

One nation, different journeys...

UNHCR requested Canada to take the lead in resettling the largest share of 75,000 Yemeni refugees. Without a strategic plan, integration of Yemeni refugees into the fabric of Canadian society was at risk. The target York set was ambitious ... 30,000! The expected outcomes were life-changing.



MPPAL students did York University proud, finishing in the top-half of the draw at the 2019 CAPP/IPC National Public Administration Case Competition. Carleton University hosted the eighth annual competition in Ottawa, 22-23 February. It attracted a strong field of twelve teams from graduate programs across Canada.

The teams examined prospective challenges to intergovernmental Canada associated with ongoing refugee displacement in Yemen. **The case was entitled *Doing Good, or Doing Smart? A Strategic Response to a Global Crisis*.** A blue-ribbon panel judged teams from Simon Fraser, Glendon, and Toronto to be the 2019 medalists.

True to its social justice roots, Team York framed the way forward as a win-win-win for Yemeni refugees, the international community, and the Canadian economy. It recommended a principled path to good governance through commitment, capacity, and collaboration. The Team advised federal ministers on holistic outcomes and risk mitigation for Canada, as well as on workable implementation strategies for Ontario.

York added to its reputation for fun, fair play, networking, and the learning journey. We received numerous accolades for our textured strategy, design features, and human narrative. Our part-time MPPAL students dedicated themselves full-time to excellence in public administration.

TEAM YORK 2019 left to right: Asare Kester-Akrofi, Gurjeet Virdi, Sindiswa Moyo, John Wilkins (Coach), Joana Jabson and Rebecca Ganesathas

PPASA General Elections 2019-2020

03 JOIN THE TEAM!

**09 PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION STUDENT ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF RECRUITMENT, DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATIONS, DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

19 PLEASE REFER TO THE PPASA CONSTITUTION ON YUCONNECT FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Hello PPASA Students!

We hope you all had a great and productive reading week. The PPASA has been hard at work to amend our constitution and plan the elections. To access the constitution, please login to the YuConnect and view the PPASA home page.

Here are some changes to look out for:

1. Membership Revision (Article 7 and 13)
2. Three Strike Rule (Article 8)
3. President and VP requirements (Article 12)
4. Election and Voting Changes (Article 13)
5. New Positions (Article 16)

Election Process:

The new election process will occur over 1 week, starting on March 9th, which will be the first day to send in nominations to the CRO. Nominations will close at 7pm on Sunday March 10th. March 11th and 12th will be designated for campaigning and March 13th to 15th will be the official election period, voting will be open until 7pm on the 15th. The new team will be announced on Saturday the 16th.

Nominations must be sent via email to the following address, ppasa.cro@gmail.com, during the specified period. Please also send your ballot to the same email during the voting period.

Please feel free to reach out to ppasa.york@gmail.com for any questions!

LEFT MEETS RIGHT - Join the Conversation!! An Open Discussion on Political Views



Join us on **Tuesday, March 19th, 2019** at the **Winters Junior Common Room, 012 Winters College** from **6:00PM- 8:00PM** to have an open dialogue.

This will be a controlled and friendly environment to hear the perspectives of others and share your own!

The Campus Conservatives, Communications Studies Student Association, Students for Free Speech, Strong and Free Podcast, and the Public Policy & Administration Student Association (PPASA) will all be present!

We are all joining forces for the political discussion event of a lifetime!

Please RSVP by clicking on the button below. We hope to see you there!

[RSVP NOW](#)

BPA and MPPAL June 2019 Convocation Ceremony Details

York Convocation

Ceremony #9 Wednesday, June 19, 2019 - 3:30pm EDT

FACULTY OF LIBERAL ARTS & PROFESSIONAL STUDIES - V

Honorary Doctorate: TBD

Bachelors Robing and Marshalling: **1:30pm, Courtside Café, Aviva Centre**

Masters Robing and Marshalling: **1:30pm, Courtside Café, Aviva Centre**

PhD Robing and Marshalling: 2:30pm, Player's Lounge, Aviva Centre

Reception: All graduates and guests are invited to the Faculty reception following the ceremony in the Reception Pavilion, Aviva Centre.

