

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 **Safia Hirsi, 4th year Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Spec. Honours (Policy Analysis) and Certificate in Refugee and Migration Studies**



My name is Safia Hirsi and this year is my 3rd year in the BPA program, but my 4th year of university overall. I transferred into the BPA program at the end of my first year, after previously attending the Ted Rogers School of Business at Ryerson University. I took courses over the summer when I transferred to catch up on the core 1st year PPAS courses. In my 2nd year I took a mix of 2nd and 3rd year courses, since I noticed that the bulk of PPAS courses were in the upper year credits. I wanted to do these courses earlier in my studies in order to have the chance to take all the available experiential education courses at the 4000-level in both my 3rd and 4th years.

This meant that by my 3rd year I was able to take a 4000-level experiential education courses, specifically AP/PPAS 4310 and 4320 3.0 Program Evaluation I and II. In these courses, I designed and completed a program evaluation with a team of BPA students examining the effectiveness of the City of Vaughan's Emergency Management Public Education Program. The experience gained in these courses enabled me to get a summer job in the Ontario Public Service in the Ministry of Municipal Affairs with the Municipal Programs and Analytics Branch on the municipal disasters program's file. There I was able to do a variety of work, including assisting in program level work for disaster assistance

applications and policy level decision making processes like helping to provide advice on activating disaster assistance programs across flooded areas in Ontario during the summer.

During the course of the summer I had decided that I wanted to do a co-op year. I was looking for an opportunity to gain personal insight into the workforce and to figure out what I was interested in doing in practice rather than theory. Luckily, I was offered a co-op contract from my Ministry branch in order to continue on doing the work I had been doing over the summer. I even had the opportunity to do public workshops in Ottawa, which was very cool.

Admittedly, the YU Experience Hub does not have as many public administration co-op postings as they do business postings, so for anyone looking to do a co-op year, being able to network or look elsewhere to find a co-op position is very important! Hopefully over time that will improve, but overall the YU Hub is very supportive in assisting you throughout the process of finding a co-op position. My first co-op didn't come from the internship program, but my second did. This semester I'm working in the Ministry of Community and Social Services with the Human Services Integration Office. Here I am currently working on a multi-Ministry project on improving municipal service delivery for programs such as child-care, social assistance and housing supports. By the time I'm finished with my current co-op term, I will have been in the OPS for a year. This experience has provided me with a strong understanding of what types of work I enjoy doing, and it opened up my eyes to exactly what is out there in the workforce. It also gave me the chance to go through this experience as a student, with strong supports and mentoring in the workplace and the chance to learn how to tread water, rather than being thrown in the deep-end after graduation.

Anyone who can do a co-op and/or take an experiential education course, I personally recommend that you do! Not only that, but get involved in experiences on and off campus that provide you with the chance to gain new skills, learn new things, and meet and get to know new people! If there's one thing I've learned in my undergrad so far is that one opportunity leads to more opportunities. One personal example of that is that all the experiences I had through York provided me with the skillset to have the opportunity to also be doing a fellowship this semester at Toronto City Hall. Take advantage of the opportunities presented to you, and you might be surprised where they could lead you.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nomination Period: **Monday March, 5th – Sunday, March 18th at 1800 hours.**

Nominees Announced: **Monday, March 19th by 1500 hours.**

Campaigning Period: **Tuesday, March 20th – Friday March 23rd**

Election/ Voting Period: **Monday March 26th – Wednesday, March 28th 2nd at 1800 hours.**

New Executive Team Announced: **Friday March 30th, by 1800 hours.**

- Denotes must be BPA major/minor/ PPA certificate student to run for position in accordance with the PPASA Constitution.

- You CANNOT run for an executive position on any other political science club if you are running for a PPASA executive position in accordance with the PPASA Constitution.

- You CANNOT start campaigning until the end of the nomination period, after all candidates are revealed.

- You CANNOT spend more than \$50 on your own campaign and may not use PPASA resources to campaign under any circumstances.

TO NOMINATE YOURSELF, please email ppasacro@gmail.com by the **18th of March at 1800 hours**. Nominations received after this time will not be accepted.

Please include the following information in the email:


* Your Full Name * Student Number * Contact Information (email/ phone number) * Position You Are Running For

* A short description of yourself and why you are running for the position (appx. 500 words or less) * Self-image: Optional, but recommended.

*Please refer to article 12 and article 13 of the PPASA constitution found on the Yuconnect.

Please feel free to send an email ppasacro@gmail.com for any comments or inquiries.

 <https://www.facebook.com/ppasaYork/>

 <https://yorku.campuslabs.ca/engage/organization/publicpolicyadministrationstudentassociation>

POSITIONS:

- **President***

- **Vice-President***

- **Treasurer - Secretary***

- **Director of Affairs**

- **Director of Communications**

- **Director of Recruitment**

JOIN OUR TEAM !



