Connect with employers that are committed to supporting students with disabilities while learning about their culture, hiring practices and how you can apply. **Registration is required for this event.**

[To register, find this event on the Experience York calendar.](#)

Visit our Career Lounge!

The Career Lounge will be running until **Dec. 22 for the Fall term**. Drop by **202 McLaughlin College** or visit us virtually [during our lounge hours](#).

Check back in January for our Winter term schedule!

Career Supports to Check Out

Upskill for Free with TECHNATION's LaunchPad

Are you currently in, or looking for a work placement in tech?

TECHNATION's Career Ready LaunchPad is a free, eLearning platform that prepares you with the skills you'll need for your work placement within the tech-sector. Choose from 9 Student-Ready courses which you can learn at your own pace. You'll receive a certificate and badge for each course you've completed, which you can list on your resumé and LinkedIn profile.

[Click here to read more about TECHNATION and LaunchPad.](#)

Skills and Career Navigator by the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network
Career opportunities in the automotive and mobility sector are expanding as we change the way we move.

The Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN) has created a tool to help those interested in the automotive and mobility sector explore personalized career pathways.

[Click here to learn more about the OVIN Skills and Career Navigator.](#)

Discover More on Experience York

Find Summer Job Postings on Experience York!

Employers are actively hiring for summer and new grad 2023 job opportunities. Discover these job postings on the **Experience York Job Portal**. Through Experience York, you can also register for our webinars and employer networking events, and book 1:1 appointments with our career educators and career counsellors. [Login to check it out!](#)

Have a question? Reach out to us at career@yorku.ca

[Senior Policy Advisor - Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing](#)

Working as part of the Market Housing Policy Branch team, The Senior Policy Advisor will lead and/or participate in developing policy, programs and legislation/regulations in support of the government's market housing initiatives and the use and disposition of underutilized and surplus government lands, undertake highly technical research and evaluation studies and develop policy proposals and discussion papers and liaise with ministry and external stakeholders to consult on, evaluate, and respond to issues among other related activities.

[Bilingual Specialist, Policy Analysis – CMHC](#)

The ideal candidate will display skills and passion for identifying and building strong relationships and their analytical skills will contribute to accelerating housing affordability by supporting the policy development process and enhancing CMHC's partnering, collaboration, and outreach activities with other levels of government through the research and development of strategic advice and options for government actions and investments to address complex housing challenges and contributing to the development of background documents, briefing materials, correspondence for senior management and the Minister as well as briefs senior management on complex housing issues.

[Analyst - Big River Analytics](#)

Analysts are at the core of Big River's research team. As an analyst, you are expected to turn project objectives into actionable, well-defined tasks that can be delegated to junior analysts or other members of the research team. The analyst will support all research activities, including developing research narratives originating from data analysis and completing general research and analytical tasks.

[Economist - Big River Analytics](#)

As an economist, your work is grounded in research and shared in clear and accessible communication of findings through reports, presentations, and other mediums. Economists are proficient in data analysis, applying economic theory and analysis to problems, visualizing and manipulating data, and writing.

[Project Lead - Big River Analytics](#)

Project leads are expected to deeply understand clients' needs and turn these into clear, actionable project objectives and work plans for our project team. Project leads support the project team throughout the project lifecycle by providing direction, collaborating on the approach, and providing feedback on the work. This role requires project management experience, superior writing and communication skills, leadership, curiosity, and determination.

[Policy Analyst - Ontario Ministry of Finance](#)

The ideal candidate will be creative team-oriented. They will be responsible for activities such as providing qualitative and quantitative analysis and advice on a wide range of provincial-municipal finance issues related to municipal funding and property tax policy, assisting senior staff in the preparation of briefing materials for the Minister and other senior management, conducting research and data analysis relating to the government's municipal strategies and policy priorities and will represent the branch on intra/inter-ministerial committees.

[Director, Climate Action Plan - Toronto Hydro](#)

Reporting to the Executive Vice-President, Public & Regulatory Affairs, and Chief Legal Officer, the Director is responsible to develop, execute and continually improve the organization's short and long-term strategies, systems and processes for climate action plan services and programs, including building and implementing the company's Climate Advisory Services business and team. The incumbent works in collaboration with internal and external stakeholders and leads a team to deliver the day-to-day advice and consultation for climate action services in a quality, cost-effective and timely manner, attentive to the interests of the organization and its stakeholders.

[Knowledge Transfer and Exchange Associate - Institute for Work and Health](#)

The Knowledge Transfer and Exchange Associate will perform strategic people-person to work with researchers to initiate, develop and implement activities to make research evidence available and accessible for practice, planning and policy making. The Associate will work closely with a team to develop and maintain stakeholder relationships to help inform IWH research and ensure the uptake and use of IWH evidence. The successful candidate will conduct actionable research to promote, protect and improve the safety and health of working people.

[Senior Policy Specialist - York Region](#)

Reporting to the Lead, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the Senior Policy Specialist is responsible for project management leadership in the implementation of the Inclusion Charter for York Region within the organization and the development and delivery of the DEI action plan and all aspects of policy development and providing primary support to the corporation's Diversity and Inclusion Staff Committee. The Specialist provides policy support and strategic advice to the Branch; interpreting federal and provincial legislation and regulations, monitoring the impact on Regional and PEC policies, including performance measurement, researching, developing and analyzing strategic policies and programs to respond to corporate needs.

[Senior Policy Advisor - Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario](#)

The ideal candidate will be an experienced professional and play a key role in the development, implementation and maintenance of complex and novel strategic and program policies related to its regulated businesses. The incumbent will take a leading role in all aspects of the policy lifecycle through research on emerging issues and trends, the development of briefing materials, policy papers, and presentations to the Board, senior executives and stakeholders on policy related to regulatory matters across one or more AGCO lines of business (liquor, gaming, horse racing, retail cannabis.)

[Government Relations Advisor - Intact](#)

As a Government Relations Advisor you will support the development and execution of Intact Financial Corporation's (IFC) government relations and public affairs strategy. This includes working with the Director of Government Relations and Senior Advisor, Government Relations to maintain and enhance the organization's profile, reputation and influence across relevant federal and provincial governments, regulatory bodies, non-governmental organizations, and trade associations. Working within a large organization, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with key areas of the business such as Strategy, Climate, Social Impact/ESG, Communications, and more to ensure alignment on issues that impact IFC across all markets.

[Developmental Student – Internship Opportunity – Engagement, South Bruce – Nuclear Waste Management Organization](#)

Reporting to the Site Director – South Bruce, the Developmental Engagement Student will be responsible for organizing, supporting, and implementing initiatives geared specifically for local, regional, youth and community engagement. The Intern/student will assist in staffing the local Learn More Centre/NWMO Project Office as well as plan, prepare and participate in community events.

[Executive Director – Center for Migration Studies \(CMS\)](#)

CMS seeks an exceptional Executive Director (E.D.) to build on its first fifty-five years of service by maintaining its reputation for stellar scholarship leading to public education and sound policy recommendations. The new leader will maintain the agency's solid growth while working towards even greater levels of strategic influence and impact on the study of world-wide migration and the public policies that impact the lives of migrants around the world.

The E.D. will be continually motivated to develop new and unique opportunities to advance the mission. This will require recognizing emerging trends and adapting the agency to meeting the associated challenges. S/he will be a strong communicator and collaborator with a demonstrated ability to build trust and credibility. The new leader should have experience and agility in meeting and cultivating relationships with individuals and groups that enhance CMS' mission and service on behalf of migrants and refugees.

Applicants should send a cover letter outlining their interest in and vision for the position, a current CV, and salary requirements to employment@cmsny.org.



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