

School of Public Policy and Administration

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Our SPPA Student Profiles are back for Winter 2018!

This week we are pleased to present **Ismael Hashim**,
3rd year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Spec. Honours (Management)
and Secretary of Public Policy and Administration Student Association



When I first came to York University, I was originally enrolled in the Political Science program. There I had learned the basic theories of politics and government but, I felt unfulfilled in my studies. After one semester, I was starting to consider if taking a minor that I'm more passionate about would be a good idea. Generally though, I didn't feel a sense of belonging to the student community or to the University. But this changed when I met a graduate of the Master of Public Policy, Administration and Law (MPPAL) and the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) programs at York. Prior to coming to York, I had never even heard of Public Administration when I was in high-school. But this graduate, who later became one of my close friends, had taken the time to introduce me to the program. He sat down with me, pulled out an academic calendar, and explained every course in-depth and its benefit to me both as a student and someone who wants to work in the public sector. By the end of that year, I had applied to switch into the Public Administration program. From there things started to look up for me.

After I joined the BPA program, I heard about the student association for Public Policy and Administration – PPASA, and began attending their events. I became interested in what they were doing, and I was especially interested in how they engaged students. By the end of my second year at York, I decided to run for the Secretary position within the student association. And I won!

I am currently in my third year of the BPA Specialized Honours in the Management stream, and I could not be more confident in the choices I've made since joining this program. Looking back, the courses that I've been taking such as AP/PPAS 2195: Professional Skills and Communication in the Public Sector and AP/PPAS 3135: Public Law I, have made me passionate about what I'm studying, and excited for what the future holds for me. Furthermore, the experience of learning from professors who have held the positions that we are pursuing now has been so beneficial for my education.

If I could give advice to any student who is considering joining Public Administration or is currently in the program, I would recommend that you make use of all the resources that are offered to you by the School of Public Policy and Administration and by the Student Association.

Call for nominations for Robert Tiffin Student Leadership Awards

The Office of the Vice-Provost Students is now accepting nominations for the Robert Tiffin Student Leadership Awards. These awards recognize students whose leadership has contributed to the growth, development and vitality of York University. Established in 2012, these awards are named after Robert Tiffin, who served as York University's Vice-President, Students for nine years. Through his strong leadership, dedication and integrity, Tiffin transformed his operation into one of the most professional student service organizations in the country, serving one of Canada's largest student populations.

All members of the University community (students, faculty, staff and alumni) are encouraged to submit nominations for these awards. Nominees must be currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students who exhibit leadership, dedication, integrity, enthusiasm and the pursuit of excellence through their endeavours. Selection will be based on leadership and/or involvement in the York community and outstanding academic achievement. Recipients will be honoured at an awards reception and have their names added to the awards display in the Vari Hall Rotunda. They will also receive a certificate and have the award noted on their transcript.

Nomination packages must include:

- A letter of recommendation from a primary nominator (max. 500 words);
- A statement of support from a secondary nominator representing one nominating constituency (York University students, staff, faculty or alumni) not represented by the primary nominator(max. 350 words), ;
- A candidate statement that describes how co-curricular involvement at York University has affected their university experience, and helped to enhance the quality of life on campus (max. 500 words); and
- A current resume/CV, including detailed descriptions of involvement at the University.

The nomination deadline is Monday, April 2, 2018.

Packages can be submitted by email to Rheza Evangelista, Executive Assistant in the Office of the Vice Provost Students, at rhezae@yorku.ca.

If you have questions, please call 416-736-2100 x70705.



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

\$9000
In Prizes

There is \$9,000 in cash prizes awarded this year and winning essays may be published in Fraser Institute magazines.

2018 Essay Contest - *Increasing the Minimum Wage: Good Intentions, Bad Policy?*

The idea of raising minimum wage in Canada and in some jurisdictions in the United States in a contentious topic. Proponents of a higher minimum wage tout that such an increase will be an effective tool for helping those in poverty. But a [recent study](#) by the Fraser Institute found that 88% of minimum wage earners in Canada do not actually live in low-income households. In fact, nearly 60% of these earners are young adults aged 15-24, most of whom are living with their parents or other relatives. Additionally, [research](#) has found that about 70% of the benefits from a higher wage go to non-poor households in Canada.

