

School of Public Policy and Administration

Weekly Newsletter

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Important Reminders

Exam Period

The Fall term exam period will take place from **December 10 to December 23, 2013**

University Closure

The University will be closed for the holidays from **December 24, 2013 to January 1, 2014**. Note that the SPPA administrative office will be closed and classes and exams will **not** be held during this time.

The University and administrative offices will re-open on **January 2, 2014**

Winter classes begin and Year term classes resume on **January 6, 2014**

Student Advising

We are pleased to announce that a LAPS Student Advisor is now available at the School of Public Policy & Administration (SPPA) in McLaughlin College on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.30am-4.30pm.

While drop-ins and all majors (including non-SPPA majors/minors) are welcome by the Rotating LAPS Advisor, you may request an appointment through the main SPPA Office at lapssppa@yorku.ca.

In your email please include your full name, York student ID number and a brief description of your questions to be addressed.

If the rotating advisor will not be able to hold office hours, you will receive an email notification.

Announcements

LA&PS Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms

For all students in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS), please note that the drop off/submission location for all Course Performance Summary (CPS) forms has now changed, effective immediately, from 103 Central Square to **N926 Ross Building**.

The revised LA&PS Course Performance Summary form, which now includes the new submission location can be found at the following link:
<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/council/students/documents/CPS.pdf>

Exam shuttle bus will run nightly until the end of the exam period

York's Exam Express Shuttle between Vari Hall and Calumet Circle (across from the Rexall Centre) starts Dec. 10 and continues every night until Dec. 22. The Dec. 23 shuttle will operate from 4:15 to 5:30pm only. There are no evening exams scheduled for Dec. 23, but if an exam make-up day is required, the schedule will be adjusted.

The full exam shuttle is available as a PDF download from the Transportation Shuttle Services website.

The shuttle will start at the Rexall Centre at 4:15pm. The last shuttle will leave the Rexall Centre at 10:45pm. It will be a continuous loop, running around every half hour.

The Keele-Glendon Shuttle will run Dec. 9 to 23, Jan. 2 and 3, 2014. The full shuttle schedule is

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available as a PDF download from the Transportation Shuttle Services website.

All other shuttles, including the Village Express, the Village East Shuttle and the Village West Shuttles, will operate as usual. For more information, visit the Transportation Shuttle Services website.

Transportation Shuttle Services website:
<http://www.yorku.ca/trnsprt/shuttle.htm>

Call for nominations for the President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

The President's University-Wide Teaching Awards (UWTA) honour those individuals who, through innovation and commitment, have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for York students. Four awards are offered each year in the following categories:

- Full-time faculty with 10 or more years of teaching experience;
- Full-time faculty (tenured, tenure-stream, contractually limited appointments) with less than 10 years of experience;
- Contract and adjunct faculty;
- Teaching assistants.

The purpose of these awards is to provide significant recognition for excellence in teaching, to encourage its pursuit, to publicize such excellence when achieved across the University and in the wider community, and to promote informed discussion of teaching and its improvement. The awards demonstrate the value York University attaches to teaching.

Recipients of the awards, selected by the Senate Committee on Awards, receive \$3,000, have their names engraved on the University-Wide Teaching Awards plaques in Vari Hall and are recognized at convocation ceremonies. Nominations can be submitted by faculty, students or alumni.

The deadline for the 2014 President's UWTA is **Feb. 7, 2014**. Nominations may only be submitted online.

A PDF download of the President's UWTA criteria and online nomination form are available from the Awards webpage, at:
<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/committees/awards/index-awards.html>

SPPA Events

MPPAL Info Sessions

The Masters of Public Policy, Administration and Law information sessions provide an overview of the MPPAL program. Topics covered include admission requirements and procedures, course content, career paths, financial aid, and the Graduate Diplomas in Democratic Administration and Justice System Administration.

Potential students can meet with some faculty members, and program officers for the MPPAL Program.

