

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## Weekly Newsletter

March 2014 – Volume 2, Issue 8

### Announcements

#### Change in Operating Hours

Effective Monday, March 3, 2014, please note, the operational hours for the School of Public Policy and Administration office located in 119 McLaughlin College will be:

**Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm**  
**Friday, 9:30am-4:30pm.**

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#### Call for LA&PS Student Association & Alumni Awards

**Nominate the Great...**

##### **1. LA&PS Student, Student Association & Alumni Awards**

Are you a LA&PS student or know LA&PS undergraduate students who have...

- made an outstanding contribution to student engagement?
- made an exceptional contribution to a LA&PS student association?
- distinguished themselves in volunteering, service & leadership?

If the answer is yes, the Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites you to submit nominations for the following student leadership awards:

- Commitment to Student Experience and Engagement Award, sponsored by York Alumni Relations.
- Outstanding Student Leadership Award
- Outstanding Student Volunteer Award

##### **2. Student Association Awards**

Are you a member of an outstanding LA&PS Association or know an outstanding LA&PS student association that has...

- contributed to student engagement and actively engaged current students with alumni throughout this year?
- contributed to the enrichment of the undergraduate experience in their Department or School of affiliation as well as the Faculty?

If the answer is yes, the Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites you to submit nominations for the following association awards:

- Commitment to Student Experience & Engagement Award sponsored by York Alumni Relations
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience Award

##### **3. LA&PS Alumni Award**

Do you know an outstanding LA&PS graduate who has...

- enhanced student experience in the Faculty by active engagement either inside or outside of the classroom or through involvement with a student association?
- continued to give back to the York community after graduation?

If the answer is yes, the Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites you to submit nominations for an alumni award.

**The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 28, 2014.**  
For [more information](#) about this award and to submit a nomination click [here](#).

### Important Reminders

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](mailto: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.

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The Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies is moving to an on-line submission system for all petitions. Starting Monday, February 10, 2014, students will no longer be able to submit petitions in paper format, or in

person. Students will access the Petitions System from our [website](#) using their PASSPORT YORK account.

Appeals of refused petitions will continue to be submitted in person at the Petitions Office in N 926 Ross, and to require completion of an Appeal Form, which they will download from our website.

Supporting documentation for petitions entered on-line also will continue to be submitted in hardcopy format to N 926 Ross, in accordance with the directions available to the student on the petitions system.

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***Message from the Undergraduate Program Director:***

Dear Students,

In the next few weeks you may be asked to participate in two different student surveys.

The first one that has been announced is the University-wide Student Engagement Survey - for this one only 1st year and 4th year undergraduate students in all programs will be asked to participate.

The second survey is specific to students who are majoring in our Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) program. This survey is part of a cyclical program review that takes place typically every 7 years and this is the first one for the BPA given that the program with the new curriculum was launched in 2010.

I would like to urge you to participate in this survey to provide feedback on the various aspects of the program and help us in our constant efforts aimed at improving the education and services you receive at the School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA). Please note that students who minor in Public Administration or are completing one of our Certificates at SPPA, are not eligible to participate in this survey.

Thank for your attention and we look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards,

Dr. Alena Kimakova

Associate Professor & Undergraduate Program Director,  
School of Public Policy and Administration, York  
University

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## **2013 SPPA Alumni and Student/Community Awards Nominations**

The School of Public Policy and Administration at York University invites nominations for two awards: Alumni Recognition Award, and Student and Community Recognition Award

### **Alumni Recognition Award**

The School of Public Policy and Administration at York University seeks nominations for its annual Alumni Recognition Award. The award acknowledges contributions made by one alumnus/a of the School's programs to public policy and management, as well as to the mentoring of students and new professionals.

### **Student and Community Recognition Award**

The School of Public Policy and Administration at York University seeks nominations for its annual Student and Community Recognition Award. The award acknowledges contributions made by one current student or an individual from within York University (other than staff and faculty of the School of Public Policy and Administration) or the wider community to the activities and programs of the School.

Nominations are invited for the award from faculty, staff, individual students and alumni, as well as the associations of students and alumni. Nominations require, at least, a one page statement about the accomplishments of the individual as well as a copy of her or his resume.