Beyond the misperception that that majority of the benefits from an increase in the minimum wage would go to low-income earners and the most vulnerable, raising the minimum wage has been [shown](#) to lead to reductions in employment, particularly for young people and immigrants.

[Enter Now](#)

Submission deadline is June 1, 2018.

For more information and contest rules click [here](#) or email student@fraserinstitute.org

Student Intern Environment and Aboriginal Relations FPAC

The forest products sector is a world leader in sustainable forest management; we are a critical partner in the fight against climate change and have invested 1.5 billion dollars in clean technology in the last five years. Visit www.fpac.ca for more information.

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Internship United Nations Association in Canada

IDDIP's disciplined work-integrated learning opportunities 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 training & support including: job readiness, professional resume preparation; access to our exclusive mentorship programme before, during and after their deployments. Now in its 22nd year of investing in talented young Canadians, IDDIP is proud to continue sending Canada's best and brightest graduates and young professionals to UN and other international Agencies around the world on six-month internships.

To apply, and for more information about UNA-Canada and IDDIP, please visit our website <http://unac.org/> and follow the directions to the IDDIP webpage.

To learn more about the fascinating individual placements JPCs undertake, please check out their blog! <http://unaciddip.blogspot.ca/>

Policy Coordinator BC SPCA

We are seeking an enthusiastic and highly organized individual to assume the temporary full-time role of Policy Coordinator at our Provincial Office in Vancouver. This position will be responsible for researching animal policy initiatives and coordinating programming that will aid in the development of the animal policy field. Specifically, this position will coordinate an 'Animal Policy Symposium', a one-day event bringing together public policy schools, government employees, and non-profits who work on policy issues related to and impacting animals.

The successful candidate has a professional and passionate communication style, comfortable with making new contacts by telephone. The successful candidate is able to research policy issues and produce written reports that are easy to understand for individuals outside of the policy field. You have demonstrated your smart "self management skills" by effectively and efficiently organizing, prioritizing and completing multiple assignments in a timely manner. You have the ability to work well independently or as part of a team. You are very results oriented and focused on getting things done. You are interested in the field of animal policy and committed to quickly learning the complex dynamics with internal and external stakeholders.

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Party Support Network Officer Elections Ontario

Temporary Assignment April 1—June 30, 2018. Closing date: March 26, 2018.

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Public Affairs Intern Crestview Strategy

The individuals who survive and thrive in public affairs come from a diverse background of talents and experiences. Crestview Strategy is looking for those with an interest in the political process from the ground up, and puts a premium on those who are politically involved in their spare time or have experience in digital campaigns. They seek qualified candidates from across the political spectrum and place added value on those with a digital skill set, research experience, communications experience, or graphic design experience. This position requires you to work full time out of an office in downtown Toronto and runs from May 2, 2018 to August 31, 2018.

[More information>>](#)

Coordinator, Public Policy and Communications Parks and Recreation Ontario

Reporting to the Director, Public Policy and Communications, the Coordinator supports PRO's public policy and advocacy efforts and the organization's overall communications through all channels to members and stakeholders. The Coordinator will research and prepare government submissions and advocacy position papers, and coordinate issues management and government relations. The Coordinator plays an active role in preparing and editing publications, newsletters and monitoring and moderating communications on a daily basis through PRO's email communications and social media. In addition, the candidate will be responsible for coordinating the Green Jobs Initiative.

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Policy Advisor Ontario College of Pharmacists

The Policy Advisor is responsible for managing assigned policy portfolios, providing information, analysis and advice on issues that impact the College's strategic direction, policy and decision making and corporate initiatives. The individual will develop policies, guidelines and educational materials along with taking the initiative to research and develop supporting materials to accompany regulatory submissions. Team oriented, the successful individual will engage and build relationships with all internal and external stakeholders to support the development of policy.

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Associate, Public Policy Consulting Team DPRA

Currently, DPRA is seeking an Associate for their growing Public Policy consulting team. This position requires an individual who can effectively respond to client needs on regulatory enforcement and compliance, legislative and policy support, performance management and metrics, strategic planning and development and program development in the public sector.

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