Bachelor of Arts with Honours and Bachelor of Arts majoring in:

- Business Economics
- Cognitive Science
- Economics
- Financial and Business Economics
- Global Political Studies
- International Development Studies
- Political Science

Bachelor of Public Administration

- **all majors**

International Bachelor of Arts with Honours majoring in:

- Political Science

Master/Magisteriate of Arts majoring in:

- Development Studies
- Economics
- Political Science
- Social and Political Thought

Master/Magisteriate of Public Policy, Administration and Law

Doctor/Doctorate of Philosophy majoring in:

- Economics
- Political Science
- Social and Political Thought

York Convocation website:

<https://convocation.students.yorku.ca/>

To verify your graduation status, visit:

<http://convocation.students.yorku.ca/preparing/eligibility>

June Convocation Ceremony Schedule:

<https://convocation.students.yorku.ca/ceremonies/schedule>

2019 SSHRC International Policy Ideas Challenge - Call for Proposals

Global Affairs Canada, in collaboration with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), is pleased to announce the fourth edition of the **International Policy Ideas Challenge**. The objective of the program is to draw on the network of talented Canadian graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and early-career civil society researchers to identify concrete, innovative solutions to emerging international policy challenges faced by Canada.

The program offers applicants a chance to test their skills at translating academic expertise into policy language. Applicants are invited to submit brief proposals. The authors of ten winning proposals will be given several months to consult with Global Affairs Canada client divisions and further develop their ideas into longer policy briefs.

The policy briefs will then be presented to Government of Canada officials in a day-long Ideas Symposium, hosted by Global Affairs Canada in Ottawa in late fall 2019. The International Policy Ideas Challenge invites applications from graduate students (MA and PhD level) and post-doctoral fellows at a recognized Canadian post-secondary educational institution. Researchers affiliated with a Canadian non-profit organization (for example, a non-governmental organization or a think tank) who are within six years of graduation from a graduate program at a recognized post-secondary institution will also be considered.

Each proposal should offer solutions bridging at least two of the three policy areas under Global Affairs Canada's mandate: foreign policy, trade, and international development. Ideas should be linked to the themes indicated; however, proposals related to other emerging issues and trends affecting Canada's international policy will also be considered. Proposals are not expected to offer solutions. They should demonstrate your ability to gather relevant evidence and conduct unbiased analysis that would allow you to develop solutions in the subsequent, longer policy brief, if you are selected to be part of the Challenge. **Ten winning projects will receive \$3,000 each (regardless of whether the proposal is submitted by an individual or a team).** The award will be provided upon the submission of the final brief and formal presentation at Global Affairs Canada. In addition to the award, a modest travel supplement may be provided to facilitate the in-person participation of the lead researcher in the Ideas Symposium.

Application deadline is March 29, 2019.

For further information about eligibility and how to apply, [click here](#).

Peer Leader Conference 2019: Fostering Inclusive Leadership - Call for Proposals

The annual Peer Leader Conference is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 24th, 2019**. The theme for this year is: **Fostering Inclusive Leadership!**

We hope that by attending PLC 2019 participants will be able to:

- gain insight into how equity intersects with inclusive leadership.
- apply the knowledge gained at PLC in their respective roles.
- recognize and share a sense of purpose in the York community.

Calling all Leaders! Are you heavily involved on campus? Do you enjoy personal & professional growth? Do you have innovative ideas, experiences or practices that you think your fellow student leaders at York would benefit from? Yes, you say? Present at the **Peer Leader Conference**. We encourage students and staff to submit a proposal. This is a fantastic professional and personal development opportunity!

We are seeking workshop proposals focused on one or more of the following audiences, **while ensuring the theme and the learning outcomes are addressed:**

- First time student leaders.
- Returning or senior student leaders.
- Clubs & organizations.

