

# School of Public Policy and Administration

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### Important Reminders

#### NOTICE: Option to Unsubscribe from SPPA Newsletter

If you wish to unsubscribe from the SPPA Newsletter, please send a reply email to [lapssppa@yorku.ca](mailto:lapssppa@yorku.ca) asking to be removed from the mailing list. Thank you.

### SPPA Events / News

#### Call for Nominations: Robert Tiffin Student Leadership Award

The Robert Tiffin Student Leadership Award established in 2012, is named after Robert J. Tiffin, who served as York University's Vice-President, Students for nine years. Through his strong leadership, dedication and integrity, Mr. Tiffin transformed his operation into one of the most professional student service organizations in the country, serving one of Canada's largest student populations.

Eligible candidates must be currently enrolled, undergraduate or graduate students, who exhibit leadership, dedication, integrity, enthusiasm and pursuit of excellence through their endeavours. Selection will be based on leadership and/or involvement in the York community and outstanding academic achievement.

The nomination deadline is **Friday, March 20, 2015**. Packages can be submitted by email to [rhezae@yorku.ca](mailto:rhezae@yorku.ca) or in person to Rheza Evangelista, Executive Assistant, Office of the Vice-Provost Students, N303 Bennett Centre.

For more information please contact:  
Rheza Evangelista  
(416) 736-2100 x70705

### Notices

#### [YUSAPUY-L] CSBO Notification - Introducing the Faculty and Staff Meal Plan

Food Services, the YU-card Office and Aramark are pleased to offer three savings plans that provide outstanding variety and value, exclusively for eligible York U faculty and staff.

Redeemable at 16 participating Food Services locations across the Keele and Glendon campuses, you will receive bonus dollar savings of up to 20% of your chosen plan. The bigger the Plan, the bigger the savings!

Faculty and Staff Meal Plans do not expire and are refundable. Plans can be purchased online or in person at the YU-card Office. Details about the Meal Plans and instructions for purchasing a Plan are available on the **YU-card** web site: <http://yucard.info.yorku.ca/faculty-and-staff-yu-cards/>. A summary of the program is also attached.

**For a limited time, the first 100 people that purchase a Faculty and Staff Meal Plan will receive an additional \$20 bonus dollars.**

Purchase a Faculty and Staff Meal Plan before February 28th, 2015 to be automatically entered into a draw for a \$250 Williams-Sonoma gift card. Visit the YU-card web site for more details and the contest rules and regulations.

| Meal Plan | Your Cost | Dining Dollars | Bonus Dining Dollars | Total Dining Dollars |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ultra     | \$500     | \$500          | \$100                | \$600                |
| Super     | \$250     | \$250          | \$25                 | \$275                |
| Basic     | \$100     | \$100          | \$5                  | \$105                |

## Seminars / Workshops

### Writing Centre Workshops for February

#### Group Workshops:

- 2/5/2015 - 11:30am - 12:30pm - Essay Writing 101
- 2/5/2015 - 10:30am - 11:30am - MLA Workshop
- 2/6/2015 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Introducing Critical Analysis
- 2/9/2015 - 11:30am - 12:30pm - Essay Writing: A Review of the Basics
- 2/10/2015 - 10:30am - 11:30am - Strategic Essay Writing - Effective Introductions/Conclusions
- 2/10/2015 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm - APA workshop
- 2/10/2015 - 1:30pm - 2:30pm - Flow - A River Runs Through It: Moving your essay, from sentence to sentence, paragraph to paragraph
- 2/11/2015 - 5:00pm - 6:00pm - Effective Editing
- 2/11/2015 - 11:30am - 12:30pm - Concept Map - Part 2 - Revision Time.
- 2/11/2015 - 10:30am - 11:30am - Concept Map - Part 1. Make a map, follow directions, and arrive at a well-organized essay!
- 2/12/2015 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - Eliminating Basic Sentence Errors
- 2/12/2015 - 12:30pm - 1:30pm - Making Your Education More Accessible
- 2/13/2015 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Essay Drafts: From outline to finished product
- 2/23/2015 - 1:30pm - 2:30pm - How do ESL students become productive writers?
- 2/24/2015 - 10:30am - 11:30am - Essentials of Digital Referencing
- 2/25/2015 - 10:30am - 12:30pm - Concept map your way through graduate school: Propositional and meaningful knowledge
- 2/25/2015 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm - De-Mystifying Academic Essay Writing

The workshops are open, and no registration is required - though they are first-come, first serve.

For more information please contact James Robertson:  
[jroberts@yorku.ca](mailto:jroberts@yorku.ca) Tel: 416-736-2100 ext. 22036

### Certificate: The Strategic Public Manager

A 5 day certificate program for public managers who want to improve their ability to manage up, down, across and every way necessary by tapping into seven areas of strategic advantage.

The state-of-the-art course design **features action learning and is ideal for federal, provincial and municipal managers**. It will help you develop new ideas and techniques that you can apply immediately to improve organizational performance, engage your staff, and establish new goals and innovations.

Upcoming Sessions:

**March 9 - 13, 2015**

**November 16 - 20, 2015**

Executive Learning Centre

Call 416.736.5079/ (1.800.667.9380 toll free), or email [excedinfo@schulich.yorku.ca](mailto:excedinfo@schulich.yorku.ca).

## Opportunities

### Opportunity for Students: Cities of Tomorrow Competition

Attention all post-secondary students studying urban planning, civil engineering, political science, public policy, business, architecture or any subject with implications for big cities.

