

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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CHANGING THE FACE OF LEADERSHIP: CIVICACTION'S 2019 DIVERSECITY FELLOWS



Proud to announce that our own **Amuna Baraka-Clarke** is a **2019 DiverseCity Fellow!** **Congratulations!**

Amuna Baraka-Clarke, Director of Operations, Jane/Finch Centre, 2019 DiverseCity Fellow

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We are proud to announce that Amuna Baraka-Clarke (MPPAL class of 2018) has been selected as a CivicAction DiverseCity Fellow! Congratulations Amuna! As an incredible leader, we know that she is going to continue to do great things! To navigate our region's toughest problems, we need leaders who represent a diversity of sectors, backgrounds, and worldviews, like the DiverseCity Fellows. To learn more about Amuna's story and meet all 30 DiverseCity Fellows, please visit: <https://leadership.civicaction.ca/diversecityfellows/currentandpastfellows/>

Call for Nominations for four LA&PS Awards

There are two Student Awards, one Association Award and one Alumni Award available. **The deadline for all nominations is March 27th, 2019.**

The deadline for students and associations that are nominated by members of the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies community to accept their nomination and submit any required supporting documents is **April 3rd at 12:00pm**.

Student Awards - Nomination form

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 & 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 & 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 as a copy of the candidate's CV.

Associations Award - Nomination Form

Outstanding Overall Contribution to Student Experience Award - The Outstanding Overall Contribution to Student Experience Award is awarded to a Faculty of Liberal Arts & 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 & 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 & 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.

Alumni Award - Nomination Form

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Blyth via email at erb3@yorku.ca

The 2019 Edition of The Geneva Challenge - Advancing Development Goals International Contest for Graduate Students

This year, students are invited to develop analysis-based proposals on "[The Challenges of Global Health](#)".

The 2019 edition of the Geneva Challenge is a project funded by Swiss Ambassador Jenö Staehelin and was supported by the late Kofi Annan as the high-patron of the contest. The Geneva Challenge aims to encourage interdisciplinary problem solving analysis among master students on advancing human development within the scope of a relevant topic.

Global Health is a defining challenge of tomorrow's world and is a critical concern for both developing and developed countries. As the key to this issue is an interdisciplinary solution, crossing traditional boundaries between academic disciplines, we are inviting **Master students from all academic programmes and from anywhere in the world** to provide helpful strategic recommendations. Five prizes, one per continent, will be distributed.

Teams of 3-5 master students must submit an 8,000 word proposal which:

- Identifies a challenge stemming from global health;
- Construct an interdisciplinary analysis on how it affects different aspects of development in a specific (but transposable) context;
- Propose innovation at the policy, practice, process or technology levels turning the challenge into development opportunity.

The Geneva Challenge 2019 will distribute 25'000 CHF in monetary prizes and the finalists will be invited to publicly present their work in Geneva before a panel of high-level experts. Networking opportunities are also envisioned as part of the prize package.

Registrations close on 24th March 2019. Submission due by 15th July 2019.

More information is available at: www.graduateinstitute.ch/TheGenevaChallenge

GreenPAC Parliamentary Internship for the Environment

Applications are now open for the 2019-2020 Parliamentary Internship!

[Application forms](#) are due by midnight (EST) on March 15, 2019. If you have any questions or require reasonable accommodations during the application process, please contact internship@greenpac.ca prior to the application deadline. For a French version of the application form, click [here](#).

The GreenPAC Parliamentary Internship for the Environment, with support from the [Sustainability Network](#), offers young leaders (aged 18-30) the chance to gain invaluable training and experience from Canada's top environmental champions on Parliament Hill. **The program runs from September 2019 to June 2020, and includes a monthly stipend.**

For the first two months of the program, interns will be involved in a national, non-partisan public engagement strategy in the lead up to the 2019 federal election – one of the most exciting times in politics. From November to June, each intern will be placed full-time in the Parliament Hill office of a Member of Parliament (MP) who has a proven record of environmental leadership. Reflecting GreenPAC's commitment to nonpartisanship, host MPs come from across the political spectrum and from every major political party. During this time, interns will gain a deep, day-to-day understanding of the federal government, becoming well-versed in policy research, legislative affairs, communications and constituency work while also supporting Ottawa's strongest champions for the environment. Outside the office, interns will meet leaders from the nonprofit and business sectors, attend exclusive events and take part in a broad range of leadership development programming.