Osgoode Professional Development Centre
26th. Floor
1 Dundas St. West, Toronto
[Map & Directions](#)

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Jan. 22 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Tuesday, Feb. 4 - 5:30 - 7:30pm
Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 5:30 - 7:30pm

McLaughlin College,
Room 140
York University
4700 Keele Street, Toronto
[Map & Directions](#)

Saturday, Jan. 25 - 12.00 - 1:00 pm

To register for a session please visit
http://www.yorku.ca/gradppal/info_sessions.html

Other Events/News

Conference on Business, Human Rights and Law in Transnational Context

January 16-17, 2014
Oakham House, Ryerson University,

Keynote Speakers:

Hevina S. Dashwood

Department of Political Science, Brock University

Michael Levi

Cardiff University

High-profile corporate infringements of human rights –notably in the developing world-- have initiated discourses about how to better regulate transnational business activities. Through the collaborative efforts of a range of stakeholders, including governments, business leaders, and civil society, we have developed a series of important global standards, including the UN Global Compact and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. There remain outstanding questions, however, including what are the respective roles of government, business, local communities, and civil society in operationalizing these and related human rights norms.

Set against the backdrop of recent global and domestic legal initiatives, this conference explores how we can use national, transnational, and international law to prevent human rights abuses in areas of special significance to Canadian business, including: mining and resource extraction, Indigenous and environmental rights, labour and worker safety, anti-corruption and bribery, and international trade and development. Speakers include world-renowned scholars and representatives from:

- The Canadian Chapter of the UN Global Compact
- Parliament of Canada
- Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada
- MiningWatch Canada
- The Justice and Corporate Accountability Project
- The Alliance for Bangladesh Worker Safety

- Sears Canada
- Bennett Jones LLP
- Baker & McKenzie LLP

E-mail Contact: graham.hudson@crim.ryerson.ca
or aorlova@ryerson.ca

To register, visit:

<http://www.ryerson.ca/criminaljustice/business-human-rights-conference/index.html>

Career Centre's Winter Career Fair

Students can meet a variety of employers in an exhibition-like setting to learn more about their employment opportunities. Employers exhibiting at this year's fair are recruiting York students and new grads for: full-time jobs, part-time jobs, internships and summer jobs.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

10:00am – 3:00pm

Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Building
NO STUDENT REGISTRATION NECESSARY

MPPAL/SPPA: 1st Professionals Networking Event of 2014

Hosted by the MPPAL Student Executive and SPPA Student Council.

Thursday, January 23, 2014

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Troika Vodka Boutique
95 King Street East, Toronto ON

RSVP Online:

<http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/event.html>

Supporting Newcomer Health Together: A City-Wide Learning and Networking Symposium

Funded by Citizenship and Immigration Canada

This event will bring together frontline staff and other professionals from the fields of Health, Settlement and Community Services to share knowledge and build relationships across sectors, with the goal of enhancing capacity to support newcomer health.

Tuesday January 28, 2014
North York Civic Centre
5100 Yonge Street

Registration and workshop information to follow.

Call for Papers/Proposals

3rd Annual International Conference on Law, Regulations and Public Policy: Call for papers

Conference theme: The laws of the land lay the foundations of peace and order, and to ensure people progress in all aspects of their lives – whether in business, education, travel, health or recreation. The role of public officials is to create, scrutinize, implement and uphold the laws in order to protect the rights of every individual, corporate entity or institution.

Educators of law thus possess the task of not only shaping each and every generation of legal practitioners into knowledgeable and responsible agents, but also the study of issues which surround the practice of law and its implementation across jurisdictions

Conference Highlights: Prof. Chan Wing Cheong (Faculty of Law, National University Singapore) will deliver “*Constitutional Restraints on Mandatory Imprisonment Sentences*”; Prof. Bradley Myers (University of Dakota) will deliver “*The Future of Legal Education: The Impact of Regulation, Technology and Globalization on the Training of Lawyers*”.

Best Paper Awards and Best Student Paper Awards will be conferred at the conference (in order to qualify for the award, the paper must be presented at the conference).

Submission Deadline for Papers: Friday, January 10th. www.law-conference.org, info@law-conference.org

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: 2014 YIHR Research Symposium

The Crossroads of Health

The York Institute for Health Research (YIHR) is currently accepting abstracts for its annual Symposium tentatively set for **Thursday March 6th - Friday March 7th, 2014**. This year’s Symposium has a distinct emphasis in recognizing *innovative cross-disciplinary* papers and ideas that demonstrate multifactorial dimensions of health. Researchers from all disciplines engaged in health-related investigations are invited to submit an abstract to present at the symposium. Both undergraduate and graduate papers will be accepted.