Nominations must be received by Friday, March 14, 2014. Please forward materials, or questions, to:

Director, School of Public Policy and Administration

Care of: Margo Barreto, Room 119, McLaughlin College,  
York University, Toronto, Ontario M3J 1P3, Phone: 416-736-2100 ext. 30580; Fax: 416-736-5382; E-mail:  
[mbarreto@yorku.ca](mailto:mbarreto@yorku.ca)

## **SPPA Events / News**

### ***Message from the SPPA Director:***

### **"The Value of Recognizing and Celebrating the United Nations' International Days"**

The next major international day that we will be helping to recognize and to celebrate at York University is International Women's Day (IWD). This year's special guest speaker is Olivia Chow, MP, Trinity Spadina, and Transport Critic for the Official Opposition in Parliament.

This event will take place in the Senate Chambers here at York University, 940N Ross Building, on Thursday, March 6th, from 12:30 PM, to 2:00 PM. All are welcomed to attend. International Women's Day is actually celebrated on March 8th, but, since it falls on a Saturday this year we chose to hold it on March 6th instead, when there are many more people on our Keele Street campus.

Some might ask why it is important for us to be recognizing and celebrating the United Nations' international days at all? The recognition of UN international days, I believe, is absolutely essential for an institution of higher learning such as York University. Let me offer you some of my thoughts on why York University ought to be doing so.

First, by doing so we support the vision and mission of the UN which are, to quote the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations, as follows:

- To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and
- To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and
- To establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and
- To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

Second, York University and particularly, our Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, adopts a "social justice" orientation and approach. The recognition of UN declared international days is entirely consistent and keeping with York University's educational philosophy.

Third, all universities, it seems, have undertaken recently explicit policies and programmes to "internationalize" their curriculum and the opportunities for their students to "study abroad" and to facilitate research collaborations with sister institutions and researchers in other countries. This internationalization agenda has been taken up by York University and the recognition of UN international days is entirely consistent with this policy and programme thrust.

Fourth, holding UN international day ceremonies reminds us of our individual and collective responsibilities to work toward the achievement of all of the higher moral and ethical ideals of creating a better and more equitable,

prosperous and sustainable world for all peoples of the world.

Out of all of the UN International Days on the calendar, presently some 130 or so, we have identified four that should be recognized given the nature of the international day and when it falls in the calendar and its relevance to our mission as an institution of higher education. The four that we have selected, I believe, are perhaps the most suitable for York University and for other universities to recognize and to celebrate on an annual basis:

- International Day of Peace, September 21st;
- International Human Rights Day, December 10th;
- World Day of Social Justice, February 20th; and,
- International Women's Day, March 8th.

In the future, we might wish to consider adding a few more UN declared international days such as:

- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, October 17th;
- World Environment Day, June 5th.

I hope that you will be joining us for our IWD ceremonies this Thursday, March 6th, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM, in the Senate Chambers, 940N Ross Building, and all of the other UN international days that our School will sponsoring with other Units at York University in years to come.

Dr. James C. Simeon, Director, School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, York University

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### **International Women's Day 2014**

Keynote Speaker: Olivia Chow, MP Trinity-Spadina "Through a political career spanning three decades, Olivia Chow has been one of Toronto's most passionate and effective advocates – on the School Board, at Toronto City Hall, in Parliament, and on the national stage."

Copies of her new book "My Journey" will be available!

Featured speakers:

- Laureen Waters, Aboriginal Elder
- Welcome Remarks from Mamdouh Shoukri, President

**Thursday March 6 2014, 12:30-2:30PM**

Senate Chambers, 940N Ross Building

For further information, please contact Lorraine Myrie at x33825 or email [lmyrie@yorku.ca](mailto:lmyrie@yorku.ca).

## Other Events / News

### Healthy Individuals, Healthy Communities and Global Health Research Celebration

**March 7, 2014, 2-4pm, Life Sciences Building Lobby, York University**

Highlighting research presentations by:

- **Joe Baker**, Associate Professor, School of Kinesiology & Health Science, Faculty of Health
- **Dawn Bazely**, Dept. of Biology, Faculty of Science and Director, Institute for Research and Innovation in Sustainably (IRIS)
- **Tamara Daly**, Associate Professor, School of Health Policy & Management, Faculty of Health and CIHR Research Chair in Gender, Work and Health
- **Guy Bernard Proulx**, Professor/Professeur, Dept. of Psychology, Glendon College

\*Reception to follow.

### Canada: Place, Space and the Politics of Identity

**A Graduate Student Conference, April 4 2014 –**

On behalf of the Director to the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, we cordially invite you to attend the first interdisciplinary graduate student conference, themed "Canada: Place, Space, and the Politics of Identity" on **Friday, April 4, 2014 from 8:30am-5:00pm**, in Kaneff Tower.

The conference will feature presentations and panels by students from various visiting English, Visual Arts, History, Theatre and Performance Studies, Music and Political Science programs; as well as York University students from LAPS and Fine Arts. In lieu of a keynote speaker, there will be a keynote roundtable currently featuring Drs. David T. McNab and Leslie Sanders. The conference program is attached to this e-mail for your reference. The conference CFP is also available at the conference site ([www.robartsconference.wordpress.com](http://www.robartsconference.wordpress.com)).

If you are a Faculty member interested in chairing a panel, please e-mail [Mario D'Agostino](mailto:Mario.D'Agostino@yorku.ca) with the particular session name and we will add you to the program.

### YUM! Farmers' Market

**Starting back in the TEL Building – Thursday March 6**

Regenesis@York and York University Food Services present: YUM! York University Market

Every Thursday afternoon from 11-5pm at Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Building on the South end of campus starting March 6th.

Hot Meals, Frozen Entrees, Fresh produce, Prepared vegetarian/vegan goodies, and Student-made Jewellery and Crafts. Locally sourced, Sustainably Produced, Wholesomely Delicious.

Be a hero and buy a raffle ticket for Second Harvest's Hero Day event until the end of March to win BIG PRIZES!

*Closed during holidays, reading weeks and the exam period.*

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For more information, please contact: 416-736-2100 ext. 31520 or [environm@yorku.ca](mailto:environm@yorku.ca)

## Seminars / Workshops

### March Activities at the Career Centre

The Career Centre is pleased to provide you with the calendar of activities for the month of March 2013, please refer to the online calendar [here](#).

In addition to our regular series of [Career Exploration](#), [Job Search](#), [Professional Etiquette](#) and [Further Education](#) workshops offered daily at the Career Centre or at one of our satellite locations in Complex 2 (Bethune College on Wednesdays) or the Learning Commons (Scott Library), students are invited to attend the following special events this month:

- We are excited to be hosting the third [Classrooms to Careers](#) event from March 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. Through a series of workshops, webinars and hands-on training, this year's event aims to arm graduating students with practical tips for securing and succeeding at their first job.
- Thanks to generous sponsorship from Alumni Relations, the [Career Conversations](#) series continues throughout the month of March with three exciting panel discussions:
- Students interested in working at a university or college, are invited to attend [Discovering Careers in Higher Education](#) on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Students with an entrepreneurial spirit may be interested in attending [Discovering Careers in Project](#)

[Management & Consulting](#) on March 26<sup>th</sup> – the first time we've ever offered a session on this topic!

- We also have a number of [Educator Information Sessions](#) taking place this month for students interested in pursuing further studies – in Canada and abroad!
  - Canada Law from Abroad – March 12<sup>th</sup>
  - St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine – March 13<sup>th</sup>

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### **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Scholarly Communications Series 2013-2014**

#### **Communicating Your Research: Journal Publications**

Scholarly publications are not just a way to demonstrate your research proficiency and gain status in your field—they're a way to enter the scholarly conversation, and to communicate your knowledge to the wide world. Join us and find out from our panel how and why students publish their research, and how to create an effective publication plan that will serve you well now and when you're searching for a job. Our panel of experienced professors and student advisors will tackle the big questions: Why publish? When should I publish my work? How do I know what journal to submit to? Are edited collections equal to refereed journals? How does peer review work? Come with your own questions and we'll demystify the world of scholarly publication.