As of September 2019, applicants must be between the ages of 18-30 and eligible to work in Canada. Selection criteria:

- Demonstrated leadership and passion for the environment through educational, employment and/or extra-curricular activities related to the environment
- Community and/or political engagement
- Involvement in Canadian political parties is considered an asset, but not required
- Bilingualism in French and English is considered an asset, but not required

More information about the internship and how to apply can be found [here](#).

Apply Now to the Action Canada Fellowship

Shape your skills. Shape Canada. Join Canada's top incubator of policy leaders by applying to the 2019/2020 [Action Canada](#) Fellowship.

Apply before March 15 at 5 p.m. PST.

[Apply Now](#)

[The Action Canada Fellowship](#) is a 10-month public policy leadership program that aims to enhance young leaders' understanding of the country and public policy choices for the future.

The Public Policy Forum and Action Canada have joined forces to expand Canada's top incubator of new leaders.

Since 2003, Action Canada has successfully organized this national fellowship that emphasizes leadership development and civic engagement. It brings together Canadians from diverse backgrounds and from all regions to investigate timely, topical and strategic policy issues affecting Canada. Each year, approximately 16 Fellows enhance their leadership skills, forge lifelong connections with people and communities across the country, and promote greater civic engagement among all Canadians.

The Fellowship year is an intense and challenging experience. **Over 10 months (between June and March), the Fellows, Mentors and Advisory Council members participate in four study tours, each in a different region of Canada.**

In March, Action Canada Fellows release their final reports and discuss their findings at a national conference. Each cohort of Fellows examines a different policy topic. For example, in 2017/2018, they looked at the transition to a low-carbon future. This year, it is the future of food. The theme for 2019/2020 will be announced after the next cohort has been selected.

Follow the 2018/19 Fellows on Twitter [@ActionCanada](#) as they prepare their recommendations for the final conference from March 4 to 7 in Ottawa.

24th Annual Glendon International Studies Symposium

March 29th 2019

9:00am - 5:00pm

Glendon College, York University

2275 Bayview Ave, North York, ON M4N 3M6

Each year, a group of students from the International Studies program features a country in this symposium. This year, our team chose to feature Latvia. We particularly chose Latvia this year because of its relevance in the international arena especially in the present day, such as through the celebration of its 100th year of independence and NATO's Operation Reassurance that is happening in Latvia. The aim of this project is not only to feature and understand the country, but also to foster ongoing diplomatic relations with the chosen country.

There will be an opportunity to engage with various people as we have invited the ambassador to Latvia, scholars, government officials, other students, and the community in general. Although Ex-President Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga sends her regrets, we have invited others from the parliament in Latvia, and await their finalization in schedules.

In addition, the wide-ranging educational topics at the Latvia symposium will consist of panels on relevant topics about Latvia, including history, international relations, business development, environment, and culture. Finally, there will also be cultural entertainment (music and Baltic exhibition) and a networking lunch to partake in.

The International Studies Department at Glendon Campus of York University celebrates the multidisciplinary lens when applying knowledge to the international realm. This will be reflected in our panel choices and we are quite enthusiastic to have diversity within these discussions.

