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Tubman Members' Research Activities for Annual Report 2023-2024

We request that all Tubman Members (Faculty, Associate and Postdoctoral Fellows; Graduate and Undergraduate Research Associates) submit your research activities, accomplishments, and plans for 2024-2025.

It's very important that we hear from as many of you as possible, so that we can demonstrate what an active and diverse community of Black scholars we have at York.

Fill out the form here: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=216994>.

We are asking for:

1) Research activities/accomplishments

A list of up to FIVE significant research activities/accomplishments from the past year (dated 2023 or 2024). These might include: publications; presentations; performances; awards; research grants; milestones in your thesis/dissertation; media appearances etc.. Just your top five or less.

Or, you can send your CV to tubman@yorku.ca with a few recent items highlighted.

2) Plans for 2024-25

Brief information on any research plans, grant applications, projects, activities, initiatives or publications you have for the year ahead. Please let us know if you would like help with any of these (e.g., grant submissions, events, visitors, etc.).

Deadline

We would be very grateful if you could complete [this form](#) or send us an email with the requested information by **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

Complete the form here: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=216994>

Thank you for your help with this.

Harriet Tubman Institute Events during CUPE 3903 Strike

The Harriet Tubman Institute will postpone the Tubman Talks which were scheduled this month. This decision has been made due to the ongoing CUPE 3903 strike. The Harriet Tubman Institute will not be hosting events during the strike. Many Tubman Associates are CUPE members who are fighting for better pay, and we will not expect anyone to cross physical or virtual picket lines for our events. We understand that this is also a stressful time for Faculty Fellows who may not have the capacity to engage in the Tubman Talks during this time.

Thank you for your understanding. Keep an eye out for updates regarding future events at The Harriet Tubman Institute.

Grant and Research Support at Tubman

Are you applying for a grant for the first time? Do you need help finding a collaborators or supervisors for your research? Whether you're a student or a professor at any level, The Harriet Tubman Institute is eager to support you through this process.

Did you know that The Harriet Tubman Institute provide in-kind support? In-kind contributions can vary depending on what your research needs are. Here are some examples:

- Office space
- Use of Tubman's Resource Room
- Opportunities to present at a Tubman Talks
- Knowledge mobilization support

Contact us at tubman@yorku.ca for more information.

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Postponed Tubman Talks

Postponed: Tubman Talks with Cyndirela Chadambuka – April 11, 2024

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Upcoming York Events and News

Revised Timelines for Approval of Research Applications

VPRI has revised the timelines for the approval of external research applications due to the increasing complexity and volumes in some competitions and to address competitions that limit the number of applications that an institution can submit.

The updated signature memo is attached and available in yu link: <https://yulink-new.yorku.ca/documents/20182/1250813/Signature+Policy+Memo/420ed568-51d7-479a-a377-c3d772980ff6>.

Research Commons: Introducing Research GPS (Summer 2024) & Kickoff Registration

Research Commons is excited to introduce a revised and expanded Grant Clinic program in Summer 2024, now called Research GPS (Grant Proposal Support).

The Research GPS program offers a personalized approach to help hone grant development skills and turn research ideas into written proposals ready for submission. Professors are paired with a GPS Specialist for one-on-one support, receive feedback from Peer Reviewers, and will also work with their Faculty Research Officer for technical and budget support. The program is designed for new grant applications and resubmissions.

[Visit the Research GPS landing page](#) for an overview of the program, details on the supports offered, timelines and submission dates, and registration guidelines.

We will hold a virtual *Research GPS Kickoff* next month, which will offer a detailed overview of the program and opportunities to ask any questions. The event details are below:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

[Register here](#)

We invite you to familiarize yourself with program (including some exciting changes!) before registration opens on April 9th.

One of the main changes we've made this year is that we've split the program into two sessions: a Summer session for Fall 2024 grant deadlines, and a Fall session for Winter/Spring 2025 grant deadlines. Here are the grants we're supporting this session:

SSHRC Insight Grant

SSHRC Partnership Development Grant

CIHR Project Grant

NSERC Discovery Grant

Please note that part of the registration process will include working with your Faculty Research Officer to hire a GPS Specialist. A list of recommended Specialists is attached.