Speakers: Marcel Martel, Avie Bennett Historical-Dominion Institute Chair Professor, Chair, Department of History (LAPS), and Darren Gobert, Professor, Graduate Program in English Editorial Board, Modern Drama.

**March 10 2014 | 10-11:30am | 280N York Lanes**

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### **York University Graduate Admissions Information Session**

Thinking of applying to Graduate School? Come to the York University Graduate Admissions Information Session to learn the ins and outs of pursuing graduate studies.

Whether you love research, or are looking for that competitive edge to set you apart in your career quest, York University has options you want to explore.

The information session will cover:

- Benefits of pursuing a graduate degree
- Graduate programs at York
- The application process - what is included and how to prepare a strong application

- Tuition
- Funding / financial support
- Student life / student support
- Professional development

This session will benefit those who are thinking of pursuing graduate studies. Anyone who has already applied to a graduate program is welcome to attend however the information covered will not go into specific detail about any particular program(s).

**When: Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 12:30-2pm**

**Where: York University, Keele campus, 280N York Lanes**

To Register, please visit the [graduate studies events calendar](#) and click on the event on March 12th to register.

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### **Knowledge Mobilization Sessions**

The Knowledge Mobilization (KMB) Unit at York will be providing the following learning sessions for York University researchers, staff and graduate students to help make their research relevant to professional practice and policy development throughout the Winter 2014 semester:

**Impact and Accountability in KMB** – NEW As KMB has emerged as an important component of publicly funded research, issues of impact and accountability are closely related. This session will unpack these two terms in a KMB context and share experiences from York's KMB Unit to help researchers understand, articulate and sufficiently resource KMB activity. **April 16 9:30-noon York Lanes 280A**

**KMB Strategy Building** Granting councils are asking more and more for research teams to identify their KMB strategy. In this hands on session, learn about strategic elements, create a draft strategy for your project, and tips on how to present your strategy. **March 25 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280A**

**Clear Language Writing and Design Sessions** designed to introduce the principles and practical tips on writing for the reader, including diverse audiences. **Session date TBA**

#### **Social Media Sessions**

**Wordpress Blogging** is emerging as a popular medium to share information and express ideas. Researchers are finding interesting uses for blogs to complement their scholarship. Join us and learn what blogging can do to enhance your KMB efforts. **March 20 1:30-4:00 York Lanes 280A**

Click [here](#) to register for any of the sessions, please visit or contact Krista Jensen, KMB Officer, via email at [kejensen@yorku.ca](mailto:kejensen@yorku.ca) or 416-736-2100 ext 88847

## Call for Papers / Proposals

### Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration

Call for papers for Volume 4, Issue 1, of the Oxford Monitor of Forced Migration (OxMo), the student journal dedicated to protecting and advancing the human rights of refugees and forced migrants.

Click [here](#) for more details on OxMo and how to submit.

**Deadline: Friday, 28th March 2014**

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### Policy & Politics Conference 2014

The challenges of leadership and collaboration in the 21st Century

Bristol Marriot Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol

16th-17th September 2014

**Call for papers, deadline May 31, 2014:**

The recent global financial crisis and associated austerity measures have led to a reconfiguration of the role of the state and a fundamental reshaping in the design and delivery of public services.

State and non-state actors are struggling to cope with the scale of change, the speed with which adjustments are being made and managing a range of 'wicked issues' in the absence of necessary resources. In this uncertain environment, policy issues and objectives are often ill-defined, constantly shifting and lack clear direction. There is also huge variability in the coping strategies and creative responses being enacted by public leaders in different contexts.

Partnerships, co-production and networks have been viewed as an antidote to the 'ungovernability' of complex issues in public and social policy. However, collaborative governance is also fraught with difficulties and pitfalls and raise questions about legitimacy, accountability and social justice. Within this context, the 2014 conference seeks to address questions around the themes of leadership and collaboration. We ask participants to interpret this call broadly but some key questions might include:

- What scope is there for creative leadership in contemporary policy and politics?
- How can leadership and/or collaboration drive innovation in the design and delivery of public services?
- What capacity do non-state actors have to influence policy and politics?
- What impact can leadership and collaboration have on legitimacy, accountability and social justice in public policy?
- What are the challenges for public leadership and collaboration in a global context?

