2024–2025 Graduate Students Handbook

York University Toronto, Canada





Amazing things happen when diverse communities work together to tackle world issues. When York University students apply their knowledge, they have the power to make things right. Join us in creating positive change.

A place where positive change is catalyzed.

York University is committed to driving positive change for a better, more sustainable and equitable world, and our students share that commitment. Through purposeful, interdisciplinary research, innovative pedagogies and experience-led learning, you will be on a path to discovery – and self-discovery. Whether you are pursuing a master's or doctorate degree, or are a postdoctoral fellow, you will work to develop solutions to the complex problems facing our world. The pursuit of graduate studies is an exciting time in your life. Led by world-class faculty, you will gain valuable skills that will take you through a lifetime, as you work to right the future for our local and global communities.

Rhonda L. Lenton, PhD President and Vice-Chancellor, York University



York by the Numbers

100+

academic degree and diploma programs

\$1.4M provided towards research support (inc. Academic Excellence Fund) **\$75M** given in funding dollars (inc. Fellowships & TAs)

\$5M created in g



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Land Acknowledgment

York University recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York University acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat. It is now home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.



\$11M awarded in Tri-councils + prestigious scholarships

\$65.5M bestowed in graduate awards

created in graduate bursaries

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A Space for Everyone

Our welcoming campuses are places where bold ideas take shape and lifelong connections are made. York is an accessible and inclusive space with 20+ community support partners to make your health, safety and sense of belonging our greatest priorities. go.yorku.ca/yorku-campuses

Our Campuses







Keele Campus: Walk the scenic paths of our **main campus**, a thriving community hub enhanced by its location in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), featuring athletic facilities, studios, labs, residences, restaurants and green spaces.

Glendon Campus: Located in the heart of Toronto, Glendon is our founding campus with a unique blend of modern and historic architecture where globally engaged programs and hands-on learning opportunities develop the changemakers of tomorrow.

Markham Campus (NEW):

Welcoming students in 2024, academic programs and research at our **newest campus** will revolve around the core themes of technology and entrepreneurship and how they are driving innovation.

Tour our campus virtually! go.yorku.ca/virtual-tour



"I examined the power dynamics between international development programs and local people, and whether the incorporation of the rituals of traditional healers could promote community health and well-being. I presented my research in an invited seminar along with traditional healers at UFS."

Yumiko Kiuchi, MA '19, Development Studies

A Community of **Changemakers**

York students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners are united in our commitment to inclusion. community engagement, and social and economic iustice.

Meet our Top 30 Alumni Under 30

It takes a true leader to inspire positive change in the world. Meet some of York University's top changemakers under 30: inspiring and diverse alumni leaders who are making a meaningful difference. go.yorku.ca/grad-top30

Top 2 universities GTA employers prefer to hire from.*

*Based on a 2022 survey of GTA employers who have hired York graduates



Sayjon Ariyarathnam, JD/MBA'20

Kate Haiyun Mossop,

Director of Community

Settlement: Public Health

Advocate: Board Director:

Programs, University

MLCE '21

Voluntee

Mentor



Elijah Bawuah, **MES** '21

Senior Public Consultant, City of Toronto: Co-Founder. Mentorship Initiative for Indigenous & Planners of



Banking and Finance Lawyer; Board Member. Community Legal Clinic of York Region;

University



Osman Naqvi, **MSTM'17**

Advisor, Invest in Canada; former Advisor to Cabinet Ministers: Founder, YOUth Heroes





Creating Positive Change

York University is a leader in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals ranking in the top 40 out of 1,500+ universities worldwide; driving positive change through the shared vision and collective actions of its faculty, staff, students, alumni and community partners.



Bianca Bondi.

Child Development Advocate; Psychology Resident, The Hospital for Sick Children; PhD Candidate, York

of Toronto; Youth Worker, Youth **Rising Above**



Victoria Canale. MSW '21

Social Worker, Humber River Hospital: Educator. The Centre for Sexual Violence Response, Support & Education; Seniors' Advocate



Raghavender Sahdev, MSc '18

Founder & CEO, NuPort Robotics; Forbes 30 under 30 in North America



Shalini Iver. MSc '22

Neuroscientist; Equity, **Diversity & Inclusivity** Advocate; STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Educator



Korina Thomas-Reynolds, MEd '20

Teacher, Africentric French & Mathematics Education; Co-Founder. Roots to Routes Academy; Equity & Inclusion Leader

Research with a Purpose

York's leading teaching and research are informed by our commitment to social justice, sustainability and the public good. Through our research, we strive to better understand and serve the world around us.

Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies continues to be a tremendously exciting place to study and work. We are proud to support those who will have an integral part in Canada's future. Graduate Studies is where the next generation of impactful careers and cutting-edge ideas are born.

- More than 6,000 grad students and postdoc fellows
- More than 100 academic degrees and diplomas
- The largest body of active researchers on campus



York University ranks in the top 5 comprehensive universities in Canada (Maclean's Ranking 2023)

Creating a Better Future Through Research

yorku.ca/rightthefuture

31 Organized Research Units

studying intersectionality, bee ecology, refugee studies and more

Knowledge Now

showcasing our graduate scholars undertaking groundbreaking and sociallyengaged research



Addressing Homelessness

through the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness (COH)





Experience-Led Learning

"I am interested in the use of non-traditional mediums and unorthodox methods in the visual arts as a display of resilience, act of resistance, and way of learning and empowerment. I plan to use Arts-Based Research with racialized youth in my urban priority neighbourhood to engage with matters of mental health, emotional well-being, and identity."

Shannon Hyatali,

BFA '18, BEd '18, MEd '20, PhD Candidate in Education



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Supporting Your Success

Beyond the Professoriate is an eLearning platform with on-demand, self-paced learning modules that allow you to explore career options and ways to apply skills acquired through your education. go.yorku.ca/grad-btp

Graduate Professional & Postdoctoral Skills (GPPS) helps you discover and prepare for your career by linking you to workshops, seminars and courses led by university and industry experts. **go.yorku.ca/grad-gpps**

Individualized Development Plan (IDP) is designed to help you identify your professional skills and goals, as well as better understand the competencies needed to achieve them. go.yorku.ca/grad-idp

Teaching Commons supports the teaching work of graduate students at all levels by exploring and sharing teaching and learning innovation at York. **go.yorku.ca/grad-teaching-commons**

York University Libraries are the intellectual hub for innovative and diverse scholarship. Access a variety of in-person and online research and learning resources, support for teaching and instruction, and diverse study spaces for quiet or collaborative work, including a Graduate Student Reading Room. go.yorku.ca/grad-libraries

How to Apply



Tips to optimize your application: go.yorku.ca/grad-app-guide

Applications are reviewed by individual graduate programs; decisions are made as soon as possible.

Unique Admits

Do you have significant professional or lived experience in your area of academic interest? You may quality as a unique applicant. Email us at fgsnews@yorku.ca for more information.

Review Admission Requirements

Make sure you know the requirements and deadlines for your program of choice. go.yorku.ca/grad-programs

2. Apply Online

Your application package consists of two parts:

- your application form;
- your supporting documents.

Please be ready to submit your supporting documents within 14 days of the application deadline. go.yorku.ca/grad-apply

3. Upload Required Documentation

Required documentation may include, but is not limited to:

- transcripts;
- a statement of interest;
- a resume or CV;
- a sample of written work:
- a supplementary information form.

4. Submit Language Test Scores

If your first language is not English (or French, for programs taught in French) you may need to provide an English language proficiency test score. go.yorku.ca/grad-language

>> What You Need

Applying to a Master's program:

You must hold an Honours undergraduate degree (four years of study) or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution.

Applying to a PhD program:

You must hold a Master's degree or equivalent from a recognized postsecondary institution. Recommended grade point averages (GPAs) vary by program.

To view international equivalencies visit: go.yorku.ca/grad-equiv

Apply Now!

Funding Your Degree

Competitive Funding

go.yorku.ca/grad-funding

York offers competitive funding to all qualified graduate students and is committed to promoting excellence in research and teaching.