Feel free to contact Hajer Mirwali (*she/her*) hmirwali@yorku.ca if you have any questions about the program! We hope to see you at the *Kickoff* on April 9th.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Black and Indigenous Scholars at York University

The Faculty of Graduate Students (FGS) is pleased to announce the fourth cycle of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Black and Indigenous Scholars, as part of York's commitment to promoting justice and embracing a variety of scholarly perspectives, backgrounds and lived experiences. The program will offer emerging scholars from a wide range of disciplines access to the financial support, mentorship and career development opportunities needed to build the foundation for a successful professional future.

The field this year is open this year and we encourage you to share this fellowship opportunity with your faculty members: <https://gradstudies.yorku.ca/postdoctoral-fellows/provosts-postdoctoral-fellowships/>

FGS will host an online information session on the Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships on Thursday, March 14, 2024 from 2:00-3:30pm. [Registration is required.](#)

Any questions can be directed to kimmcint@yorku.ca.

The [Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowships for Black and Indigenous Scholars](#) will support up to 2 successful applicants this year. With a salary of \$70,000 provided each year for a two-year term, scholars will be able to dedicate their time to pursuing a proposed project, working alongside a supervisor and other mentors, while also gaining access to guidance from faculty, students and alumni.

- Available Fellowships: One fellowship for a scholar identifying as Black and one fellowship for a scholar identifying as Indigenous in 2024
- Amount: min. \$70,000/year
- Duration: 24 months (Normal start date in Summer or Fall 2024. Exceptional start dates may be negotiated)
- Field: Open
- Eligibility:
 - A completed PhD (2019 and after), or PhD completed by September 30, 2024 (with confirmed timeline for defence)
 - Additional details available on the [program web page](#)
- Deadline to Apply: 15 April 2024
- Decision: Anticipated late June 2024

Contact:

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Postdoctoral Services & Professional Skills Coordinator

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IDRC: Call for letters of interest: Addressing neglected areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights in sub-Saharan Africa (ANSRHRA)

Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has announced a [Call for Letters of Interest](#): Addressing neglected areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights in sub-Saharan Africa (ANSRHRA). IDRC and other funding partners are investing up to CAD\$19.1 million to fund up to 16 implementation research teams (IRTs) to support gender-transformative implementation research in sub-Saharan Africa. Up to eight IRTs will be funded in this first cohort of projects. A second call is anticipated for up to eight additional IRTs to be funded as a second cohort in the fall of 2026.

Focused on investments to transform service design and delivery and to strengthen the development and implementation of equitable and sustainable movements, the ANSRHRA Initiative will contribute to improved sexual and reproductive health and realization of rights while also building systems and structures that enable and support underserved populations, including women and girls, to demand and benefit from the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Amount:

- up to \$50,000 for proposal-development for a duration of 3 months; and
- up to \$1.2M for the project, including 13% indirect costs.

Duration:

Up to 3 years

Eligibility:

At the LOI stage, IRTs must consist of:

1. A principal applicant who is a sub-Saharan Africa-based researcher (citizen or permanent resident of an African country) with a position in an institution based in an eligible country.
2. A co-principal applicant who is a senior member of a civil society organization led by and/or prioritizing underserved populations, including women and girls, who has been active in supporting priority areas of SRHR based in the same country as the principal applicant's institution.
3. A co-principal applicant who is an [independent researcher](#) based at a Canadian institution.
4. A co-applicant who is a relevant local-, district- or national-level decision-maker, based in the same country as the principal applicant's institution.

Focus areas:

Proposed implementation-research projects must address at least one of the priority areas of SRHR, address all of the Initiative's objectives (see [Annex 1](#)) and integrate the core design elements throughout the project's design. Teams may also include other areas of SRHR provided they justify why this area should be prioritized for gender-transformative implementation research with their focus population(s).