The Office of the Associate Dean, Students invites members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies community to submit nominations for

Student Leadership, Student Association and Alumni Awards

to be presented at the LA&PS and SCOLAPS Celebration of Student Engagement, Leadership and Volunteerism Awards event on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018.

The deadline to submit nominations is **Wednesday March 21, 2018**. Questions should be directed to Bann Al-Soultani, 416-736-2100 x 66357 or via email at bann@yorku.ca.

Outstanding Student Leadership Award

The Outstanding Student Leadership Award honours student leaders in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies for exceptional contribution to an undergraduate student association in the Faculty. It recognizes outstanding achievement in enhancing the quality of the undergraduate student experience through leadership, commitment and innovation. Normally three awards are given out each year, valued at \$300.

Application process: Students may self-nominate, or be nominated by members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies community. Each nomination should include a letter outlining the candidate's contributions to a student association and involvement in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, up to three supporting letters with at least one from a faculty or staff member, as well as a copy of the candidate's CV.

Outstanding Student Volunteer Award

This award is given to two Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies students who have distinguished themselves in the areas of volunteer contributions, service and leadership. The award honours a student's contributions towards enhancing the York community and making it a better place to learn, work and grow. The value of each award is \$250.

Application process: Students may self-nominate or be nominated by members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies community. Each nomination should include a letter outlining the candidate's contributions, up to two supporting letters with at least one from a faculty or staff member, as well a copy of the candidate's CV.

Nomination form: [Student Leadership Awards](#)

Outstanding Overall Contribution to Student Experience Award

The Outstanding Overall Contribution to Student Experience Award is awarded to a Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies student association in recognition of its outstanding contribution to the enrichment of the undergraduate student experience in their Department or School of affiliation, as well as in the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies. The award is valued at \$250.

Application process: Associations may self-nominate or be nominated by members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies community. Each nomination should include a letter outlining the association's contributions to the enrichment of the undergraduate student experience, up to three supporting letters with at least one from a faculty or staff member, as well as a report of the association's activities for the current academic year.

Nomination form: [Student Association Award](#)

Alumni Award For Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience (York Alumnus)

A certificate of recognition is presented to LA&PS alumni who continue to give back to the York community since having graduated from the Faculty. Recipients will have enhanced student experience by active engagement in the Faculty, either inside or outside of the classroom or through involvement with a student association.

Nomination form: [Alumni Awards](#)



Registration now open!

Join us at our 2018 Annual Conference in Quebec City

Register today

You can now register for [IPAC's 70th Annual Conference](#), held August 19-22, 2018 in Quebec City. This year, the theme of conference will be **public administration under pressure**.

During the three day conference, three different sub-themes will be addressed:

- * The complex governance of a state under pressure;
- * New intervention models;
- Future prospects.

Conference Hotel Discount

Our conference is taking place at the [Hilton Quebec](#). We are delighted to offer you preferential rates at the hotel for the duration of our Annual Conference. Rooms will go fast so book yours today! Click below to book online, or call +118004472411 using the code "GIAPQ" to reserve your room.

[BOOK NOW](#)



Nominations are now being accepted for:

[IPAC/IBM Innovative management Award](#)

[IPAC Promising New Professional Award](#)

[IPAC/IBM Social Leadership Award](#)

[IPAC Student and Thought Leadership Awards](#)

Background

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.

More details can be found [here](#).

Key Dates

Nominations Close: June 1, 2018

Jury presentations in Toronto: late June, 2018

Announcement of winners: August 20-22, 2018

Please Apply Online Here: <https://form.jotform.com/80214433118244>

Compliance Audit Committee City of Toronto

looking for new board members for the Compliance Audit Committee for the next term of Toronto City Council. We are looking for individuals who have expertise in Auditing, Finances, Law, Public Policy and Governance.

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Multiple positions New Agency

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Internship/Returnship CNIB

Are you a blind or partially sighted job seeker? CNIB has an exciting internship or returnship opportunity for someone that is looking to enter or re-enter the workforce. A "returnship" is an internship for someone who has work experience that is looking to re-enter the workforce. Reporting to the Lead, Advocacy (GTA) and Specialist, Government Relations (Ontario) this position will assist in the execution of CNIB's provincial and municipal election strategies

[More information>>](#)

Senior Policy Analyst, Language Unit Assembly of First Nation

The Assembly of First Nations is looking for a Senior Policy Analyst for the Languages unit.

[More information>>](#)

Manager, Information Management Services Ontario Ministry of Transportation

The Ministry of Transportation, Corporate Business Services Branch, seeks a results-oriented, strategic leader to coordinate, lead and manage the planning, development and implementation of ministry-wide Records and Information Management (RIM) services and information access administration.

[More information>>](#)

Director, Information Management Strategy and Policy Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

As Director of Information Management Strategy and Policy, you will oversee the health privacy and information management practices in the Ontario health care system.

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