The framework for this year's sessions will operate off of the **Social Change Model of Leadership Development (SCM)**. The SCM examines leadership development from three levels that connect to enhance self-knowledge, leadership competency & to facilitate positive social change. To learn more, see here: <https://www.algonquincollege.com/achub/the-social-change-model-of-leadership-development/>

The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, March 29, 2019.

To submit a proposal, please [click here](#).

For questions, please contact: **Urshian Khalid**, Student Leadership & Development Coordinator at 416-736-2100 x 44175 or urshkhal@yorku.ca

Emerging Policy Lab: Youth, Community, Grants, Partnerships - Laidlaw Foundation

Laidlaw's new, online Emerging Policy Lab (EPL) is designed for young people to inform the world about what they feel may be a pressing policy issue in the short to near future that policymakers need to be aware of. This platform will give youth an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, expertise, and actively share their perspectives on emerging needs.

Content of Submissions - Should be an emerging issue; Should have a policy lens (e.g. about policy, legislation, reform, how an issue is affecting communities); Should have a youth focus; and Can be informed by research or lived experience (we particularly encourage submissions from young people with lived experience of the issues they are writing about).

Example List of Topics - Cannabis legalization and record expungement; Child welfare reform in Ontario and its implementation; Justice and prison law reform; Segregation in provincial and federal prisons; Social deficits in the charitable and non-profit sector; Gun violence & the government/community response; and Sexual health & sex education curriculum changes.

Other (Non-Listed) Topics - We strive to remain informed by the work and knowledge of young people. If you have an idea about an emerging policy issue that isn't on this list, please feel free to send us an email for consideration at policy@laidlawfdn.org

Rolling Deadline: We are now accepting submissions and will be doing so year-round until December 2019.

Selection & Honorarium - Selection of a submission is based on a series of different factors including: quality, timeliness, and policy relevance. **Each successful contributor will receive an honorarium of \$200.**

Eligibility - Young people residing in the province of Ontario between the ages of 14 to 32 (exceptions to this age-range are possible in special circumstances) are eligible to submit their content.

PLEASE SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO policy@laidlawfdn.org
For further information and submission guidelines, [click here](#).

Student Financial Support Peer Team Makes Sense of Dollars and Cents

The group, known as the Student Financial Support Peer team, was created in response to the findings of the National College Health Assessment of 2016, which identified finances as one of the significant stressors for students across Ontario.

Through funding made possible by a Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities Mental Health Services Grant, **the University's new Student Financial Support Peer team consists of six student leaders** who are committed to fostering mental well-being on campus by helping their fellow students understand and manage the complexities around their finances, and as a result, reduce or relieve anxiety. **The first Student Financial Support Peer team was launched in September 2018.**

The team received extensive training during the last two weeks of August 2018. The training was developed and delivered by Sylvia Spizzirri, student financial liaison officer, and Mary Santoli, financial aid trainer and ministry liaison. **The training equipped the team with the knowledge needed to work closely with the University's student financial advisors to address a variety of questions relating to student accounts and Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) queries and to provide support around scholarships and bursaries inquests.** Just in three short months, from September to November 2018, the team served more than 5,700 students. The team also refers students to the appropriate resources and provides guidance with wayfinding across different spaces and services within the University.

The Student Financial Support Peer team can be found at the welcome desk located on the first floor of the Bennett Centre for Student Services. The team is available each week on Monday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **The hiring process for the 2019-20 academic year began on Feb. 8.** Students can apply to be part of the team through the Student Community & Leadership Development's [Join The Team](#) page.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: Monday, March 18th at 9am

To view the full Y-File Article, please [click here](#).