The five priority areas for the ANSRHRA Initiative are:

- Improving access to family planning and contraceptive services for those who want to delay or prevent pregnancy, which could prevent 67 million unintended pregnancies and avoid 35 million induced abortions across the globe.
- Expanding access to safe abortion care where legally permitted and post-abortion care (APAC), which is an essential component of SRH services.
- Upholding SRHR rights and ensuring access to services for adolescents, which is critical to meeting global health, economic and sustainability goals.
- Preventing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and improving services for people experiencing SGBV, which is critical to empowering underserved populations, and particularly women and girls, to exercise their self-determination and autonomy related to their SRHR and all aspects of their lives.
- Strengthening advocacy for SRHR, which requires comprehensive approaches that cross public, political, health, economic and legislative spheres.

This Initiative has a dual focus on advocacy as a priority area for implementation research as well as an expected outcome across all areas of SRHR.

Implementation-research projects implementing, evaluating, adapting and scaling evidence-based, community-informed SRHR advocacy initiatives would therefore be eligible for funding. This is intended to generate and translate evidence on gender-transformative advocacy interventions as well as address the lack of evidence on how to effectively link and translate advocacy initiatives to build system sustainability and accountability across all areas of SRHR.

Application procedures:

Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest (LOI) to IDRC. This stage requires applicants to complete an eligibility checklist and upload supporting documents. Only applicants who are successful at the LOI stage will be invited to submit a full technical proposal.

Deadlines:

Activity	Deadline
Notify SIRI of intent to apply (via email to skogan@yorku.ca)	As soon as possible
Draft due to SIRI for full review	April 26
Submit complete draft and signed ORS checklist	May 9
IDRC LOI deadline	May 13 @ 23:59 PM EDT
Full proposals due to IDRC (by invitation only)	October 7

Additional resources:

[Detailed call from LOIs](#)

[FAQ](#)

Global Research Excellence (GRE) Seed Fund

Below are guidelines and the application forms for the Global Research Excellence (GRE) Seed Funding program's inaugural call for proposals. There are two funding Streams-A and B, and [published online](#).

During the consultations for the Global Engagement Strategy (GES), we heard from faculty about the importance of a seed fund to support international research collaborations- something many of our peers have offered for many years. Consequently, this was one of the commitments made in York's first Global Engagement Strategy launched in 2023. Subsequently, we consulted with internal and external constituents from diverse disciplines, Faculties, career stages, geographic foci, types of collaborations and organizations to develop a versatile seed funding program to support investigator-led global research. The GRE design was further significantly shaped by the extensive input we received from ADRs and their teams.

Stream A (Strategic Partnerships Exploration & Development): 5,000-30,000 CAD. 5,000 CAD awards do not require matching. Anything above that will require 50% matching for eligible expenses. An international collaborator is required. For Stream A, we will also accept applications requesting conditional matching upon success in external grant competitions.

Stream B (Towards 2030: Advancing Multilateralism): 5,000-15,000 CAD. 25% matching for eligible expenses is required. This is primarily for knowledge mobilization collaborations with multilateral organizations/platforms to advance grand global challenges like SDGs.

We will accept applications from May, 2024-April, 2025. Application deadline is rolling to empower our faculty to respond to external funding & other opportunities.

GRE will be one of the key strategies we will employ to be competitive in emerging opportunities like Horizon Europe, and the growing interest among our

faculty to collaborate with the global south and various United Nations bodies.

GRE will be coordinated by the Global Strategic Initiatives team which reports to the AVP Global Engagement and is a cross portfolio unit that connects YI with VPRI to advance the GES pillars for research and reputation.

Please share this opportunity within your respective Faculties. We look forward to working with you to continue improving GRE and strengthening research internationalization efforts.

Shared on behalf of:

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New Tri-Agency Guidance on Research Security

The federal granting agencies are committed to providing our research community with the most up-to-date information and best practices to safeguard their research and to mitigate research security risks. In support of this commitment, we are pleased to announce the publication of new [Tri-Agency Guidance on Research Security](#).

This new webpage provides up-to-date guidance for the research community, with regards to the implementation of research security measures by the federal granting agencies. We encourage all members of the research community to familiarize themselves with this guidance, as well as the linked policies, guidelines and resources provided by the Government of Canada.

