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Call for Research Proposals YusApuY Undergraduate Research Award at the GLRC

The Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) and the York University Staff Association – Association du Personnel de L'Université York (YusApuY) are seeking research proposals related to work and labour from undergraduate students enrolled part-time or full-time (major or minor) in a Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) program at York University.

The [GLRC](#) is one of York University's many research centres, and engages in the study of work, employment, and labour in the context of a constantly changing global economy.

[YusApuY](#) is a labour union that represents thousands of administrative, technical, clerical and laboratory staff members at York University, such as program administrators and assistants, academic advisors, event coordinators, lab technicians, recruitment coordinators, research administrators, library staff, etc.

The YusApuY Undergraduate Research Award, which is valued at **\$4,500**, will be used to support the research project of one undergraduate student who will work independently over the course of five months, from **April 2023 to August 2023**. The award recipient, otherwise known as the YusApuY Undergraduate Research Fellow, will receive mentorship from the GLRC, while engaging in professional development activities with YusApuY, to develop their skills as a researcher.

We strongly encourage applications from BIPOC, LGBTQ2S+, and other communities facing systemic marginalization, and welcome members of those communities to self-identify as they feel comfortable.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Applicants must be third- or fourth-year students enrolled part-time or full-time (major or minor) in the Faculty of LA&PS at York University. Students who are graduating in June 2023 are eligible. Applicants must be engaged in, or interested in engaging in, research related to critical issues concerning work, employment, and/or labour.

AWARD SCOPE:

Applicants are invited to submit proposals on a research theme of their choosing, as long as it relates to work, employment, and/or labour. Themes may include, but are not limited to, human rights, issues of accessibility, and collective bargaining processes. Projects may focus on Canadian and/or international contexts.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications should provide the following sections:

1. Student Information:

- a) Full name
- b) Program
- c) Year of study
- d) Student number
- e) Email address
- f) Research project title

2. Background (max 400 words): What is your motivation for undertaking your proposed research project? How have your past professional, academic, and/or personal experiences prepared you for conducting this research and for preparing the deliverable? Students are encouraged to propose a project that they can complete independently within the five-month timeframe, with mentorship from the GLRC. Please indicate any specific areas in which you anticipate needing support or guidance.

3. Objectives (max 300 words): What do you want to accomplish through your research project for:

- a) your priority sector or audience (e.g., workers, students, unions, community, etc.), and
- b) your personal learning and professional development?

4. Project Description (max 700 words): A description of the project, including:

- a) *Research question and project scope:* What is the specific issue you want to know more about, and what are the parameters (i.e., geography, sector, population, time period, etc.)?
- b) *Background and context:* What do we already know about the issue, and why is it important to know more?
- c) *Methods:* How will you answer your question, including what will count as data, how will you collect your data, and how will you translate your data into evidence (i.e., data analysis)?

5. Outputs (max 300 words): The deliverable(s) you plan to produce to best serve your intended community (e.g., research report, fact sheet, video, social media campaign, etc.), and an explanation for why you have chosen this deliverable, or a combination of deliverables. You are encouraged to be creative with the format, as long as it suits your target audience, clearly conveys the data you have collected, and is within your capabilities.

6. Budget (table format): If applicable, provide an estimated breakdown of anticipated expenses, a brief justification for the expenses, and the total amount. Please note a maximum of \$500 is available (in addition to the award value) for research-related

expenses as needed. Possible expenses may include, but are not limited to, interview honouraria or website license fees. If you do not anticipate any expenses, please omit the budget table and instead include the following line: “No research expenses are anticipated for this project.”

- 7. Workplan (table format):** Provide an estimate of when you plan to accomplish project milestones (e.g., data collection, final report, etc.). Please consider all possible steps that you will need to take to complete your project, and provide frequent and feasible deadlines (i.e., stagger the work).

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Applications are due **February 27, 2023, at 11:59 pm ET** and should be submitted to glrc@yorku.ca as a single PDF document with the following filename format:

Lastname_Firstname_YusApuY_Application. Questions should be directed to glrc@yorku.ca.

The award recipient will be announced on or around March 13, 2023. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.