Funding sources include:

- Fellowships
- Teaching Assistantships with **Undergraduate Programs**
- Scholarships and Awards

NOTE: All graduate applicants to non-professional programs are automatically considered for a graduate funding package during application review. Successful applicants receive funding package details in their letter of admission.



Applicants are welcome to apply for other funding supports: bursaries, research opportunities, internal awards (donor-funded), external scholarships, and provincial, Tri-Council and other federal scholarships.

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* The above figures are listed in Canadian dollars and subject to change. They serve only as a guide to help you plan for your graduate program. go.yorku.ca/grad-fees-faq

Fees and Expenses

Estimated Educational Costs	Domestic	International
Yearly compulsory fees & tuition: Based on full-time, non- professional graduate programs	MA \$5,163 PhD \$5,163	MA \$19,682 PhD \$18,857
Textbooks, equipment & supplies (lab supplies not included): May be higher in some disciplines	MA \$2,570-\$4,087 PhD \$3,416	MA \$2,570-\$4,087 PhD \$3,416
Health Plan	\$580	\$1,336
Total*	MA \$8,313-\$9,830 PhD \$9,159	MA \$23,588– \$25,105 PhD \$23,609

Stay on Track >>

JULY

Prepare your **statement of interest** early.

AUGUST Reach out to your references.

SEPTEMBER Register for **Experience Grad**, York's Graduate Open House.

OCTOBER Submit your **application** early!

NOVEMBER Look for updates on creative **York graduate** research and relevant York graduate events.

JANUARY ONWARDS

Check MyFile for updates on your application status.

Pursue Your Passion. Find Your Program.

York's Faculty of Graduate Studies offers more than 100 full- and part-time professional and academic degree programs to deepen your expertise and lead you to a fulfilling career.

Application requirements and deadlines vary by program. Visit go.yorku.ca/grad-programs for more information. Degree programs marked with * are available in a parttime study format. Diploma programs marked with a † are available as stand-alone programs. All other diplomas must be taken concurrently with a graduate degree program.

School of the Arts, Media, **Performance & Design**

Creativity is your commodity. As you develop your passion with AMPD, benefit from superb training, rich industry connections, world-class facilities and access to an engaged, collaborative arts community.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Art History 9	MA* •	Major research paper OR Thesis
Art History & Visual Culture	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Cinema &	MA* •	Major research paper OR Thesis
Media Studies	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Dance	MFA •	Thesis
Design	MDes	Thesis
Design Research	MA*	Major research paper OR Major research project
	MA*	Major research paper
Digital Media	MSc*	Major research paper & Course work
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
 MA/MBA combined program also available for this subject. MFA/MBA combined program also available for this subject. 		



Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Film: Production and Screenwriting	MFA* •	Thesis
	MA* •	Major research paper
Music	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Theatre	MFA •	Major research paper & Comprehensive examination(s) & Summer research project
Theatre, Dance & Performance Studies	MA •	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only (includes colloquium and internship)
	PhD	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) & Dissertation
Visual Arts	MFA •	Thesis exhibition & Support paper
	PhD	Comprehensive examination exhibition & Dissertation exhibition

 MA/MBA combined program also available for this subject. MFA/MBA combined program also available for this subject.

[Diplomas] Curatorial Studies in Visual Culture

Faculty of Education

Join a leading faculty in Canada that is reinventing education for a diverse, complex world. Become a powerful catalyst for change by contributing to and strengthening the communities where you live and work.

Pro	gram Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Edu	Education: Language, Culture & Teaching	MEd*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Cul		PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Cor	adership & mmunity gagement	MLCE*	Community-based placement & Project

[Diplomas] Early Childhood Education[†] | Education in Urban Environments[†] Environmental/Sustainability Education[†] | Language & Literacy Education[†] | Mathematics Education[†] | Postsecondary Education: Community, Culture & Policy[†]

Faculty of Environmental & **Urban Change**

Become a changemaker for a just and sustainable future. Join EUC in a call-to-action to respond to today's most pressing challenges facing people and the planet. Discover career paths that will create a better world.

	Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
	Environmental Studies	MES •	Personal plan of study & Research Paper OR Project OR Portfolio OR Thesis
		PhD	Personal program plan & Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
		MA	Major research paper OR Thesis
	Geography	MSc	Major research paper OR Thesis
		PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

JD/MES joint program also available for this subject.