**Ontario's Big City Mayors** want to hear student ideas for innovative urban projects, and will be holding the **Cities of Tomorrow Student Ideas Competition**. Outstanding student teams will have the opportunity to present their ideas at a major event in Fall 2015 in Toronto, where they will be eligible to **win \$50,000 in cash prizes**.

The submission deadline is **June 1, 2015** so students are encouraged to adapt work completed during the current semester.

For further information you can also visit:

<http://citiesoftomorrow.ca/>

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**AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA)  
Senior Director, Academic and Professional  
Development Search**

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

**Education:** PhD in political science or related social science

**Experience:** Administrative Management experience in an academic or nonprofit setting is highly desirable

The Senior Director is responsible for the planning, organizing, operating and staffing of APSA's programs, which include international programs, education and professional development, diversity and inclusion, teaching and learning government relations and public engagement, and the Congressional Fellows program. The Senior Director is responsible for developing, implementing and managing the programmatic aspects of the association's annual budget and the services benefiting the association's mission. More broadly, the Senior Director will work with the Executive Director, the senior management team, and other staff to develop and implement strategies for addressing the institution and professional needs of political science departments and political scientists in and out of the academy.

This person also helps to provide leadership to APSA's strategic planning process and works with the APSA leadership and staff to implement new programmatic and strategic initiatives. This person would also be an important liaison to APSA's external partners and constituencies.

To be considered, submit a resume with cover letter indicating how your experience and skills align with the description and the essential skills required of the position, writing samples, recent salary history, and names, titles, and contact information for three or four recommenders as **PDF attachments** by email to APSA at [hr@apsanet.org](mailto:hr@apsanet.org). The position will be open until filled.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.apsanet.org/Files/Careers/Current%20Opps%20at%20APSA/2015%20Senior%20Dir%20Acadatic%20and%20Professional%20Development.pdf>

## Internships

### International Development & Diplomacy Internship Programme

The United Nations Association in Canada's International Development & Diplomacy Internship Programme (IDDIP), formerly known as the United Nations Professional Placement Programme (UNPPP) is calling for applications for their International Internships. These internships provide successful applicants, known as Junior Professional Consultants (JPCs), with invaluable, demanding, deeply meaningful work experience, as well as a proven bridge to employment. The Programme also provides professional development support including: job readiness, resume building and webinars — before, during and after our JPCs deployment.

#### Eligibility/Quick Facts:

- Must be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident.
- Must have completed an undergraduate degree.
- Over 94% of our Junior Professional Consultants (JPCs) find related work within three months of their completed internship.
- Internships are self-funded, typically six-months in length with UN agencies such as: UNDP, IOM, UNICEF, UN Women, IOM, UNHCR.
- Current host agencies are located in Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Senegal, Tanzania, Thailand, Switzerland, Zimbabwe, Peru, Rwanda, India and Indonesia.
- Successful applicants will be deployed in early June.
- These internships offer invaluable, deeply meaningful professional development experience.
- An application fee of \$45 is required.
- A \$2,500 administration fee is required for selected JPCs who will deploy in June.

**The application deadline is March 16th, 2015.**

Please visit <http://unac.org/unac-projects/international-internships/>

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## **February Activities at the Career Centre**

The **Career Conversations** series is in full swing this February with two exciting panel discussions with York alumni:

Students interested in learning more about Internship programs are invited to attend one of the Internship Information sessions taking place this month:

- February 12th, 2015 from 2:00-3:30pm in 3033 Lassonde Building
- February 17th, 2015 from 1:00-2:30pm in 109 Atkinson College (Harry Crowe Room)
- February 25th, 2015 from 10:00-11:30am in 3033 Lassonde Building

**Career Success: Employment Supports for York Students with Disabilities** is taking place on February 25th from 1:00-4:00pm in 152 Founders College (Founders Assembly Hall). Presented by the Career Centre, in partnership with Counselling and Disability Services (CDS), this session is an opportunity for students to connect with and hear from employers, community service providers and employees with disabilities about workplace disclosure and accommodations for persons with various disabilities (e.g. physical, learning, mental health). This event is bookmarked by two workshops: the **Who Am I? Self Assessment Game Workshop for Students with Disabilities** on Feb. 23rd and **To Disclose or Not to Disclose? Workplace Considerations for York Students with Disabilities** on February 27th in the Bennett Centre. **\*\* THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR YORK STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ONLY\*\***

Students can check out the Career Centre's job board: <http://careers.yorku.ca/online-system/> to see loads of full-time, part-time, summer and internship positions posted for York students.

The Career Centre offers drop-in services at the **Learning Commons**: <http://www.library.yorku.ca/cms/learning-commons/>

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## **CFIB is looking for summer interns in offices across Canada**

**Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)** has some compelling opportunities for summer interns in several of our offices right across the country. The selected candidates will work closely with CFIB staff to research and report on important topics that impact the small business community.

Full details and deadlines:

Calgary, Alberta (deadline March 6, 2015)

Winnipeg, Manitoba (deadline March 6, 2015)

**Toronto, Ontario (deadline March 6, 2015)**

Ottawa, Ontario - Research (deadline March 6, 2015)

Ottawa, Ontario - Public Affairs (deadline March 6, 2015)

Montreal, Quebec (deadline March 6, 2015)

Moncton, New Brunswick (deadline March 6, 2015)

Please visit: <http://www.cfib-fcei.ca/english/article/6960-cfib-summer-interns.html>

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