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Bachelor of Public Administration Student Profile

We are pleased to present the first in the series of SPPA student profiles: **Melissa Calanza**



“BE ENGAGED and FIND YOUR PASSION!” This has been my top advice to individuals of all ages, especially those just entering university. York University has been my second home since 2012 and now in my final year, I can confidently say it has been an amazing experience with hardships, achievements, and many memorable moments.

I am an undergraduate student majoring in Public Administration while also minoring in International Development Studies.

Entering York University as a first year student was a big change – new school, new people, and definitely bigger classes – but, with this change came a fresh start. Not knowing anyone, I chose to be bold and keep a positive attitude. I introduced myself to individuals in my classes and was surprised at how many people ultimately had the same interests as me. The BPA program allowed me to gain the necessary fundamental knowledge of business, economics, and statistics, to name a few areas, in my early undergraduate years. These courses helped me realize that although it may be intimidating, the best way to truly learn is to ask questions and keep an open mind. So don't be afraid to ask for help. Academic advisors, professors, and mentors are there for a reason – utilize them! Now in my fourth year as a BPA major, I have become a “Jill of all trades” being exposed to many interdisciplinary courses. This is evident in the work that I do as a practicum student for the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services in the Issues Services Office, Customer Care Division of Service Ontario. I have had the opportunity to put my acquired knowledge and skills into practice currently working on a project that deals heavily with policies and administrative work. Not only is academia very important, but campus life is just as much. Once you discover your passion and interests, get involved in organizations, meet new people and embrace new challenges. I am a LeaderShape graduate, volunteered for Health Education and Promotion at York, currently the President of UNICEF York and a Peer Mentor Leader for McLaughlin College. These experiences have provided me with great opportunities for personal development and I look forward to continue building my professional profile by working in Ontario's public service. I am positive that if you stay fully engaged both academically and socially, it will lead you to the right path and ultimately be worth it in the end! – *Melissa Calanza*



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Below are the dates of upcoming information sessions:

- **Wednesday, January 20, 2016** 10:00 - 11:30am
320 Bethune College (Paul Delaney Gallery)
- **Monday, January 25, 2016** 2:00 - 3:30pm 109
Atkinson Building (Harry Crowe Room)
- **Wednesday, January 27, 2016** 10:00 - 11:30am
320 Bethune College (Paul Delaney Gallery)

The dates are also listed on the Career Centre website at

<http://www.yorku.ca/careers/internships/prospective/infoession.htm>

[Winter 2016 Career Fair](#) **Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 10am-3pm** ***Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) Building***

Meet a variety of employers in an exhibition-like setting to learn more about their organizations and employment opportunities. Check out who's coming to the Winter Career Fair.

Read complete employer profiles on the Career Fair website at www.yorku.ca/careers/fair to learn more about the types of positions available, what programs they're recruiting from, where to apply, and how to prepare for the fair.

For more information please visit:
<http://careers.yorku.ca/students-and-new-grads/services-events/career-fairs/>

Call for nominations for the 2016 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards

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

- ◆ Full-Time tenured faculty with 10 or more years full-time teaching experience
- ◆ Full-Time faculty (tenured/tenure-stream/CLA) with less than 10 years teaching 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 Award plaques in Vari Hall and are recognized at convocation ceremonies.

Only online nominations for the 2016 UWTA, submitted by Feb. 5, will be accepted.

Click here for the [UWTA criteria](#) and [online nomination form](#).

ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER **Family Responsibility Office** **Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services**

The **Assistant Deputy Minister of the Family Responsibility Office (FRO)** provides executive leadership, strategic direction and overall management to the programs and services and is responsible for collecting, distributing and enforcing court-ordered child and spousal support to clients in Ontario and reciprocating Canadian and international jurisdictions. In a time of significant change, you will be instrumental in providing executive leadership to build capacity, technical expertise and credibility to the organization in order to ensure public confidence while ensuring successful delivery of the established mandate and the mission of the Family Responsibility Office. The ideal candidate is experienced in being the 'face' of a major customer service organization and will transform customer service through utilizing technology and online service delivery.

Please click here for more details:
<http://www.ipac.ca/ADM-10034>

DIRECTOR **Innovation and Electoral Transformation** **Elections Ontario**

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Operations Cluster, seeks a highly motivated and innovative leader to direct the development of business planning and management, research and development of strategic and operational systems, policies and processes for the effective delivery of "future state" modern customer focused provincial elections, by-elections and referenda in Ontario.

Please click here for more details:
<http://www.ipac.ca/Director-ElectionsOntario2016>

POLICY ADVISOR

Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade

Consider this exciting opportunity with the Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade in the Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Unit as a Policy Advisor. We are looking for your research, analysis, relationship-building, and policy and program development expertise to lead and participate in inter-ministerial and intergovernmental working groups to ensure consistent and integrated policy development.

Please click here for more details:

<http://www.ipac.ca/PolicyAdvisor-10443>

MANAGER

Financial Planning and Strategies Office Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Are you an innovative, results-driven leader? If so, then consider this challenging opportunity with the Ministry of Transportation! As Manager, Financial Planning and Strategies Office, you will provide vision, leadership and direction on financial planning, controllership and risk management. As an important member of the leadership team, you will provide financial advice and expertise to senior management.

Please click here for more details:

<http://www.ipac.ca/Manager-10028>

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 IPAC/IBM Innovative Management awards.

Administered by the Institute of Public Administration of Canada and with the support of IBM, the IMA is a national program that aims to encourage and recognize innovation in all public organizations, across all three tiers of government and First Nations. The awards are designed to recognize world-class innovators who are changing the face of public service in Canada by showing exceptional innovations that address the wide variety of issues facing society today.

Eligibility:

- * Transform public administration
- * Advance knowledge management systems and structures
- * Enhance the use and management of public funds
- * Improve transparency, accountability and responsiveness
- * Increase public participation

Previous winners have made strides in innovation and best practices in a variety of fields, including municipal government services, accessibility of customer services, technology and social innovation, among others.

Key Dates:

- * Nominations Close: April 29th, 2016
- * Jury presentations in Toronto: Tuesday, May 24th, 2016
- * Announcement of winners: June 28th, 2016.

Please Apply Online Here: <http://www.ipac.ca/IM-Apply>

STUDENT - LAND USE PLANNING ASSISTANT

City: Aurora, Georgetown, Guelph, Sault Ste Marie, Sudbury, Toronto

Job Term: 12 Temporary

Salary: \$11.25 - \$12.10 Per Hour*

Job ID: 88640

The Summer Employment Opportunities program provides students with opportunities to obtain valuable work experience, gain transferable skills, and build professional networks. Information to assist you with the application process, including the Application Guide is available at [Summer Employment Opportunities](#).

Mandatory

You must meet the mandatory program eligibility requirements on the first day of employment to be eligible for these positions.

- 1) Age: You must be a minimum age of 15 years. Some positions require you to be aged 15-24 years (or 15-29 years for a person with a disability).
- 2) Residency: Student must be a resident of Ontario during the summer of employment.
- 3) Work Status: You must be eligible to work in Canada.
- 4) Student Status: You must be enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution (currently or for the fall semester), or within 6 months of graduation by the first day of employment.

Remember: The deadline to apply is **Tuesday, March 1, 2016 11:59 pm EST**. Late applications will not be accepted.

The only website where you can apply on-line for positions with the Ontario Public Service is <http://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca>