

### MPPAL Alumna, Jennifer Lai, Receives Silver at the IPAC/CAPPA National Student Thought Leadership Awards Presentation

On December 4th, I was honoured to represent York University and the MPPAL program at the IPAC/CAPPA National Student Thought Leadership Awards with my work on **the Accessibility of Elections to Canadians with Cognitive Disabilities**. Presenters were required to give a seven minute presentation on their research and then participate in a 10 minute question and answer with the judges. My competition was strong, with graduate students from across the country presenting their research on significant policy issues and solutions. Policy issues covered ranged from the overprescription and use of antibiotics to homelessness amongst Indigenous persons. I want to extend my gratitude to the judges for awarding me with the Silver medal for my research on the accessibility of elections to Canadians with cognitive disabilities. It was a pleasure to participate in this event and put my presenting skills to the test! Thankfully, the MPPAL program had left me well prepared.

I want to send a sincere thank you to MPPAL faculty, specifically Professor Ken Ogata, Professor Brenda Spotton Visano, and Professor Naomi Couto. Your support and words of encouragement throughout this process were immensely appreciated. I am glad to bring the Silver home in the name of MPPAL, its amazing faculty and students, the School of Public Policy and Administration and York University.

*-Jennifer Lai, MPPAL Class of 2020*



**Congratulations to Jennifer  
on this achievement!**

MPPAL Student, **IFTIKHAR AHMED**,  
featured in Pension Investment  
Association of Canada ("PIAC") Fall  
2020 Communique Issue



MPPAL Student, **IFTIKHAR AHMED**, Associate Partner- Private Equity (Infrastructure), Aon Investments, has been featured in the [Pension Investment Association of Canada's](#) Fall 2020 Communique Issue with his article **Infrastructure Valuations - COVID Impacts**. Iftikhar is a final year student of Master of Public Policy, Administration, and Law ("MPPAL") program at York University's School of Public Policy and Administration and has deep interest in researching infrastructure and public private partnerships (P3s) from a public policy and political lens.

Congratulations Iftikhar!

PPASA and GSAPPAL invites you to

# Get Ready for Interviews!

## Professional Development Workshop II

Wednesday January 20, 2021  
4-7pm

RSVP [here](#)



Forgot to register for the first workshop on resume and application preparation on **December 15**? Click [here](#)

The Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement (RCIS) Presents:  
***Refugee Resettlement and Integration in Canada:  
Lived Experience, Lessons Learned, and Promising Practices***  
***Featuring MPPAL Alumna Shireen Salti***

The overall aim of this series is to engage stakeholders to consider Canada's approach to refugee resettlement and identify changes to policy and practice that will make Canada more inclusive and responsive to refugees' needs. The series will bring together refugees from past and more recent cohorts, as well as settlement workers and service providers, policymakers, researchers, and students to share insights and lessons learned from research findings, settlement practice, and lived experience.

**Join us for our fourth session on Friday, December 18th, 2020 via zoom from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM EST.**

This session will focus on the role of non-governmental organizations and research in resettlement in Canada and will feature a speakers' panel with Shireen Salti (Executive Director, The Canadian Arab Institute), Rania Younes (Co-founder and Director, WelcomeHomeTO), and John Carlaw (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, CERC in Migration and Integration, Ryerson University).

[Register](#) for the event to receive a password for the ZOOM webinar. A video recording of the event with captions will be made publicly available on the [RCIS website](#) following the event.

*This series is funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).*



**York University's** Student Counselling, Health & Well-being is happy to announce that the **Mental Health & Wellness Student Initiative Fund** is now live!



This fund aims to support innovative and inclusive student-led initiatives that promote a healthy, inclusive and supportive environment that fosters mental health and well-being among members of the York student community. The deadline for proposals is **February 28, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.** Additional information including how to apply can be found [here](#).

## Canada's Premiers Youth Internship Program



### Are you...

- 25 or younger?
- A graduate from a recognized university?
- Able to communicate in both English and French?
- Legally able to work in Canada?
- Interested in Canadian politics and federalism?

If you answered yes to all, you are eligible to apply!