Papers are invited in any areas of public or social policy. In writing their papers authors are re-requested to reflect on the conference theme.

Click [here](#) for conference details and to submit an abstract.

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### York University's Centre for Refugee Studies: 9th Annual Student Conference

**May 3-4, 2014**

At COSTI Immigrant Services, 760 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M6G 1C4

**Neither Here Nor There: Refugees, Forced Migration, and the Landscapes of Displacement**

This event offers graduate and upper year undergraduate students from various disciplines, as well as researchers and practitioners with a keen interest in migration and refugee issues, an opportunity to present and discuss research and other works with like-minded individuals in a collegial, supportive, and inclusive setting.

Refugees and forced migrants navigate a tumultuous series of landscapes—both physical and abstract—throughout their long, dramatic and uncertain journeys. Whether travelling from home to camp (and beyond), from legal protection to vulnerability, or from familiar social spaces to new and chaotic networks of relations, refugees and forced migrants act and are acted upon within complex constellations of power and agency. Studying and representing these complexities can be challenging for refugees, aid workers, and academics alike. In the course of these various passages, refugees frequently find themselves in the spaces "in between"—difficult to define, conceptually challenging, and often perilously vulnerable to exploitation.

This conference aims to use the multiple, rich understandings of the term "landscape" as a conceptual launch-pad from which to explore the many facets of

forced migration. Through a sharing of research, knowledge, and experience from multiple perspectives, we hope to contribute a fresh voice to the understanding of global forced migration.

A selection of strong papers submitted to the conference will be considered for publication in a peer-reviewed CRS Student Caucus publication. If you are interested in having your submission considered for publication, please indicate this in your abstract submission. Only the best submissions from the conference will be considered for inclusion in this exciting inaugural publication.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:** Individuals or groups wishing to participate in the conference **MUST** submit a 250-word abstract by March 15th, 2014 (both for Canadian and international submissions). Presenters who wish to be considered for publication in the CRS Student Caucus publication must send their completed papers to [crsstudentconference@gmail.com](mailto:crsstudentconference@gmail.com) by May 2nd, 2014.

For more information about presenting at the conference please contact [crsstudentconference@gmail.com](mailto:crsstudentconference@gmail.com) or you can visit [www.yorku.ca/crs](http://www.yorku.ca/crs).

For more information about registering for the conference and event details, please refer to our website <http://crsstudents.wordpress.com/>

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### **EDULEARN: 6th International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies**

Submit your abstracts and participate in the 6th International Conference on Education and New Learning Technologies, EDULEARN14, that will be held in Barcelona (SPAIN), on the **7th, 8th and 9th of July, 2014**.

**Abstract submission due: April 3, 2014**

EDULEARN14 provides the ideal opportunity to present and share your experiences and projects in the fields of learning and teaching methodologies, educational innovations, e-learning, and new technologies applied to Education.

Every year, EDULEARN brings together over 700 delegates from 75 different countries. After 6 years, EDULEARN has become an annual meeting point for lecturers, researchers, professors, educational scientists and technologists.

For more information: <http://edulearn14.org> or [edulearn14@iated.org](mailto:edulearn14@iated.org)

### **International Society of Public Law**

**Conference: Call for Papers**

#### **Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space**

Those who are interested in international law or comparative public law may be interested in this call for papers & panels for the inaugural event of the newly established International Society of Public Law (<http://icon-society.org/site/index>). The conference is entitled "Rethinking the Boundaries of Public Law and Public Space." The event will take place at the EUI, Florence (June 26-28, '14) and will feature some major luminaries, Jeremy Waldron, Robert Keohane, Seila Benhabib, and Joseph Weiler among others. Proposal **submission deadline is March 30, '14**. More details are available [here](#).

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### **Theoria and Praxis: International Journal of Interdisciplinary Thought**

**Call for Submissions: Deadline: April 30, 2014**

#### **The Idea of Human Rights**

Human rights have become a dominant political discourse in the 21st century. Its impact has been felt across the globe and has become irretrievably bound up with issues of development, social justice, racial and gender equality, and sexual orientation. The purpose of this Theoria and Praxis issue is to ask a series of questions meant to interrogate the very foundations of the notion of human rights.