The theme this year is innovation and research at the crossroads of health. The health sector is increasingly incorporating concepts, applications, and technologies from multiple disciplines and this event is geared towards highlighting these emerging innovations. Students presenting will have the opportunity to submit their papers for publication to an online YIHR journal, *Health Tomorrow*

<http://pi.library.yorku.ca/ojs/index.php/ht>

Past presentations have included research on:

- Mathematical modeling of disease
- Health policy and equity
- Using GIS to map health indicators
- Ethical issues in health research
- Social, cultural, and economic determinants of health
- engineering/physics and medicine
- the future of health
- new approaches to dealing with health

Submission Guidelines:

1. Include your name, program and area of study
2. E-mail address
3. Title of Abstract
4. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words
5. Presentations will be approximately 15-30 minutes, including Q and A sessions
6. Please send presentation abstracts to Emanuel Ebrahim emanuel5@yorku.ca or Rahat Hossain rahath.rh@gmail.com no later than **January 16, 2013**. An email will be sent to all those who have submitted an abstract.

A symposium schedule and location will be posted on the YIHR website: <http://www.yorku.ca/yihr/>

Accommodations can be made for those travelling from far distances as well as for those requiring specific accommodations during the symposium. Anyone requiring accommodations must e-mail details to Emanuel Ebrahim or Rahat Hossain.

Wanted: Student presentations for second annual Undergraduate Research Fair

Undergraduate students and instructors who are in the process of writing and grading particularly strong, final research papers, are encouraged to consider the Undergraduate Research Fair. Applications to participate in the multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Fair are due by **Jan. 20, 2014** – but students are encouraged to apply early.

York University's second annual Undergraduate Research Fair, jointly sponsored by York University Libraries and the Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation, will be held on **Feb. 25, 2014** from 10:30am -1:30pm in the Scott Library Collaboratory.

Admission to the juried fair is competitive. Undergraduate students can apply by submitting a graded, research-based project or honours thesis prepared between January and December 2013, along with a 250-word abstract.

“While the 2013 fair was limited to undergraduate students in the social sciences and humanities, we still received nearly 100 remarkable applications,” explains Catherine Davidson, associate university librarian and Undergraduate Research Fair steering committee member. “This year we are welcoming applicants from all nine faculties, including Glendon College, to this pan-university celebration of student researchers, and we look forward to reviewing a large number of strong applications.”

Those undergraduate student researchers selected to participate in the Fair will have the opportunity to share their work by designing a poster and presenting the results of their research to the York community in a friendly, cross-curricular environment. A workshop on designing and presenting a poster will be offered to participating students, and the Libraries will arrange to print the posters at no cost to the participants.

Prizes of \$500 (plus honourable mentions) will be awarded to participants deemed to have the best lower-year project, best upper-year project, best honours thesis and best poster session. In addition, the Libraries offer an Information Literacy award of \$600 to the researcher who develops and explains his/her information research strategies best. Fair participants may also have their papers published in a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by York University Libraries.

For more information about the Fair, participant eligibility and application details, visit the **Undergraduate Research Fair** website, at: <http://undergradresearchfair.blog.yorku.ca/>

Accepting Graduate Student essays for the Queen's Policy Review Winter 2014 Issue

The Queen's Policy Review is a peer-reviewed, faculty advised publication affiliated with the Queen's School of Policy Studies. Submissions are welcome from graduate students working on a

wide variety of Canadian and international public policy issues.

The deadline for submissions is **January 20, 2014**. Papers submitted by the deadline will be considered for our Winter 2014 publication.

Submissions must:

- 1) Be between 2000 and 5000 words.
- 2) Include a 100 to 200 word abstract.
- 3) Use Chicago citation format.
- 4) Discuss a **current Canadian domestic and/or international policy issue**.

Please note that only one submission per person (either individually or as part of a group) will be considered. Submissions must be in a “.doc,” “.docx” or “.rtf” format and include an abstract.

Submissions and inquiries should be sent to:

qpr@queensu.ca

For further information, please see:

www.queensu.ca/sps/qpr

Contribute to JPPAL!

The Journal of Public Policy, Administration and Law (JPPAL) is published twice annually. The journal is now accepting submissions for our upcoming Spring 2014 publication. **Submission deadline is January 31, 2014**. All submissions will be refereed anonymously by at least two blind reviewers. Interested authors must [register](#) with the journal. Please refer to [Author Guidelines](#) on the JPPAL website.