[Student Community & Leadership Development, Student Success Centre - York University](#)

We are currently recruiting undergraduate students to be part of our upcoming **work-study positions** for many of your units within the Student Success team. Are you an undergrad student? Are you taking full-time course load? Are you looking for on-campus career development opportunities? The Student Success Centre is currently hiring for the below positions (***open to all undergraduate full-time students who qualify for work-study or ISEF**). **Apply by Monday March 18th 2019 at 9am.**

[Career Centre](#); [Clubs & Organizations](#); [Health Education & Promotion](#); [Leadership](#); [Learning Skills Services](#); [Media & Communications](#); [RED Zone](#); [Student Financial Services](#); and [YU START](#)

[Senior Advisor, Policy Coordination - Metrolinx](#)

[Application Deadline](#) - March 17, 2019. [Location](#): 20 Bay Street, Toronto (Contract up to four years)

Metrolinx is an agency of the Government of Ontario and our goal is to create a transportation network that enhances the prosperity, sustainability and quality of life for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. We lead the planning in the region with our Regional Transportation Plan that guides the work and investments of our organization. We build light transit, bus rapid transit and Regional Express Rail and operate GO Transit, UP Express and PRESTO.

Our Policy Team within the Capital Projects Group (CPG) is seeking a Senior Advisor to provide support by advising and recommending actions on a variety of topics related to policy, programs, and government relations as well as managing special projects.

Key Responsibilities:

- Manages multi-disciplinary policy initiatives and projects, including proposals, research and analysis, to further the development and implementation of capital projects/initiatives being delivered by Metrolinx across the GTHA region.
- Provides creative analysis, expertise and advice on policy issues within the framework of Metrolinx's capital program and in close collaboration with the Sponsor Office, CPG Divisions and other impacted Metrolinx business units.
- Leads the development/preparation of internal reports, board reports and discussion papers, and presents policy documents to senior executives/management, to respond to complex and politically sensitive issues.
- Promotes relationship and partnership development by leading engagement initiatives with municipal partners, provincial ministries, and other jurisdictions on capital project planning issues/initiatives while fostering a consultative framework that supports capital project policy development.
- Chairs and/or represents the business unit and its interests on internal and external committees and task forces, and identifies linkages to share policy and planning information and develop policy recommendations.
- Monitors the overall GTHA transportation system; identifies trends, methodologies, and best practices; and assesses their application for Metrolinx capital project, policy initiatives to recommend actions that support the achievement of organizational objectives.
- Contributes to Cabinet submissions, assesses their implications for the organization, considers internal and external environmental factors and the analysis of highly sensitive and complex policy/program issues that supports policy development.
- Identifies communications and issues risks and assesses impacts on company reputation; advises and counsels on corrective course of action.

[Researcher - Wellesley Institute](#)

The position will focus on housing, especially disrepair and poor quality in some rental housing, and related policy and program responses. The researcher will coordinate a Wellesley 'solutions lab' process on best practice interventions for healthy housing quality. This will involve collaborating with the Senior Researcher, various stakeholders, and external consultants carrying out parts of the work. It will involve background research, managing a multi-partner policy process, and preparing reports and materials to support this process and report its results.

[Manager, Public Affairs - Humber Polytech](#)

The Manager leads and contributes to responses to funding, policy or legislative opportunities to further the college's advocacy priorities. The Manager monitors and analyzes the federal, provincial and municipal landscapes and collaborates with community-based organizations and industry partners in order to identify opportunities and impacts specific to the college and to the post-secondary education sector as a whole. The Manager is responsible for understanding Humber's current network or partners and for both developing new relationships and maintaining long-term relationships of strategic value to the college. The Manager represents the college at community events, consultations and official functions with the goal of enhancing Humber's community profile.

[VP Public Policy and Government Relations - CPA Ontario](#)

The VP will be responsible for developing and maintaining positive and productive relationships with key officials in the Ontario government to extend CPA Ontario's and the profession's leadership and influence on public policy. The VP will build and execute government relations strategies as well as manage the development of position papers and legislative initiatives in areas of public policy that are relevant to the profession. They will facilitate open, effective communication within the organization, government and key stakeholders to maintain and elevate both the organization and the profession ensuring that they are the "go to" organization for policy makers, media, members and the public. This role will serve as an external face of CPA Ontario to Ontario officials at all levels.