Included in this webpage is the [Tri-Agency Guidance on the Policy on Sensitive Technology Research and Affiliations of Concern](#) (STRAC Policy), which describes the granting agencies' harmonized approach to implementing the [STRAC](#) Policy. Detailed information, including the attestation form, procedures, resources, and frequently asked questions are now available. This webpage also includes [Tri-Agency Guidance on the National Security Guidelines for Research Partnerships](#), as well as a list of recommended [research security resources](#). To learn more about the Canada Foundation for Innovation's implementation of research security measures, please consult its dedicated [guidance page](#).

For further information on the granting agencies' implementation of the STRAC Policy, we invite you to register to attend one of the following Tri-Agency webinars. Registration for this webinar series is by invitation only; however, you may share this invite with relevant research services staff at your institution. Additional webinars will be announced shortly, that will be open to participation by researchers and the broader research community.

Webinars in English:
Thursday April 11, 2024 from 1:00pm-2:30pm EDT - [Register](#)

Webinars in French:
Monday April 8, 2024 from 11:00am – 12:30pm EDT – [Register](#)

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Other Events

Carleton University's Institute of African Studies: Research Creations as a medium for Truth-telling and Transformative Peacebuilding

Date: April 17, 2024

Time: 1-2:30pm EST

Location: Zoom and 1723 Dunton Tower, Ottawa

Register here: <https://carleton.ca/africanstudies/cu-events/research-creations-as-a-medium-for-truth-telling-and-transformative-peacebuilding>



Research Creations as a Medium for Truth-telling and Transformative Peacebuilding

Please join us on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 1:00-2:30 PM EST via Zoom. **Ruth Murambadoro** presents: “Research Creations as a Medium for Truth-telling and Transformative Peacebuilding”.



Ruth Murambadoro is an African feminist who writes on women, transitional justice, social justice, and politics of the Global South. Based at the Centre for Feminist Research, York University, her work explores the gendered nature of the post-colonial state to broaden understandings of violence perpetrated against women in Sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on Zimbabwe. Read more about **Ruth Murambadoro** [here](#).

[Register now](#)

Messages to Ancestors: Multimedia Happenin' & Live Tour from Goree Island, Senegal

Date: April 6, 2024

Time: 10:30am to 12:30pm EST

Location: Room BV340, Bladen Wing, University of Toronto Scarborough

Address: [1265 Military Trail, Scarborough, ON M1C 1A4](#)

[Register here](#)

Messages to Ancestors
Multimedia Happenin' & Live Tour from Gorée Island, Senegal

April 6, 2024 | 10:30AM to 12:30PM
Room BV340, Bladen Wing, UTSC

Co-creative Multimedia Happenin' hosted by Cyrus in Toronto and by Fallou Bal live 'n' direct from Gorée Island, Senegal. Together with guest speakers, musicians, poets, and you!

Project funded by a grant from Pedagogies of Inclusive Excellence (PIE) at University of Toronto and with community support from the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) & The Harriet Tubman Institute.



Register on Eventbrite
click QR code to register

Greetings, hope you will join us for the live Happenin'

I am writing to invite you to Messages to Ancestors on Saturday, April 6, 2024

Messages to Ancestors is a Co-creative Multimedia Happenin' hosted by Cyrus in Toronto and by Fallou Bal live 'n' direct from Gorée Island, Senegal. Together with special guest speakers, musicians, poets, and you! In collaboration with the Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) & The Harriet Tubman Institute with support from the Pedagogies of Inclusive Excellence (PIE) at University of Toronto, Scarborough.



PDF attached.

Date: April 11th, 2024

Time: 6-8 pm EST

Location: William Doo Auditorium, New College 45 Willcocks Street

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Refreshments Provided.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT: [RSVP uoft.me/wgsi50-intl](https://uoft.me/wgsi50-intl)

Visit www.dawnnet.org/about/history to learn more about DAWN's history.

WGSJ 50th invites you to join us for a panel discussion with some of DAWN's founders and earliest members from Senegal, Barbados, Brazil and Fiji.