For more information, visit our website: www.latviasymposium.com

[Event Manager, Research and Outreach Department - The Institute of Public Administration of Canada](#)

Position Type: Permanent, Full-Time. Location: Toronto

The Institute of Public Administration (IPAC) is a dynamic organization, which is known for excellence in research, publications, conferences, knowledge networks and as a source of public administration and public policy expertise in Canada and around the world. IPAC's members include public decision-makers from across Canada, academics, students, and organizations interested in public administration. IPAC is an equal opportunity employer and is currently seeking a bilingual, dynamic individual to take on the role of Event Manager. The Event Manager contributes to the overall success of the organization by performing a range of duties in an enthusiastic, results oriented manner. Reporting to the Director of Research and Outreach, the Event Manager works cooperatively with the IPAC team and its Regional Groups and is responsible for the Institute's events, which include two annual conferences and various workshops.

[Director, Policy and Programs - Law Foundation of Ontario](#)

The Law Foundation of Ontario seeks a strategic leader to fill the full-time position of Director of Policy and Programs, a member of the Foundation management team providing strategic support to the Board of Trustees and CEO. The Director of Policy and Programs will develop and implement granting activities within the Foundation's objects that enhance access to justice, support and manage relationships with grantees, justice sector organizations, and other funders, and provide leadership to the grants team. The incumbent reports to the CEO.

[Manager, Special Projects - Hydro One](#)

Determine, promote and implement key government and external relations strategies, policies and programs in support of Hydro One's corporate goals and strategy. Provide detailed strategic government and external relations advice and operational support. Establish and maintain contacts at the highest levels of the provincial government and external agencies, both political and permanent public service. Provide support to various lines of business by providing government and external relations advice and support to ensure programs meet their goals, enable process redesign and the improvement and implementation of business change programs, and that LOB programs are clearly understood by Hydro One's external stakeholders and shareholder.

[Regulatory Affairs Coordinator - Canadian Health Food Association](#)

Working with the Regulatory Affairs team, the Regulatory Affairs Coordinator coordinates the day-to-day regulatory work and attendant communications on behalf of the natural health and organic products industry in accordance with approved policies and procedures. Provide support in coordinating CHFA's Regulatory Affairs program, in line with the Annual Operating Plan and monitoring emerging regulatory issues. Provide guidance to members on regulatory and policy issues (i.e., respond to member enquiries by telephone or email). Collaborate with team members to write and disseminate regulatory communications and ensure regulatory/GR information on the CHFA website is up-to-date.

[Organic Policy and Research Coordinator - Organic Council of Ontario](#)

The Organic Council of Ontario is looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated and dynamic Organic Policy and Research Coordinator who is passionate about agriculture and the environment. This is a contract position with government funding that is eligible only to unemployed or underemployed Canadians under 30 years of age.

[Senior Manager, Health Policy - William Osler Health System](#)

A key responsibility for the Senior Manager, Health Policy is the development and leadership of the organization's external relations plan to help guide Osler's Senior Leadership team, and support and engage community partners and external stakeholders around Osler's strategic priorities and its vision of patient-inspired health care without boundaries. The role will also engage with external stakeholders including government officials, politicians, and health care partners to develop evidence-informed products, and credible and implementable solutions in building a stronger understanding of Osler's opportunities to improve the local health system and beyond, as well as support a broad advocacy agenda.

[Senior Advisor, Partnerships \(Ontario\) - Mitacs](#)

The successful candidate will help implement their strategic plan, develop and manage relationships with key stakeholder groups in Ontario, including governments, industry and academia. The position reports to the VP National Partnerships and will be an important part of a national team dedicated to strengthening the mandate and reach of Mitacs across Canada. Manage government relations and advocacy in Ontario on issues relating to skills training, work-integrated learning, internships and industry-academia partnerships. As part of their duties, the successful candidate may be required to participate in lobbying government office-holders in a manner consistent with Mitacs values and relevant legislation.

[Advisor, Policy and Stakeholder Relations - ORION](#)

The successful candidate ensures ORION has the information and analysis to support its goal of strengthening Ontario's digital infrastructure ecosystem. Advise on ORION's government and stakeholder relationship strategy; support the development and maintenance of strong and effective relationships with government officials (elected and non-elected) and key public affairs influencers to enhance awareness, understanding and engagement in achieving ORION's strategic goals; monitor and report internally on federal, provincial, and municipal government proceedings relevant to advancing ORION's strategic objectives.