### What is it...

The Council of the Federation Youth Internship Program offers recent graduates a full-time paid opportunity to work in Canadian intergovernmental relations.

Every year we accept applications from across Canada to participate in the program. Interns:

- Are paid \$40,000 annually – and relocation expenses up to a maximum of \$3,000
- Gain a better understanding of the Canadian federation
- Improve their ability to capture and debrief policy discussions
- Travel to different parts of Canada to assist with planning and organizing meetings of Premiers and senior officials
- Develop skills across different domains – including social media and communications
- Work in the Council of the Federation Secretariat office in Ottawa

### Deadline

**Apply by February 25, 2021.**

Click [here](#) to apply.

## [Director, Policy - Toronto Region Board of Trade](#)

Reporting to the Vice President, Policy, the Toronto Region Board of Trade (the Board) is seeking a forward-looking Director, Policy to join the Board's vibrant Policy team. This position will help to achieve the global standing of the Toronto Region as an attractive place to invest and do business; focusing on policies affecting global competition, municipal harmonization, regulatory innovation, trade growth, and how to further develop our existing talent ecosystem. The successful candidate will play a major role in developing policy positions for the Board's recovery efforts post-COVID, solving for the reopening of business districts and identifying mitigation strategies to support a recovery. Policy efforts will focus on activation to galvanize regional economic development, impact business competitiveness and support quality job growth in the region.

## [Bilingual Research Analyst - Canadian Federation of Independent Business](#)

CFIB has an exciting opportunity for a permanent full time Bilingual Research Analyst. Reporting to the Senior Director, National Research, you will join a research team that works collaboratively to deliver quantitative and qualitative content that is clear, credible, and compelling. This position can be based in any of CFIB's following offices: Toronto, Montreal, Moncton, or Ottawa. Key Responsibilities include identifying key issues in areas that impact SMEs (i.e. taxation, regulation, labour policy), etc. and contributing original research ideas; developing and executing research and public policy analysis on the above key issues; and designing and reviewing surveys on topics related to CFIB's research/legislative agenda.

## [Stakeholder Relations Advisor - Technical Safety and Standards Authority](#)

Support the Stakeholder Relations team in developing and preserving strong, positive relations with the Government of Ontario and other stakeholders. This position will report directly to the Manager, Government Relations.

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## [Senior Manager, Policy and Partnerships, Indigenous Innovation - Grand Challenges Canada](#)

The Indigenous Innovation Initiative at Grand Challenges Canada is seeking a Senior Manager, Indigenous Policy and Partnerships. Indigenous Innovation Initiative is a platform to support Indigenous innovation and entrepreneurship across Canada. Our goal is to empower Indigenous innovators to identify and solve their own challenges, transform lives and drive inclusive growth through innovation.

## [Policy Counsel \(lawyer\) - Fair Canada](#)

The Policy Counsel will be responsible for supporting FAIR Canada's efforts to advocate for investor rights and to be a catalyst for positive change within the Canadian financial services sector. The role includes analyzing public policy proposals and developing impactful commentary to help advance the rights of investors, particularly retail investors, in Canada. The position offers the opportunity to make a difference while working in a small but active organization, together with a competitive salary and group benefits.

## [Government Relations and Policy Coordinator - Canadian Federation of Students, Ontario](#)

The Canadian Federation of Students–Ontario seeks a Government Relations and Policy Coordinator, based in Toronto, to assist with the government relations and policy work of the Federation

## [Director - Toronto Nonprofit Network](#)

The Toronto Nonprofit Network provides an amplified voice for Toronto’s diverse public benefit sector in order to create an enabling environment and influence systemic change for public benefit organizations on issues that are relevant to the nonprofit sector and are unique to the size, diversity and geography of Toronto. One-time funding has been secured to hire a consulting position to lead and support TNN strategic activities for a 12-month period, starting in early 2021.

