Position: Director, The City Institute at York University (CITY)

ORU: The City Institute at York University

Term Start and End Date: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028

Stipend: The successful applicant will receive an administrative stipend and the appropriate course load reduction as stipulated by the YUFA Collective Agreement. The Director of the Centre reports to the Associate Vice-President Research, Jennifer Hyndman.

Application Due Date: November 7, 2022

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Director of the City Institute at York University for a term of five years, to begin July 1, 2023.

ORU Description and History:
The City Institute was launched in June 2006 as an initiative of York University faculty members and with the support of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation.

The mandate of the City Institute, since its inauguration, has been to facilitate critical, interdisciplinary and collaborative research on a wide range of urban matters and to promote dialogue on urban issues in Canada and beyond. The explicit goal of the City Institute is to increase the research performance of the university’s urban scholars through an assertive program of sponsored research as well as being the primary body for developing York’s community of urban scholars. Through these initiatives, the City Institute aims to enhance the reputation of York University and its urban researchers not only in the city of Toronto and the GTA, but also nationally and globally. The City Institute is positioning itself as a national leader and an internationally recognized institution in urban research.

CITY carries out its mandate through a number of activities. It aims to engage in intellectual exchange, promoting interaction between urban-oriented scholars at York, and between York researchers and the global community of urban scholars. It promotes such engagement by holding conferences, seminars series and workshops as well as by fostering research networks and hosting visiting scholars. It also provides research support by assisting in the development of individual and collaborative externally-funded research grants, and administering such projects. It also supports graduate training and research by creating an interdisciplinary intellectual hub, promoting training in professional development and involving graduate students in all its activities. Its doors are also open to undergraduate students at York University. Finally, through knowledge mobilization it provides a public point of access to York’s collective research expertise on urban issues, ensuring the wider dissemination of York urban-based research to academic and non-academic audiences in Canada and around the world.
CITY’s adherence to York University’s policies and procedures includes commitment to its equity practices. The City Institute strives for the representation and participation of people of colour, queer folks, women and those differently abled in its activities and governance, including in its Executive Committee.

**Position Requirements:**
Applicants are expected to be members of the full-time faculty at York University, and to have a distinguished record of scholarship and research interests. The Director is expected to administer the financial, organizational and academic and collegial activities of the ORU, to develop external funding sources, and to maintain an active individual and collaborative research program.

The Director is responsible for the overall vision, direction, functioning and viability of the Institute. They report directly to the Vice-President Research and Innovation.

**Application Process:**
Applications and nominations (including curriculum vitae and the names of three referees who may be contacted) should be sent to Tiffany Pollock, ORU Research Manager (tpoll@yorku.ca).

Applicants are also asked to submit a statement about their vision for CITY including goals, objectives, strategy of action and leadership style.

Applications and nominations must be received by November 7, 2022.