[Deputy City Manager, Public Works - City of Vaughan](#)

Reporting to the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager, Public Works provides leadership on growth strategies and development in the areas of infrastructure, transportation, parks, forestry, environmental services (water, wastewater, waste management), fleet, and asset management. As a member of the Corporate Leadership Team, you will support the effective and efficient delivery of citizen facing services and align your portfolio with the City's strategic initiatives. With your team of 279 staff and \$56.5M net operating and over \$300M (four year) capital plan budget, you will lead the focus on continuous improvement and ensure your team is prepared to handle the City's expansion well into the next decade. As a senior advisor, you will also keep Council well informed of all progress and opportunities in the community.

[Intern, Planning Policy - Halton Region](#)

Reporting to the Manager and Senior Planners within Halton Region's Planning Policy section this position is responsible for assisting a team of planners and consultants with work associated with the Region's Official Plan review (i.e. Integrated Growth Management Strategy, Agricultural and Natural Heritage Systems review, Climate Change review). The Planning Policy Intern will also support the Planning Policy team with processing and review of Local Official Plans/Amendments, Secondary Plans, transportation planning initiatives, and technical studies and policy documents. In addition, the Intern will assist Planning Policy in meeting the policy and processing requirements under the Planning Act and Places to Grow Act, 2005 and with the delivery of strategic actions such as implementation of the Rural Agricultural Strategy.

[Nursing Policy Analyst - Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario](#)

The primary responsibilities of this role are to develop and formulate policy by identifying and analyzing critical nursing practice issues. As Nursing Policy Analyst, you will be an integral contributor to the development of policy positions, policy statements, and a variety of other communications and reports. You will represent RNAO in a variety of settings with other stakeholders and the government. You will also be responsible for environmental scanning of nursing practice, health and social policy issues, and conducting research for policy development leading to preparation of background and/or position papers regarding nursing practice, research, education and administration.

[Student - Policy and Programs Assistant - OPS](#)

As a Policy and Programs Assistant, you will be supporting a team in policy and/or program planning and delivery. You may have the opportunity to work on the following activities: conduct research, perform analysis, and synthesize information and data (e.g. develop summaries, options, recommendations, etc.); prepare and organize correspondence, perform data entry and word processing functions, and create a variety of documents; plan, organize, coordinate, and manage daily assigned work. [Eds: an opportunity for current or recent students, must have graduated in the last 6 months].

[Government Relations and Sustainability Manager - Canada Bread Company](#)

The Manager, Government Relations and Sustainability will in coordination with the Director develop, execute and manage government relations strategies and objectives. The individual will be responsible for staying informed of current and new policy, advising management of the impact to Bimbo Canada and developing a plan to support or address key policy changes. The successful candidate will possess the ability to monitor, review, analyze and summarize legislative and regulatory initiatives. This role is responsible for establishing, maintaining and expanding professional relationships with government, regulatory and industry officials and representatives of professional organizations to position and recognize Bimbo Canada (Canada Bread Company, Limited; Vachon Bakery; Stonemill Bakehouse) as an industry leader. This role could be based in either Ottawa or Toronto.

[Senior Economist / Policy Analyst - RBC](#)

In this role you will support RBC's mission to remain a leading voice on economic issues in Canada and abroad. You will conduct research on macroeconomic and public policy issues to contribute to the dialogue about Canada's place in a changing global economy; provide economic forecasts and commentary to stakeholders within the firm and external clients and represent the Economics department at meetings as required, and; contribute to unique, story-rich departmental publications and ensure best practices are applied in producing all research in order to guarantee the consistency and quality of work that RBC demands.

[Advisor, Strategic Public Policy - Region of Peel](#)

As part of the Strategic Policy and Project team, you will be responsible for providing strategic policy support, critical analysis, guidance, and co-coordinating capabilities and expert advice to the Health Leadership Team. You will also monitor developments, opportunities, and trends in legislation, policies and the political environment from a Health Services lens.



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