

Faculty Affairs Events and Resources

Welcoming New Faculty

New Faculty Meet-up

Jan 28 | 1.00-3.00pm | 305 York Lanes | [RSVP](#)

An informal gathering for new faculty members, featuring opportunities to connect with colleagues across disciplines and exchange experiences, strategies and resources. The session includes light refreshments and a brief presentation on [eClass](#) - York's Learning Management System – delivered by a guest from Learning Technology Services (LTS).

» Check out the newly launched [New Faculty website](#) that brings information from across York together in one place for new faculty. It includes:

- The [New Faculty Guide](#) - an excellent starting point for getting set up quickly.
- Highlights from the 2025 New Faculty Orientation.
- FAQs and more!

Dedicated Black Hires Meet-Up

Jan 22 | 12.00 - 1.30pm | 305 YL | By Invite Only

An informal meet-up for Black faculty hired under the dedicated Black hire program in 2022-23 and 2023-24. This session is an opportunity to connect, share experiences and strategies for navigating life and career progression as a Black faculty.

DEDI Course Load Reduction Program – Call out

Applications are now being accepted for the Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (DEDI) Course Load Reduction Program, which provides course load reductions for YUFA members to “support service relating to/in support of Decolonizing, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (DEDI) by faculty and librarians and archivists who self-identify as Indigenous or as members of racialized groups”.

The program offers dedicated time within normal workload to advance service activities that support York's DEDI Strategy, including the Indigenous Framework for York University and the Framework to Address Anti-Black Racism.

Faculty members interested in applying can review the Call and full parameters on the [DEDI Course Load Reduction Program website](#). Applications are due **Monday, March 2, 2026**.

Teaching

Call for Nominations to the President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

The call is now open for the 2026 PUWTAs. [Online applications](#) will be accepted until Friday, January 30, 2026 at 4:30 pm. The President's University-Wide Teaching Awards honour those who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for York students. The Teaching Awards criteria and nomination form are available on the [Senate Committee on Awards webpage](#).

Course Workflows: Streamlining Teaching with AI Support

Jan 28 | 9.30-11.00pm | Zoom | [RSVP](#)

We invite faculty to bring real course materials and in-progress plans for responding to or integrating AI. Connect with an educational developer and colleagues to explore options, troubleshoot sticky spots, and swap strategies and resources.

AI in Practice

Jan 26 | 10.00-11.00pm | Zoom | [RSVP](#)

We invite faculty to bring real course materials and in-progress plans for responding to or integrating AI. Connect with an educational developer and colleagues to explore options, troubleshoot sticky spots, and swap strategies and resources.

Assessing Learning: Grading, Evaluation, and Feedback

Feb 2 – Mar 6 | Zoom | [RSVP](#)

In this online course we will we will test out strategies for maximizing feedback to students while keeping the workload manageable, explore principles and tools to streamline grading, apply best practices for designing assessments, and troubleshoot common assessment challenges.

Well-being at York

» Review the latest student results from the [Canadian Campus Wellbeing Survey](#) (CCWS) and use the updated [Identifying and Responding to Students in Distress Guides](#) to support your work with students. For more tools and information, visit the [Well-being resources page](#).

External Webinar: Inter-American Principles on Academic Freedom and University Autonomy

Jan 26 | 12.00-1:00pm | Zoom | [RSVP](#)

The Human Rights Research and Education Centre (HRREC), the Scholars at Risk (SAR) uOttawa Program and the SAR Canada Section present two webinars on the theme: International tools to advance academic freedom as part of the SAR Network's 25th anniversary.

This webinar will explore principles on academic freedom and university autonomy adopted in 2021 and their implications and relevance in a global context where academic freedom faces increasing pressure.

[Learn more here](#) and register.