Please contact Danielle Thibodeau, JPPAL Editor-in-Chief, if you have any questions.

World Social Science Prizes
Stein Rokkan Prize

The Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research is awarded for very substantial and original contributions in comparative social science research. Submissions can be either an unpublished manuscript of book length, or a

printed book, or collected works published no more than two years before the award year. Laureates receive a diploma and a cash prize, awarded every year and awarded during an ISSC Executive Committee or General Assembly meeting, or at a World Social Science Forum, where laureates are usually asked to deliver a public lecture.

The Stein Rokkan Prize was first awarded in 1981 in honour of Stein Rokkan (1921-1979), who pioneered this type of research. Rokkan was a Norwegian political scientist and sociologist. The Prize was instituted jointly by the ISSC and the Conjunto Universitario Candido Mendes in Brazil, and until 2002 the Prize was awarded jointly by both institutions.

Since 2008, and thanks to the generous support of the University of Bergen, where Stein Rokkan was professor of comparative politics, the Stein Rokkan Prize amounts to \$US 5000 and is awarded on an annual basis with and is presented jointly with the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).

For more information, visit:

<http://www.worldsocialscience.org/activities/scientific-prizes/stein-rokkan/>

Nomination Procedure

The prize is open to candidates from all social science disciplines; however ECPR Executive Committee members, the Director and ECPR editors are excluded from being nominated.

The work should be a very substantial and original contribution in comparative social science research. The work can be an unpublished manuscript of book length, a printed book, or collected works published within the two years preceding the award ceremony. Edited volumes are not eligible. The work should preferably be in English; however a submission written in another language can be nominated as long as it is accompanied by an English summary of the work.

Submissions must include: the author's name; book title; year of publication (if published); and the name of the person who makes the nomination. This must be sent together with a formal letter in support of the nomination from the head of a

research institution, university department or research centre. This letter must include information on the nominee, for example an outline of their work, research interests, etc. and support of their candidacy for this award.

Submissions should be sent by email to Louise Soper (lhawk@essex.ac.uk) at the ECPR before the **deadline of 15 February 2014**. After 15 February 2014 all nominees will be informed and required to forward four hard copies of their manuscript to the Jury for consideration. Please note that electronic versions will not be accepted and submissions unfortunately cannot be returned. Submissions should be received by all four members of the jury **by 15 March 2014**.

The 2014 prize jury comprises:

- Klaus Goetz, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Chair)
- Ingrid van Biezen, Universiteit Leiden
- Stein Kuhnle, University of Bergen and Hertie School of Governance
- Manfred Schmidt, Universität Heidelberg

Funding/Scholarships

Access York is pleased to announce: The York University Accessibility Fund (YUAF)

A York University-wide fund has been established to make the York community (at both the Keele and Glendon campuses) more accessible to persons with disabilities. This fund is administered by the Office of the Vice-President Finance & Administration.

Who Can Apply

- All members of the York University community - individual students, faculty and staff members; academic and administrative units; clubs, associations, organizations, and college councils – are eligible to apply.

Application Process

- For an application to be advanced, it must be sponsored by the Administrative Head of the

relevant Academic and Non-academic Units or Organization (or designate). [1] Note that administrative heads are not being asked to evaluate the merit of the application.

- Applications for funding shall be submitted in writing by the sponsoring organization, Faculty or office, via the YUAF Application Form, and shall outline in detail the nature of the request and the approximate costs.
- Applications submitted will be reviewed by an Adjudication committee comprised of the following participants or their designates: Senior Executive Officer, Vice-President Finance and Administration (Chair); Vice-Provost Students; AODA Coordinator; Access York Vice-Chair Faculty/Staff; Access York Student Representative; other members when request-specific advice is required.
- Time frame for responses: Typical turnaround time: 4-6 weeks; however, shorter response intervals will be considered for time-sensitive applications.

Applications for the first round of this year's adjudication will be **accepted until January 31, 2014**.

