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The York University Brief

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Government Relations Updates and Highlights



York University GR Team Visits Ottawa

The YorkU team was in Ottawa at the beginning of February for meetings with MPs and public servants to discuss our institutional priorities. It was great to be in the nation's capital and catch up with our federal partners. Above are a few photos from our time in Ottawa. A warm thank you to everyone who met with us.



YorkU Team Meet with Minister Gary Anandasangaree

Earlier this month, we were pleased to meet with York alumnus Gary Anandasangaree, MP for Scarborough-Rouge Park and Minister for Crown-Indigenous Relations. It was a great opportunity to welcome the Minister back to campus and discuss YorkU's objectives.



YorkU at the Ontario Business Advisory Council

Last month, York was pleased to participate in a meeting of the Ontario Business Advisory Council with Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs, the Hon. Lisa Thompson. It was a great opportunity to highlight [YSpace's Food and Beverage Accelerator](#) and how the government can continue to support SMEs in the sector.

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



Black Entrepreneurship Alliance Demo Day

The Black Entrepreneurship Alliance, a partnership between YSpace, the Black Creek Community Health Centre, and the York U-TD Community Engagement Centre welcomed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Minister Filomena Tassi for a recent Demo Day event and pitch competition. [Click here](#) to learn more about York's collaboration with the BEA.



New Seminar Series from the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness

Recently, the York University Canadian Observatory on Homelessness launched monthly expert panel series aiming to host engaging community discussions to advance homelessness prevention initiatives in Canada and abroad. [Read more.](#)



Three years in the lead for Osgoode Hall

For the third consecutive year, York University's Osgoode Hall Law School has attracted more applications for its juris doctor (JD) program than any other law school in Ontario – and, according to school administrators, this is no coincidence. [Read more.](#)



Scholarship partnership advances York's global engagement

York University is among several Canadian institutions helping international students receive the chance to study, or conduct research, thanks to the Global Affairs Canada (GAC) International Scholarships program. [Read more.](#)



President Lenton talks Markham Campus on CBC

York President Rhonda Lenton was pleased to join Metro Morning host David Common earlier this month to discuss our new Markham campus. Have a listen [here.](#)



YorkU leadership advocates for Canadian research

On February 5, York Vice President of Research and Innovation Amir Asif and Assistant Vice-President, Research Strategy & Impact David Phipps published an op-ed in The Hill Times on the importance of using Canadian research to address society's biggest challenges. [Read more.](#)

The York University Brief is York University's monthly newsletter that showcases some of our latest research and institutional news. Although anyone can subscribe, our readership primarily consists of our government and community partners and is meant to provide insight into the work done at the University and its potential links to work done in government and in the community. The York University Brief is typically published monthly from September to June.

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