## [Program Specialist - Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development](#)

Are you interested in supporting women's economic advancement by researching, educating and informing about pay equity and the gender wage gap? If so, consider these exciting opportunities as Program Specialist with the Pay Equity Office to provide expertise on the Pay Equity Act and policy and research supporting program evaluation and business and strategic planning for the Pay Equity Commission. Are you interested in supporting women's economic advancement by researching, educating and informing about pay equity and the gender wage gap? If so, consider these exciting opportunities as Program Specialist with the Pay Equity Office to provide expertise on the Pay Equity Act and policy and research supporting program evaluation and business and strategic planning for the Pay Equity Commission

## [Manager, Health Policy Measurement and Evaluation - Canadian Partnership Against Cancer](#)

The Manager, Health Policy, Measurement & Evaluation supports the Cancer Systems, Performance & Innovation Division in carrying out projects and initiatives to achieve organizational priorities. Reporting to the Director, Performance, the incumbent leads the delivery of program/project objectives. As a highly organized professional with strong time management skills, this position delivers on the tasks of the job while contributing to the Partnership’s overall vision to reduce the burden of cancer on all Canadians.

## [Policy Analyst - Ontario Native Women's Association](#)

The Policy Analyst will be responsible for policy research, analysis and development to offer strategic direction, support and advocacy for the ongoing development of culturally relevant policies, legislation, and best practices that positively impact Indigenous women and their families.

The Policy Analyst will conduct research and analysis of local, provincial, and national policies, programs, initiatives and economic trends that affect the well-being of Indigenous women and their families. They will examine existing and emerging legislation and policy development to uncover the potential impacts on Indigenous women, and their families. The Policy Analyst will prepare information packages, tool kits, policy papers, and briefing notes.

## [Research Coordinator – Toronto District School Board](#)

Reporting to the Senior Manager, the Research Coordinator will be responsible for supporting senior management in carrying out the responsibilities of the department, including developing policies and procedures and setting priorities.

## [Communications Office- Toronto District School Board](#)

Reporting to the Executive Officer within Government, Public and Community Relations or a designated manager, the Communications Officer will take leadership and responsibility for developing communications strategies to reach the TDSB's parents, public school electors, key community and government stakeholders as well as internal employees. The Communications Officer will bring experience and innovation in communicating the Board's Multi-Year Strategic Plan and Board policies and practices including those relating to principles of human rights, equity, anti-Black racism, anti-discrimination, anti-oppression and decolonization to diverse stakeholder groups. Communications Officers will embrace service excellence and client satisfaction in the delivery of communications strategies, tactics and communications products. The Communications Officer will work with the Government, Public and Community Relations team, the Board of Trustees, Board departments and senior management to advise and solve communications challenges and promote the Board's objectives, policies and decisions. The Communications Officer will demonstrate leadership and expertise in delivering communications solutions, plans for highly complex issues and Board policies and guide senior staff in responding to and resolving contentious issues. Experience working on human rights, anti-racism and anti-oppression issues as well as your experience in corporate communications will help the TDSB reach its many stakeholders and strengthen the Board's reputation as a leader in public education in the City of Toronto.

## [Research Officer – Peel District School Board](#)

Reporting to the Chief Research Officer, Research and Accountability, the successful candidate will be responsible for the design, implementation and interpretation of research and evaluation projects to support the board's system-wide strategic goals, equity and diversity initiatives, and curriculum and instruction programs. The successful candidate will provide a range of research and statistical services to support evidence-informed decision-making at the Peel District School Board as well as the evaluation of student well-being programs. The Research Officer will work as a part of a team of education researchers and Leadership Development Support Services staff within Peel District School Board. The Research Officer acts as a research and evaluation resource to demonstrate research excellence and develop a culture of inquiry. The successful candidate will also be responsible for the assessment of current educational trends in mental health and student well-being, providing literature reviews and environmental scans on educational related topics needed by the Peel District School Board.

## [Manager, Innovation and Research - The Regional Municipality of Durham](#)

The Manager, Innovation and Research reports to the Director, Strategic Initiatives in the CAO's Office, working collaboratively with internal and external partners to lead and support the creation and implementation of programs, policies and activities designed to achieve strategic outcomes. A natural problem solver, the Manager plays a critical role in helping to foster a culture of sustainable change, leading a team that applies innovative practices to address complex municipal challenges.



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