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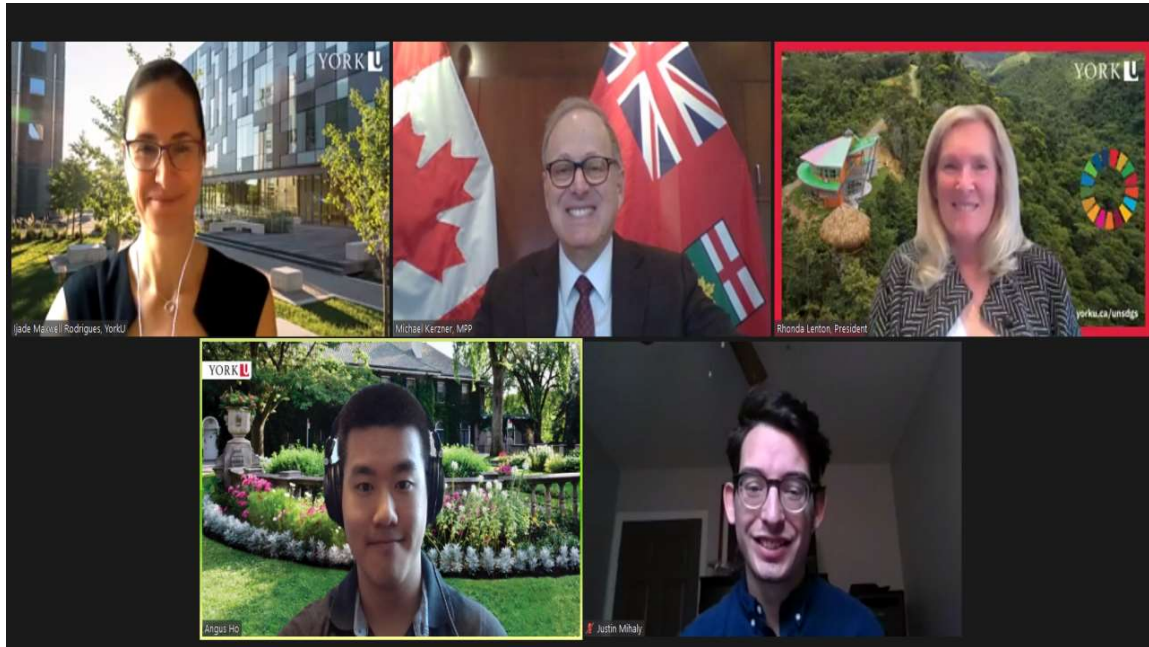
April 2023

Government Relations Updates and Highlights



York University co-hosts Economic Development Roundtable with Councillor Shelley Carroll

On April 11, York University co-hosted an Economic Development Roundtable with Councillor and Economic and Community Development Committee (ECDC) Chair, Shelley Carroll. Attended by City Councillors on the ECDC and senior staff from the City of Toronto, the participants discussed the role of York University in building a more resilient, inclusive, and thriving City of Toronto.



York University meets with Solicitor General Michael Kerzner to discuss a proposed School of Medicine

On April 11, York University met with Ontario Solicitor General and MPP for York Centre Michael Kerzner (BA '86 LA&PS) to discuss our plans for a proposed [School of Medicine](#).

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



York University named academic lead in the UN's new global Water Academy

UNITAR and York University proudly announce the launch of the “Water Academy” at the UN 2023 Water Conference.

The Water Academy will bring together leading academic institutions and business Executives from the five largest beverage companies worldwide. York University will serve as the Academic Lead of the Water Academy as one of the world’s academic leading institutions on water-related issues. [Read More](#)



UNITAR, York University, York Region and York Regional Police Collaborate to offer Joint Training on Sustainable Inclusive Development

On 22 March 2023, UNITAR, York University, the Regional Municipality of York (York Region) and York Regional Police renewed its partnership agreement to foster sustainable development in Canada. This agreement aims to deliver joint training and professional development activities, which target government officials, leaders, civil society and other interested parties in the areas of safety mobility including road safety, mental health, gender equality, entrepreneurship and economic growth, and climate change, among others. [Read More](#)



York lands top 10 spot in 17 subjects in QS rankings

York University’s high-quality academic programming continues to position the institution as a leader in post-secondary education and drive positive change to right the future, both nationally and internationally, according to the 2023 QS World University Rankings by Subject report.

The University ranks among the top 100 in the world for three subject areas: English language and literature, philosophy, and for the first time, performing arts. [Read More](#)



Lassonde students get hands-on experience with startups

In Fall 2022, the Bergeron Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology (BEST) Program at Lassonde School of Engineering offered students the opportunity to discover, first-hand, what it's like to start and grow a startup through the entrepreneurial Work-Integrated Learning (e-WIL) initiative. [Read More](#)

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