[Diplomas] Business & the Environment | Environmental/Sustainability Education[†]





Glendon Campus

Through small class sizes within a close-knit community, you will develop your global perspective, leadership capabilities and professional skills toolbox. Glendon's programs are enhanced with immersive language learning options that prepare you for an indemand career.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Conference Interpreting	MCI	Entrance examination & Transition examination
Études françaises	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only
Études francophones	PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral and written) & Dissertation
Public & International Affairs	MPIA •	Major research paper OR Course work only
Translation Studies	MA*	Thesis OR Major research paper OR Course work only

• MPIA Dual Degree program with Strasbourg also available for this subject.

[Diplomas] General Interpreting

Faculty of Health

Become part of a growing, connected network that leads constructive change in health and healthcare across Canada and the globe — keeping more people healthier, longer. Students engage in experiental opportunities to build their learning in a range of settings beyond the classroom.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Critical Disability	MA*	Major research paper
Studies	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Global Health	PhD*	Independent learning plan & Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation OR Portfolio
	MA*	Major research paper
Health	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Thesis
Kinesiology &	MFSc	Non-thesis peer-reviewed professional paper & Practica
Health Science	MSc	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MScN*	Thesis OR Course work only
Nursing	Nurse Practitioner (PHCNP) MScN*	Research proposal
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Practica & Thesis
Psychology	PhD	Practica & Dissertation & Qualifying examination(s)

Lassonde School of Engineering

The Lassonde School of Engineering empowers students like you to put ideas into action that will push the world forward. We are shaping the next generation of creators who will tackle the world's biggest challenges and find creative solutions to global problems.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
	MASc*	Thesis
Civil Engineering	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Research proposal & Dissertation
Earth & Space Science	MSc*	Thesis & Oral examination OR Course work & Research exercise
	PhD*	Dissertation & Oral examination
Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	MSc (Computer Science)	Thesis OR Project
	MASc (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Thesis
	PhD (Computer Science)	Qualifying examination(s) & Industrial internship OR Teaching practicum & Dissertation
Mashaniaal	MASc*	Thesis
Mechanical Engineering	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation

[Diplomas] Health Psychology | Neuroscience | Quantitative Methods



Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

Respond to a call for cross-cultural communication and interpersonal skills by joining a faculty that's ranked in the top 10 in Canada across several disciplines. With highly flexible and interdisciplinary degree options, study what you love and learn what you need.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)	Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
	MA	Major research paper		MA*	Comprehensive examination(s) OR
Anthropology – Social	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation			Thesis Qualifying examination(s) &
Communication	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Project	Philosophy	PhD*	Dissertation
& Culture	PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation		MA/JD	Course work & Major research paper
Development Studies	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis (Fieldwork is required for either option)	Political Science	MA*	Major research paper OR Designated research essay OR Thesis
Disaster & Emergency Management	MDEM*	Major research paper OR Course work only		PhD*	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA	Course work only	Public Policy,	MPPAL*	Major research paper OR Topics
Economics		Comprehensive examination(s) &	Administration & Law	MFFAL	Major research paper OK Topics
	PhD	Major research paper & Dissertation		MA*	Major research paper
English	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only	Science & Technology Studies	PhD	Competencies examination (oral and written) & Dissertation proposal &
Linguisti	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation			Dissertation
Financial Accountability	MFAc*	Major research paper OR Course work only	Social & Political	MA*	Major research paper & Oral examination
Candan Faminiat 0	MA* Major research paper OR Thesis Thought		PhD*	Comprehensive examination (oral &	
Gender, Feminist & Women's Studies	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation		PIID	written) & Dissertation
	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis	Thesis	MSW (Advanced	Practice-based research paper &
History	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation		Standing)*	Practica
Human Resources	MHRM*	Major research paper OR Course work only	Social Work	MSW (two-year)	Practice-based research paper & Two practica
Management	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation		PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MA*	Major research paper		MA	Major research paper
Humanities	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation	Socio-Legal Studies	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Information Systems & Technology	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only		MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis
Interdisciplinary Studies	MA*	Thesis	Sociology	PhD*	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Linguistics & Applied	MA*	Major research paper OR Thesis OR Course work only			udies Asian Studies Comparative Administration German & Europear
Linguistics	PhD	Qualifying examination(s) & Dissertation proposal & Dissertation	Studies International 8	Security Studies	Jewish Studies † Justice System an Studies Professional Accounting

