

Position: Director, The Harriet Tubman Institute

ORU: The Harriet Tubman Institute

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

Stipend: The position comes with a stipend as stipulated by YUFA Collective Agreement

Application Due Date: February 1, 2023

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Director of the Harriet Tubman Institute (HTI) for Research on Africa and its Diasporas at York University for a term of five years, to begin July 1, 2023

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.

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 institute reports to the Associate Vice-President Research, Jennifer Hyndman.

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 the Harriet Tubman Institute, including goals, objectives, strategy of action and leadership style.

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ORU Description and History:

Originally, the institute was called: The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on the Global Migrations of African Peoples ("the Tubman Institute"). In March 2007, it was officially inaugurated by former Governor General of Canada, Michaëlle Jean. In 2013, the name of the institute was shortened to become: "The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas."

The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas seeks to be the preeminent, interdisciplinary center for research, both historical and contemporary, on Africa and its global diasporas. Its mandate encompasses the study of pre-contact cultures and histories of Africa, as well as histories of slavery and colonialism. It focuses on the struggles in the current lives of African peoples and diasporic communities to achieve social justice and covers contemporary forms of exploitation. The Institute offers York University and the broader community an internationally recognized hub for studies and documentation. In pursuing its mandate, the Institute fosters debates among scholars, engages with the community, and informs public policy. It is committed to equity and social justice.