1. Categories of Expenditures

- This central fund should be seen as a means of supplementing costs, rather than covering all costs, whenever possible.
- Requests will be considered only after all other avenues for funding have been explored.
- All and any equipment purchased remains the property of York University, normally under the auspices of the sponsoring office/department/unit.

a. Applications may include requests for:

- Classroom and Practicum Technological Equipment and Supports (e.g., assistive devices, software, or other equipment purchased by an Administrative Unit and provided on a loaner basis.
- Disability Awareness and Education (e.g., activities to promote and support on-going education within the York Community, such as funding to create an online awareness guide for course instructors)
- Supplemented Support for Extra/Co-curricular and Other Out-of-Class Activities (i.e., support

services for participants attending these activities)

- Supplemented Support for Conferences Hosted by the University (i.e., support services for participants)
- Support for York students with disabilities presenting at conferences hosted elsewhere.
- Other requests

b. Applications may not include requests for:

- Expenses that should be otherwise supported through MTCU funding for students with disabilities.
- Renovations and retrofits to the built environment (e.g., classrooms, washrooms, residences) Note: On rare occasions, physical access requests will be considered, dependent on funds.

2. Criteria for Assessing Funding Requests:

- Does the request eliminate a barrier?
- Does the request result in greater participation by persons with disabilities?
- Does the request promote awareness of disability related issues?
- Will the request result in education that is more accessible?
- Will the request have a lasting effect on the University?
- Have all other avenues for funding been sufficiently explored?

Requests that relate to student accessibility, both on and off campus, shall be given priority.

For Further Information and Application forms please visit: www.yorku.ca/vpfa/yuaf.html

For Questions, Clarifications, or Assistance with the Application Process, please contact:

AODA Office: 416.736.2100 ext. 20512

OR

Counselling & Disability Services:

- Learning Disability Services 416.736.5383
- Mental Health Disability Services 416.736.5297
- Physical, Sensory and Medical Disability Services 416.736.5140

OR

Office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration: 416.736.5282

Submit Applications To:

YUAF, c/o Senior Executive Officer
Office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration,
950 Kaneff Tower

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SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

The following is information regarding the 2014 W.L. Mackenzie King Open and Travelling Scholarships.

The **Open Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in any discipline, in Canada or elsewhere. One Open Scholarship is awarded each year. The value has recently been about \$9,000 but it is subject to change.

The **Travelling Scholarship** is available to graduates of Canadian universities who pursue graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom in the areas of international relations or industrial relations. Recently four scholarships of \$11,000 each have been awarded annually, but the number and the amount are subject to change.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications must be made to the Faculty of Graduate Studies of your “**home**” university. This is the *Canadian* university from which you most recently graduated or at which you are currently enrolled. You must be a graduate of a Canadian university when tenure of the scholarship begins. You may apply for both scholarships with a single application if the eligibility criteria are met for both.

Completed application packages, including all of the documents listed above, must be submitted to Sandra Yiu at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, 230

York Lanes. Please **do not** have reference letters and/or transcripts sent separately.

The scholarship deadline is **February 1, 2014**.

Additional information can also be found at <http://www.mkingscholarships.ca/criteria.html>

For further information, please contact:

Melissa Dalgleish

Research Officer - fgsro@yorku.ca

OR

Sandra Yiu

Scholarships and Awards Coordinator -

fgssac@yorku.ca

Transportation Association of Canada Foundation scholarships to students

The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) Foundation is pleased to once again offer its Scholarship Program to support and encourage bright, young students pursuing a career in transportation. In 2013, the program offered 49 scholarships with a total value of \$181,000. Since its inception over 321 scholarships worth more than \$1.3 million have been awarded.

A new and exciting feature has been added to the TAC Foundation Scholarship program. **Employment Connections** will provide a way for the Foundation's major donors to connect with top scholarship applicants (recipients and finalists) about future employment opportunities in their organization. TAC Foundation scholarships now BOTH support education in transportation-related disciplines AND connect transportation and roadways sector employers with the best and brightest young professionals entering the field.

The application deadline is February 17, 2014

Full details and application forms for the 2014 TAC Foundation Scholarship Program are online. For more information, visit: <http://tac-atc.ca/en/about-us/tac-foundation/scholarships>

OAS Scholarships for Graduate and Undergraduate Academic Studies 2015-2016

The Organization of American States (OAS) Department of Human Development, Education and Employment is pleased to announce the call for applications for the OAS academic scholarships for full-time graduate and undergraduate studies and/or graduate research leading to a degree for the 2015-2016 selection process.

The 2015-2016 Academic Scholarships Announcement contains general information on the OAS Academic Scholarships, required documents and eligibility requirements, selection process, evaluation criteria and deadlines. All information related to the OAS Academic Scholarships, including required documents and application process is available on the OAS Scholarships website www.oas.org/scholarships.