Manuscripts shall be subject to a double-blind reading, ensuring the integrity of the peer-review process. All submissions should be between 6,000 and 12,000 words, and include abstracts of no more than 200 words (in Microsoft Word file format).

We welcome those interested to please submit their papers and proposals, and all relevant inquiries, to Theoria and Praxis at: [theoriapraxis@yorku.ca](mailto:theoriapraxis@yorku.ca)

Theoria and Praxis is edited by Paul A. Brienza and Yasar Bukan. For further information please visit <http://theoriapraxis.yorku.ca>

## Contests

### Three Minute Thesis Competition

An 80,000 word thesis would take 9 hours to present. They have 3 minutes.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies invites you to join us for York University's Three Minute Thesis final! Come enjoy delicious food and exciting orations as five exceptional graduate students work to wow you with their research, vie for \$1000 and the People's Choice Award, and compete for the chance to advance to the provincial competition at McMaster.

Our finalists are:

- Elnaz Moghimi: Kinesiology
- Bart Danko: Environmental Studies and Law
- Katherine Gellatly: Education
- Serene Wong: Computer Science and Engineering
- Alex Felipe: Geography

**Date: Friday March 7, 2014, Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Location: Schulich School of Business ELC Private Dining Room [RSVP here](#)**

### Ontario Graduate Policy Research Challenge

This is a new and exciting opportunity for graduate students to share their research and innovative ideas in the areas of postsecondary education, employment and labour market with policy leaders in Ontario. The Challenge will...

**Make connections:** The Challenge seeks to create links between the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and policy research at higher education institutions in Ontario by facilitating dialogue between students, policy leaders and research faculty.

**Support Ontario graduate research:** This competition is open to graduate students and recent graduates from masters', doctoral and post-graduate certificate programs at Ontario publicly-assisted universities and colleges. Applicants are asked to formulate their research into a policy brief that demonstrates how their ideas can be applied to postsecondary education and labour market issues in Ontario.

**Reward new ideas:** The top 25 applicants will receive awards worth \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 and present their ideas at MTCU.

**Application Materials:** The Call for the 2014 Competition, the Application Form and the Faculty Letter of Support can be found here:

<http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eg/eopg/programs/ohcrif.html>

Timelines: The deadline for the competition is **March 24, 2014**. Applications and any questions or concerns should be sent to [GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca](mailto:GraduateChallenge@ontario.ca).

## Funding / Scholarships

### Research Opportunities in International Law at The Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

Based at the CIGI Campus in Waterloo, Ontario, the International Law Research Program at CIGI is an integrated multi-disciplinary research and teaching program that will provide leading academics, graduate students and legal experts from Canada and abroad with the opportunity to contribute to advancements in international law.

As a vital information resource for policy makers, government leaders and for the business community, the program's research areas will focus on three core areas:

- Intellectual property law
- International economic, financial and investment law, regulation and governance
- Environmental law and treaties

CIGI invites leading practitioners and scholars, industry professionals, senior researchers and graduate students to join its new International Law Research Program. Applications are currently being accepted for:

- Fellowships
- Post-Doctoral Researchers
- Graduate Scholarships

Applicants are judged on the basis of their demonstrated excellence in academic/professional achievement, independent research and their potential for making substantial contributions to one or more the three core streams of the ILRP. For more information, including the online application process, please visit: [www.cigionline.org/careers](http://www.cigionline.org/careers).

### Call for Nominations for the Annual National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration

**Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration, Institute of Public Administration of Canada**



The National Student and Thought Leadership Awards in Public Administration, a joint initiative of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada (IPAC) and the Canadian Association of Programs in Public Administration (CAPP), aims to recognize talent in Canadian schools at the regional level and at the national level. It will promote excellence in public administration and showcase the top talent emerging from Canadian programs each year.

#### Criteria and Procedures

##### 1. Selecting winners:

CAPP members will solicit and judge entries (best paper, best professional report, or best graduating student, however defined) from their students, and select a winner in the undergraduate and/or graduate levels (as applicable to each department).

