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Important Reminders

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SPPA Events / Announcement

SPPA Information Session
Thursday Oct 22nd from 3pm to 5pm
Location: 140 McLaughlin College

The Bachelor of Public Administration Honours, Specialized Honours and Honours Minor programs were developed in response to the increasing demand for Public Servants, Government Relations Managers, Management Consultants, Policy Analysts and Managers of Non-Profit Organizations.

If you are looking for a rewarding career in the public sector, not-for profit organizations and private sector firms that regularly interact with government, we strongly recommend that you attend this info session. It will provide an overview of our undergraduate degree options and career prospects, and give you the opportunity to ask questions. Refreshments will be served. Please register here: http://www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/info.html

OCTOBER 2015 CONVOCATION
We are pleased to announce our class of 2015 graduates:

BACHELOR OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WITH HONOURS
Public Administration
Jessica Mahendrarajah
Ramsen Yousif

BACHELOR OF ARTS WITH HONOURS
Public Policy and Management
Miriam Elizabeth Martin

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Public Policy and Management
Kais Al-Shihabi
Wajeeha Chaudhary
Jeremy Howard
Jemima Osei

BACHELOR OF ARTS
Public Administration and Justice Studies
Daniel Smith

Professional Certificate in Public Administration and Law
Ebony Narpatty
Neyousha Padashi

YOU'RE INVITED!
INFO SESSION
School of Public Policy and Administration
CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
Date: Thursday October 22, 2015
Time: 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: 140 McLaughlin College

Refreshments will be served
Please RSVP to: www.yorku.ca/laps/sppa/
CBERN and the Central European University (Budapest) will be co-hosting an international conference, Educating for Integrity, 5 - 7 November, at York University, Toronto.

Themes and topics at this conference include:

- Why is combating bribery and corruption proving to be so difficult?
- What are the key drivers that need to be addressed?
- How deeply must integrity programs penetrate organizations to build cultures of integrity?
- What is the role of education and educators in addressing the challenge of corruption?

Download our Conference Poster for more information.

Key note speakers include Richard Waugh, Frank Vogl, Laurence Cockcroft, Mary Gentile, Marianna Fotaki and Gyula Pleschinger.

Further information on this conference, including registration information, can be at: cbern.ca/integrity/

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**Student Co-op Position: Research Analyst with The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships**

The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) is offering up to two full-time paid internship positions from January 4th to April 29th for a college, upper year undergraduate or graduate university student, or a recently graduated student that has not yet entered into employment.

As a student research analyst, you will contribute to two initiatives described below as well as to other CCPPP activities as required. Through your internship you will learn more about the role of public-private partnerships (P3s) and their contribution to Canada’s infrastructure and service delivery. The position requires strong analytical, research, writing, editing and interpersonal skills as well as a working knowledge of Excel. Knowledge and/or experience with P3s will be considered an asset as will previous experience working with databases, communications experience and bilingualism. While relocation costs are not included, a competitive hourly rate will be offered. Students studying in finance, communications, engineering, business, law, public administration, political science, economics, planning, and construction management are encouraged to apply.

The CCPPP will be hiring two students this intake and tasks will be divided based on skill sets of candidates selected.

Interested students should send a covering letter highlighting their relevant skills and interest in the P3 industry as well as a CV to Mr. Steven Hobbs at shobbs@pppcouncil.ca no later than **Wednesday, November 4, 2015**.

The Canadian PPP Project Database, launched in 2010, is the most comprehensive database in Canada tracking the status and key information of P3 projects at all levels of government and in a wide variety of sectors. You will monitor news, trade publications and other sources to keep track of developments in the P3 sector and enter information and data related to current projects in procurement, allowing The Council and its members to draw on this critical tool.
IPAC Toronto Regional Group Board Volunteers
Get involved with IPAC's TRG!

The IPAC Toronto Region Group is gearing up for a busy and exciting 2015/16 programming year. In addition to hosting the 2016 IPAC National annual conference in June, we are committed to offering exceptional local events throughout the year, and offering great value to our membership.

We are seeking new members to join the IPAC Toronto Regional Group Board. The Board oversees a number of sub-committees including the Conference Planning Committee, the Program Committee, and the New Professionals Committee. We also assess and award the Ontario Lieutenant Governor’s Medal of Distinction in Public Administration. This year, we hope to focus on membership development and strengthening our web presence.

If you are interested in joining the TRG Board, please send a brief summary describing your background and interest in serving on the board via e-mail to Susan Underhill at susan.underhill@loughbarnes.ca before October 30th.

February 2016 Convocation in Absentia

Students can now apply to receive their degree in February. To be eligible, they must meet the following requirements:

- Must have completed or be on track to complete all degree requirements by the end of the Fall 2015 term, and
- Not enrolled in any full-year courses, and
- To receive a concurrent certificate, must have completed all certificate requirements in addition to degree requirements by the Fall 2015 term.

The student’s graduation status will appear on transcript and diplomas will be available for pick-up starting February 29, 2016. Since there will be no ceremony, students will be invited to attend the June ceremony and their name will appear on the convocation program.

The online application is now open to will close on Friday, November 13, 2015.

Notices

IPAC Ontario’s Lieutenant Governor’s Medal of Distinction in Public Administration

Do you know someone who has shown distinctive leadership and has made a significant contribution in the field of public administration and public service in Ontario?

Help the Ontario Groups of IPAC celebrate exemplary public service in the province. Tell us about a leader, someone who has inspired others - hey, even yourself.

The Ontario Groups of IPAC will receive nominations for the 2015 Lieutenant Governor’s Medal of Distinction in Public Administration until October 30, 2015, 5 pm.

For more information please visit: http://www.ipaontariomedalofdistinction.ca/

York alumnus Steve Orsini offers inside look at government during OPS Breakfast

York University alumnus Steve Orsini was the guest speaker at the annual Ontario Public Service (OPS) Breakfast, presented by the School of Public Policy & Administration (SPPA) on Oct. 1.

Orsini, who graduated from York with an MES and now serves as the secretary of cabinet, head of the OPS and clerk of the executive council, provided an inside look at government through his keynote speech “Leadership in a Dynamically Changing World.

The OPS Breakfast provides an opportunity for faculty and students to meet SPPA alumni in an informal setting early in the academic year to help develop and broaden their network of contacts within the OPS. It is one of the most important extracurricular activities that the school provides for its undergraduate and graduate students during the academic year.

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