Questions regarding the application process can be sent to: scholarships@oas.org.

Deadline: April 2014

Internship Opportunities

Parliamentary Internship Programme

**See Parliament from the inside...as a
Parliamentary Intern**

Work for Members of Parliament
Study with colleagues from across Canada

**A paid non-partisan internship from
September 2014 to June 2015**

The Parliamentary Internship Programme is an initiative of the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) that gives interns the chance to:

- Work with a Government and an Opposition MP

- Study Parliament and politics in an interdisciplinary environment
- Undertake comparative study tours in Canada and abroad
- Discuss with leading thinkers and political decision-makers
- Join outstanding colleagues
- Build public knowledge of Parliament

Ten positions available for Canadian professionals under 35 years old with a university degree.

Applicants from all disciplines are encouraged

Stipend of \$22,000 for a ten month internship from September 2014 to June 2015

It is an unforgettable year and provides invaluable practical experience for students seeking either academic or professional careers.

Apply Online now: www.pip-ppsp.org

Application Deadline is January 31, 2014

Fast Track Your Municipal Career Today!
Apply for the 2014-2015
Ontario Municipal Management
Internship Program

AMCTO is accepting applications from candidates interested in participating in the Ontario Municipal Management Internship Program for 2014-2015.

After 7 years of the program, past Management Interns are now plying their trade successfully in various senior management roles across Ontario and contributing positively to building strong city government. Ontario's Municipal Management Internship Program was developed by AMCTO with funding support from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and FedNor to address the critical need to attract and train the next generation of municipal leaders. Throughout

the program year, Management Interns can expect to gain hands-on experience in municipal business lines under the supervision of a municipal Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or similar designate. In addition, interns will be engaged in a suite of learning and skill development while receiving up to \$5,000 for training opportunities (i.e. conferences, workshops etc.) in addition to their salary.

The 2014-2015 program commences in June 2014. The **application instructions and materials** for prospective Interns are now available, at: http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/To_Apply/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/To_Apply.aspx?hkey=9a35683e-f7ee-49bd-9ac9-164b74b8a5c2

For additional information, please visit the **AMCTO Municipal Management Internship Program** webpage, at:

http://www.amcto.com/imis15/content/Careers/Internship_Program/content/Careers_Pages/Internship_Pages/About_the_Program.aspx?hkey=6eb58829-0ed8-4d52-ba7d-ff2f9ec18a5b

So if you are motivated to pursue a career as a municipal management professional, we invite you to submit your application today!

The submission deadline for candidate applications is February 26th, 2014

For any questions related to the program and/or applying, please contact Rick Johal, Director of Government Relations and Legislative Services. Rjohal@amcto.com

York Career Centre information sessions covering all York Internship Programs

Please attend this session if you are interested in applying to the Bachelor of Public Administration Internship Program (BPAIP), which is a paid internship program.

Before applying to an Internship Program, students

must attend a mandatory Internship Information Session, which is offered throughout the year. During this session, the Internship Coordinator provides an overview of the program, academic eligibility requirements, application and job search processes, program expectations and non-refundable fees. **Students must have attended an Internship Information Session within a year of applying to the program.** Students who attended an Internship Information Session more than a year prior to submitting their application are required to attend another session to ensure they receive the most up-to-date information about the Internship Programs.

Upcoming information sessions:

- Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, 10:00-11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, 10:00 - 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, 10:00-11:30am in 109 Atkinson College
- Thursday, March 6, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building
- Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:00-11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

Contests

David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge

Honouring past OCE Board Chair David McFadden, the David McFadden Energy Entrepreneur Challenge invites university (undergraduate and graduate) and college students from across Ontario to address challenges facing the energy sector.

Up to 10 finalists will be selected to pitch their idea at OCE's 'Discovery' trade show and conference on May 12-13, 2014. The winner, to be announced on May 13 at Discovery, receives \$25,000 and a suite of business services to assist in advancing the business concept.

About the Challenge: The theme for this Challenge is "Enlightened Energy". Many of us take for granted the energy we need to heat and air condition our homes and businesses; power our industries; and propel our vehicles. However, in many areas of the globe, energy is scarce or even unavailable. The challenge is to create energy solutions that are practical, affordable and sustainable. The energy solution should also be exportable and adaptable to the needs of different parts of the world. More than just commercially viable the solution should also help contribute to safer, healthier and more environmentally sound communities.