2024 marks the 40th anniversary of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), feminist scholars, researchers and activists who formed a network that centred women living in the Global South. DAWN turned the geographical axis of feminism on its head and insisted on centring questions and perspectives derived from poor women living in the Global South. DAWN's earliest vocabularies also anticipated the climate crisis we now face. In short, these women offered a holistic approach that simply refused to be domesticated in its feminist reach.

This event is a part of the Women & Gender Studies 50th Anniversary programming taking place over the course of the 2023-2024 academic year. By RSVPing, you are consenting to the WGSJ sending you more information about this event once it becomes available. For more information about the WGSJ's history, visit www.wgsi.utoronto.ca | Co-Sponsored by the Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Science; New College; Bissell-Heyd Chair in American Studies

The poster is a dark blue rectangle with white and light blue text. At the top left is the University of Toronto logo and 'Women & Gender Studies Institute UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'. At the top right is the '50 YEARS OF WGSJ women & gender studies institute' logo. The main title 'Transnational Reflections: On 50 Years of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)' is in large white font. Below the title are five circular portraits of women, each with their name written below: Sonia Correa, Fatou Sow, Ashwini Tambe, Claire Slatter, and Peggy Antrobus. The date and time 'Apr 11, 2024 6pm - 8pm' and the location 'William Doo Auditorium 45 Willcocks Street, Toronto ON' are listed. At the bottom, there are two links: 'uoft.me/wgsi50' and 'RSVP uoft.me/wgsi50-intl'.

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Opportunities

[Director, Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages](#)

[Clerical Assistant, Humanitarian Water Engineering | Global Health & Humanitarianism, Dahdaleh Institute for Global Health Research](#)

[Centre Coordinator, Lamarsh, for posting #109981](#)

[Centre Coordinator - Manufacturing, Technology & Entrepreneurship Centre, posting #109583](#)

[Centre Coordinator, CIAN, posting #109420](#)

The Caribbean Solidarity Network is seeking a Content Creator to join our team. This is an ongoing, part time position. The ideal candidate will be passionate about social media and politics, and possess excellent graphic design and communication skills. As a Content Creator, you will play a crucial role in creating original content to help build our presence across various social media platforms and engage with our audience.

Expected workload: 4-5 hours per week (20 hours per month), \$500 a month honorarium.

About us:

The Caribbean Solidarity Network is an organization committed to the principles of Caribbean Liberation and Unity across the region as well as throughout the Diaspora. The Caribbean Solidarity Network's platform is one rooted in an anti-imperialist, feminist, anti-capitalist and anti-colonial struggle. The four primary objectives of the CSN are 1) to build community power and through the development of public education and outreach in Toronto, 2) work with and support progressive forces and organizations in the Caribbean, 3) to build an internal community of comradeship and mutual support, and 4) challenge the Canadian state and corporate policies which seek to keep the Caribbean region and its peoples in a dependent position.

Responsibilities:

Content Creation: Develop engaging and relevant content for our social media platforms, including but not limited to posts, graphics, videos, and stories.

- Making infographics about dates in history/events/key figures/quotes

- Event poster design

- News updates / analysis

Following the quality / standards established by the organization

Collaboration: Work closely with the social media subcommittee to align efforts with overall organizational objectives and campaigns.

Collaborate on regular timelines for posting based on content strategy

Necessary Skills:

- Experience in managing social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, etc)

- Graphic design

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with a creative mind for content creation

- Ability to multitask with strong attention to detail

- Passion for the Caribbean, its people and history

How to Apply:

If you are enthusiastic about social media, content creation, the Caribbean and radical politics, and ready to take on this exciting opportunity, please submit your resume and a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and why you would be a great fit for this role. A portfolio demonstrating previous social media work will be requested. We look forward to hearing from you!

Please submit to caribbeansolidarity@gmail.com

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If you would like to share a recent publication, event, or other news through our weekly newsletter, please send an email to tubman@yorku.ca with the appropriate information.

Newsletter archives can be found [here](#).

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The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat, and is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which is an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.