Markham Campus

As a Markham Campus student, you will benefit from flexible learning format, small class sizes, and the opportunity to round out classroom learning with experiential education.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)	
Biotechnology Management	MBM	Course work & Internship	
Management Practice	MSc*	Major research paper OR Applied research project	
Public Policy, Administration & Law	MPPAL* •	Municipal Government Field	
 MPPAL graduate field course available at Markham Campus. Full program components provided under LA&PS (page 12). 			

[Diplomas] Biotechnology[†] | Management



Osgoode Hall Law School & Professional Development

Osgoode Hall Law School offers an innovative and experiential legal education delivered by the country's top legal minds.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
1	LLM-MRP	Thesis & Major research paper
Law	PhD	Dissertation proposal
Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Administrative Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Business Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Canadian Common Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Constitutional Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Construction Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Criminal Law and Procedure	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Dispute Resolution	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Energy and Infrastructure Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Financial Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
General Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Health Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Intellectual Property Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
International Business Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper
Labour Relations and Employment Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work with a research requirement
Securities Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper OR Course work only
Tax Law	Professional LLM*	Major research paper

[Diplomas] Foundations of Canadian Law[†] | Law for Law Enforcement Professionals[†]

Schulich School of Business

Global, innovative and diverse, Schulich is rated among the world's leading business schools. With direct program access from day one, you will immerse yourself in a cutting-edge business education and discover creative business solutions that aren't defined by boundaries. Schulich develops responsible leaders who balance business and the public good.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Accounting	MAcc	Course work only
Administration	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
	MBA*	Course work only
	EMBA	Course work only
	IMBA	Course work only
Business Administration	Joint MBA/JD	Thesis
	MBA/JD	Course work only
	MBA/MFA	Course work only
	MBA/MA	Course work only
Business Administration in Technology Leadership	MBAt	Course work & Internship
Business Analytics	MBAN	Course work only
Combined Program	MBA/MFA/MA	Course work & varying requirements
Finance	MF	Course work only
Health Industry Administration	MHIA	Course work only
Management	MMgt	Course work only
Management in Artificial Intelligence	MMAI	Course work only
Marketing	MMKG	Course work only
Real Estate & Infrastructure	MREI	Course work only
Supply Chain Management	MSCM*	Course work only

[Diplomas] Accounting Analytics[†] | Advanced Accounting | Intermediate Accounting[†] | Post-MBA in Advanced Management[†] | Arts, Media and Entertainment Management | Culture, Communication and Leadership in Canadian Business | Financial Engineering[†] | Global Metals & Minerals Management[†] | Health Industry Management | Nonprofit Management

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Faculty of Science

Develop a scientific mindset that's valued by employers in all sectors and join a collaborative community who share your curiosity and passion. Our researchers work together to enhance our academic excellence, diversity, and our capacity to build a better future for everyone.

Program Subject	Degree	Program components (all include course work)
Biology	MSc	Research progress evaluations & Thesis & Oral examination
	PhD*	Research progress evaluations & Preliminary examination & Dissertation & Oral examination
Chemistry	MSc*	Thesis (full time) OR Course work only (part time)
	PhD	Dissertation & Dissertation oral examination
Mathematics & Statistics	MA*	Thesis OR Survey paper OR Course work only
	MSc (Applied & Industrial)*	Thesis
	PhD	Comprehensive examination(s) & Dissertation
Physics & Astronomy	MSc*	Project OR Thesis OR Course work only
	PhD*	Dissertation & Oral exam

[Diplomas] Financial Engineering | Mathematics Education[†]

Connect your future to ours. Find out more about FGS.





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York University's Markham Campus: Welcoming Students Fall 2024

Be part of the first wave of positive change at Markham Campus. Students attending Markham Campus in its inaugural year will have the unique and exciting opportunity to shape the student experience and pave the way for future changemakers.



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