How to Apply: To enter, the applicant must complete a three-minute pitch video and upload to YouTube. An entry form must be completed and sent to Binny Arora at energychallenge@oce-ontario.org no later than **January 31, 2014**. Videos will not be eligible for the award without the submission of a completed entry form. For more information on the challenge and David McFadden's vision, please visit our website and watch our promotional video, at:

<http://www.oce-ontario.org/programs/talent-programs/entrepreneurship-fellowships/mcfadden-challenge>

Should you have any questions about this program, please contact Binny Arora, Program Manager at Binny.Arora@oce-ontario.org

University and College students can write their way to a \$1,000 award

Ontario students who are passionate about engineering and public policy are encouraged to

enter the Ontario Centre for Engineering and Public Policy's (OCEPP) 2014 Student Essay Competition.

This year, eligibility has been expanded to include community college students. Students may write on one of the five provided topics and will compete in the college/undergraduate university or university graduate category. The winner in each category will receive a \$1,000 award and registration to the centre's 2014 Public Policy Conference, to be held in Toronto on **May 30, 2014**.

To view competition criteria, submission requirements or essay questions, please visit: http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/document/1/ci_id/97162/la_id/1

Winning papers from past competitions can be viewed from the **For Students** page of the OCEPP website, at: http://members.peo.on.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/32340/la_id/1.htm

Contest closes March 3, 2014

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST 2014 Fraser Institute

Topic: The rise of crony capitalism: how government and business gain at the taxpayers' expense

Categories and Prizes:

Undergraduate

1st Prize: \$1,500
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

Graduate

1st Prize: \$1,500
2nd Prize: \$1,000
3rd Prize: \$500

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 30, 2014

For more information, visit:
Studentessaycontest.org

<http://www.fraserinstitute.org/education-programs/students/essay-contest-entry-form.aspx>

Summer Opportunities

YorkU Study Abroad

This opportunity allows you to participate in a YorkU summer course abroad, taught by a YorkU professor for YorkU credit. Applications are due **January 31st 2014**. For more information, check out: international.yorku.ca/yorkuabroad
York International, 200 York Lanes,
yuabroad@yorku.ca

No special permission is required. Credits and grades are added directly to your transcript and can count toward your degree. OSAP is applicable. Financial Aid is available.

Locations and courses include:

- China - Nanjing
AP/CH 3050 6.0: Advanced Modern Chinese and Culture [New for 2014!]
- England, UK - London
AP/EN 3592 6.0: Literary London [New for 2014!]
- France - Chambéry
AP/FR 3089 6.0 French Language and Society
- Germany - Berlin
AP/GER 2020 6.0: Intermediate German in Berlin [New for 2014!]
- Greece - Athens
AP/ANTH 3110 6.0, Section C: Acquiring Research Skills (Knowledge of Greek is not required)
- Italy - Rome and Florence
AP/Italian 3761 3.0 Italian Medieval and Renaissance Civilization and/or
AP/Italian 3771 3.0 Modern and Contemporary Italian Culture (Knowledge of Italian is not required)
- Scotland - Edinburgh
FA/THEA 3000 3.0 – Production Practicum
- South Africa - Limpopo Province
AP/HUMA 4147 6.0: Children's Culture in

Context - Field Study in South Africa [New for 2014!]

- Spain - Ávila
AP/SP 2020 6.0: Intermediate Spanish Abroad [New for 2014!]

Prague Summer Schools 2014

The Prague Summer Schools are seven-day academic programs designed to bring together undergraduate and graduate students of various nationalities and academic backgrounds to enjoy their summer holidays in the unique academic and cultural environment.

The Prague's Center for Public Policy is pleased to announce the forthcoming **Prague Summer Schools** on the following topics:

- European Summer Institute on the Future of Europe: Lobbying in Brussels
- Summer School on Crime, Law and Psychology
- Summer School on European Politics: Interests versus Culture?
- Summer School on China: A World Superpower - Myth or Reality?
- Summer School on New Development Cooperation: Breaking the Chains of Poverty
- Summer School on Education: The Future of School
- Summer School on Globalization: The End of Consumption as we Know it

When: July 5-12 , 2014

Where: Summer Schools will take place in Prague, Czech Republic

We invite you to visit our website, at www.praguesummerschools.org to discover the details about the upcoming programs. The website will direct you to the individual page of each summer program containing information on academics, logistics, photos, alumni feedback, guidelines to application process, and online application.