Representatives from the IPAC regional groups will be asked to help with the adjudication. Together, the students from each institution are the National Student Award winners.

##### 2. Giving local recognition:

We encourage programs, departments and schools to hold recognition events for the winners. Again, you may want to approach your local IPAC group to provide recognition. In some cases the local regional group may have more than one university in their catchment area, so the range of winners will be broader.

##### 3. National recognition on web sites:

The winning entries will be celebrated by IPAC and CAPP on their respective websites. The names, contact information, brief bios, and synopsis of the accomplishment of the top graduate and/or undergraduate students will be forwarded to CAPP at the contact point noted below. **The deadline for receiving these packages is April 1, 2014.**

##### 4. The IPAC National Conference, June 1st – 4th, 2014, Edmonton, Alberta:

The winners from every program will receive an invitation to the IPAC national conference. The IPAC Endowment Fund has committed to paying the registration fees for the winners. Each program would be responsible for securing funding for winners to the IPAC conference (travel and hotel). We are hopeful that funding can be solicited from multiple sources: university travel funds for students, student societies, your program resources, local and provincial governments, IPAC regional groups, and local sponsors.

All of the National Student Award winners will be asked to participate in an E-poster session describing their best piece of research or analysis.

A jury will select and rank the three best E-poster presentations for the Thought Leadership Awards. The Gold winner will receive \$1000, the Silver winner will receive \$500, and the Bronze winner will receive \$250. The winners will also be recognized on the IPAC and CAPP web sites.

A social event will be jointly organized to honour all the participants and the National Student and Thought Leadership Award winners. In 2014 the winners will be announced at the Celebration of Excellence Reception on Monday, June 2 in Edmonton.

**We look forward to receiving notification of your top students by April 1, 2014.**

For each nomination, please include:

- nominator's name and contact information
- nominee's name and contact information;
- a brief bio (no more than 100 words); and
- synopsis of accomplishment (i.e., top student, best, paper, project or research, etc.)

Please forward all nominations to [youngb@uvic.ca](mailto:youngb@uvic.ca). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Belle Young at [youngb@uvic.ca](mailto:youngb@uvic.ca); 250-721-8056, or Gabriella Ciampini at [gciampini@ipac.ca](mailto:gciampini@ipac.ca); 416-924-8787 x223.

## Internships

### 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, March 6, 2014, 2:00 - 3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 10:00- 11:30am in 109 Atkinson College

## Volunteer Opportunities

### HEALTH ED IS HIRING!

Are you looking to be part of a tight knit community and have a blast with York University students? Then we want YOU! Health Education and Promotion is currently recruiting students for volunteer and work study positions for the 2014-2015 academic year!

Work in outreach teams to educate students on your favourite health topics such as:

- Active Living
- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Mental Health
- Nutrition
- Sexual Health
- Smoking Cessation
- ...and more!

You will work in outreach teams in a variety of ways, including creating exciting events, participating in presentations, creating table displays, newsletters, articles, games and social media content all tailored to York University students!

#### STEPS TO APPLY

Complete the online application form: [yorku.ca/healthed](http://yorku.ca/healthed) – this will automatically generate an e-mail to Health Education & Promotion. Then, drop off your cover letter and resumé to:

Danielle Stein, Peer Health Education Coordinator

Part of Student Community & Leadership Development

S172 Ross Building

**Applications close Monday March 17, 4:30pm**

### **Attention all first-year students and those in the final year of a four-year program!**

#### **You're invited to participate in the National Survey of Student Engagement!**

Watch for your email invitation from President Shoukri, take 20 to 30 minutes to complete the NSSE survey and help improve your campus culture and university experience. Once you've finished, you can relax with a FREE latte on us.

You could also win one of the following prizes:

- 5 x \$500 Tuition Waivers
- 10 x \$25 YU-Card "Top-Ups"
- 10 x \$25 Keele/Glendon Bookstore Coupons

The Faculty with the highest participation rate will WIN the NSSE Championship Cup.

[yorku.ca/nsse](http://yorku.ca/nsse) | Survey opens: February 11, 2014