[Senior Policy Analyst, Investigative Services - Insurance Bureau of Canada](#)

Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) is looking for a talented Senior Policy Analyst to assist its Investigative Services team to develop public policy positions, which will aid IBC on its lobbying efforts. Based in Toronto, this role will undertake research/analysis, and the development of public policy positions pertaining to property/casualty insurance, which includes auto, home, and medical as well as identity theft.

[Internship in Public Policy and Entrepreneurship - CFIB](#)

This is a summer internship program developed in conjunction with Scotiabank. Reporting to a member of the legislative team, you will be responsible for the research, analysis and writing of a specific project relevant to CFIB's small business members. The project has been pre-selected based on its compatibility with the Intern Program and CFIB's legislative agenda. At the end of four months, the project may be considered a component of CFIB's public advocacy work on these issues.

Refugee Program Assistant, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Life & Mission Agency - Presbyterian World Service & Development Full-Time, Fixed Term Agreement (12 months)

Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is the development, relief and refugee sponsorship agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC). PWS&D responds with partners overseas and Canadians here at home to help communities overcome poverty, recover from emergency situations and provide new futures for vulnerable people. PWS&D works with churches and local organizations seeking to transform their communities by promoting justice, peace and the integrity of creation through programs in the areas of food security, sustainable livelihoods, health, peace, human rights and refugee sponsorship. As the Refugee Program Assistant, you will help to ensure the overall effectiveness of the administrative and program tasks of PWS&D's refugee sponsorship ministry. Join a team who encourage one another and are inspired by the opportunity to equip members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to welcome the stranger, to protect the vulnerable and to affirm the dignity of all.

Key Responsibilities - Reporting to the Director of PWS&D and working in close collaboration with the Program Coordinator, Refugee Sponsorship, you will: Assist with the private sponsorship of refugees by Presbyterian Church congregations, presbyteries and missions in accordance with the Church's sponsorship agreement with the federal government, including: Identify refugees to sponsor, assist the preparation and submission of high quality sponsorship applications, support the in-Canada and overseas processing of applications and provide support to sponsoring groups; Assist with strategies and events, resources and materials to support Canadian Presbyterians involved in refugee ministry initiatives; Assist with organization of and follow-up from meetings, conferences and events; and Assist with administrative aspects of the program and maintain summary of priority tasks.

Professional Qualifications - Post-secondary education and 2 years of relevant experience.

Skills desired - Knowledge of key issues related to refugee sponsorship including refugee sponsorship application requirements; Demonstrated organizational skills with exceptional attention to detail; Strong listening skills and sensitivity to cross-cultural situations; Strong written and verbal communications skills in English (fluency in a second language is an asset); and Excellent computer skills using Microsoft Office and ability to use new technologies.

Work requirements - Work is done from the national office of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in Toronto. You must have a clean Criminal Records Check – Vulnerable Sector.

Qualities needed - Knowledge of and respect for the beliefs, structure, programs and polity of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and ability to speak knowledgeably and passionately about its mission and ministry; and Ability to interact with all members of the community of The Presbyterian Church in Canada cheerfully, enthusiastically, courteously, patiently and with discretion.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit their resume and motivation letter with the title "Refugee Program Assistant" in the subject line to **Colleen McCue, Senior Administrator** (cmccue@presbyterian.ca). Complete position description available upon request. **This posting will remain active until 5pm on Wednesday, February 20, 2019.**

The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers meaningful opportunities to make a positive impact on people and communities in Canada and around the world. We are committed to fostering a culture that is inspiring, caring and inclusive. We are committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified candidates. Our goal is to attract, develop and retain highly talented employees from diverse backgrounds, allowing us to benefit from a wide variety of experiences and perspectives. We have an Accommodation Policy and accommodation will be provided at any point throughout the hiring process, provided the candidate makes their needs known to us.



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