We also encourage students to submit their applications to Prague Summer Schools 2014 by Early Bird Application Deadline of **January 31, 2014**. The Final Deadline is **February 15, 2014**.

Should you have any questions regarding the Prague Summer Schools or application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

Center for Public Policy, e-mail: cpvp@cpvp.cz

OR

Lucia Bugajova, e-mail: lbugajova@cpvp.cz

*****Please note that these courses cannot be taken on a Letter of Permission for credit towards your York degree program due to the fact that there is no formal evaluation in these courses*****

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2014! **Summer Course on** **Refugee and Forced Migration Issues by** **The Centre for Refugee Studies**

The Summer Course on Refugee and Forced Migration Issues is an internationally acclaimed seven-day, non-credit course for academic and field-based practitioners working in the area of forced migration. It serves as a hub for researchers, students, practitioners, service providers and policy makers to share information and ideas. The Summer Course is housed within the Centre for Refugee Studies (CRS), York University. All participants who complete the full course receive a York University Centre for Refugee Studies Summer Course Certificate.

2014 Summer Course topics will include:

- Forced displacement: International case studies
- Legal approaches to refugee studies
- UNHCR, the Convention and the international refugee regime
- UNRWA and Palestinian refugees
- Refugee resettlement policy
- Urban refugees
- Internally displaced populations
- Age, gender and diversity mainstreaming in forced migration
- Sexual minority claims

- Environmentally-induced displacement
- Externalization of asylum
- Transitional justice
- Detention practices

Registration Deadlines:

Course registration deadline for visa applicants:
January 31st, 2014

Non-visa applicants registration deadline:
April 1st, 2014

Dates: May 12-18, 2014

Location: York University, Toronto

Course Fee: \$975 CAD +13% HST
(by February 1st, 2014)

Late Registration Fee: \$1400 CAD +13%HST (after
February 1 until April 1, 2014)

For more information, and to apply, please visit
<http://crs.yorku.ca/summer/>

Summer-School in “Political Philosophy & Public Policy: Predistribution and Property-Owning Democracy”

By Professor Stuart White (Oxford) and
Professor Martin O’Neill (York)

Description: In recent years there has been a resurgence of interest in issues at the intersection of political philosophy and public policy. In particular, attention has increasingly turned to the question of what kind of institutions and policies would be needed in order to create a significantly more just society.

Contemporary circumstances of rising inequality and severe austerity add to the urgency of thinking creatively, in a philosophically informed way, about alternative economic arrangements. Initiatives such as Occupy have protested the apparent lack of political imagination in response to the financial crisis and its consequences, underscoring the need to consider and explore alternatives.

This summer-school will examine one broad

current of thinking about alternatives associated with the idea of “predistribution”. It will look in particular at John Rawls's idea of a “property-owning democracy”; at the relationship between strategies of “predistribution” and “redistribution”; and at specific policy proposals such as universal basic income, basic capital, and models of “high road” capitalism. A key issue to consider will be whether predistribution strategy can be thought of primarily in terms of 'human capital', jobs and wages or needs also to encompass productive and financial assets (and, if so, in what ways). A further issue to be explored is the trade off between equality and efficiency in the different social arrangements of a property-owning democracy, a basic income guarantee, and the traditional welfare state.

Lectures by Stuart White and Martin O'Neill will be followed by presentations from participants.

When: 14-18 July 2014

Where: Auditório novo do Instituto de Letras e Ciências Humanas (ILCH), University of Minho, Braga (Portugal)

Inscription: Please send a short letter of motivation and CV by e-mail to Roberto Merrill (nrbmerrill@gmail.com) Michele Loi (loimichele@gmail.com) by **1 April 2014**. If you also wish to give a talk during the School, please send us an abstract between 300 and 500 words.

Fee: 70 euros

Contacts: Roberto Merrill (nrbmerrill@gmail.com) or Michele Loi (loimichele@gmail.com)

This event is organized by the Political Theory Group of CEHUM, University of Minho (Braga)

For more information, visit:
<http://predistributionschool.weebly.com/>