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# Highlights

## UN releases Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery; report led by CIHR Institute at York University

The development of this Roadmap was led by Dr. Steven J. Hoffman, Dahdaleh Distinguished Chair in Global Governance & Legal Epidemiology and a Professor of Global Health, Law, and Political Science at York University, the Director of the Global Strategy Lab, and the Scientific Director of the Institute of Population & Public Health at the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). Building on the work of the UN [COVID-19 economic and social recovery plan](#), the *UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery* is intended to ensure national and international strategies are informed by rigorous evidence generated in anticipation of, and during, the COVID-19 recovery period.

## York University and the United Nations



[Read the UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery](#)

## York University partnering with organizations in Africa to use local data, AI and modelling expertise to manage pandemic

The project, *Predictive modeling and forecasting of the transmission of COVID-19 in Africa using Artificial Intelligence*, will receive more than \$1.2 million in funding from the International Development and Research Centre (IDRC). It is one of nine projects selected for funding through the [Global South AI4COVID Response Program](#), focused on low and middle-income countries. Overall, the initiative aims to deepen the understanding of governments, AI practitioners, and the public on how to develop and scale responsible and evidence-based AI and data science approaches that support COVID-19 response and recovery in developing countries.



[York Professor Gregory Chin appointed to UN Advisory Group](#)

## Globally Networked Learning (GNL) Experiences bring Interculturality and Experiential Education to Online Learning

The York-GNL initiative connects York faculty and students with their counterparts abroad and integrates 'global thinking' and 'intercultural approaches' in the pedagogical design of new and existing courses or programs. Faculty members and students engage in collaborative projects, research, and dialogues. Over the Fall 2020, four GNL-enhanced York courses were launched in cooperation with partners in Europe and the Americas. Four more courses are to begin in Winter 2021. York faculty members and partners interested to engage in GNL are invited to review the [Faculty Toolkit](#) and connect with the GNL Team on this [page](#).



[WHO Collaborating Centre at York University researching international action on antimicrobial resistance](#)

## President Rhonda Lenton holds Virtual Dialogues with Global and Diplomatic Partners

York University continues to engage and build relations with diplomatic partners in Toronto. President Lenton held virtual meetings with the Consul Generals of China, France, India, Jamaica, and Japan in Toronto and through Universities Canada met with Canadian ambassadors in Colombia, France, India, Vietnam, and the Philippines. President Lenton was also a panellist at the France-Canada Chamber of Commerce (FCCCO) Future Leadership Series - *Future of Education*. These virtual meetings and events were opportunities to discuss York's ongoing academic and research partnerships, virtual learning programs and the university's continued efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of the students, faculty and staff. For information, please contact Helen Balderama ([helenb@yorku.ca](mailto:helenb@yorku.ca)) and Vinitha Gengatharan ([vinithag@yorku.ca](mailto:vinithag@yorku.ca)).

# SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE INTERNATIONALIZATION VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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# Looking Ahead

## You're Invited: Sustainable and Inclusive Internationalization Virtual Conference

York University is hosting a Virtual Conference, co-organized by York International, the UNESCO Chair in Reorienting Education Towards Sustainability and international partners, from January 20th to 22nd, 2021. The Conference will bring together "multiple voices" to discuss the evolving status of international mobility in higher education in Canada and globally, critically reflect on where we are now, and to collectively build a future vision of international mobility that is inclusive, innovative and responsive to the global sustainability challenges of our times. The Early Bird Deadline to register is December 21, 2020. To learn more and register, visit the [Conference Website](#).

## New International Indigenous Peer to Peer Virtual Exchange Program to launch in January 2021

Understanding that indigeneity extends beyond regional and domestic contexts, the International Indigenous Peer to Peer Exchange program will encourage Indigenous students to participate in cross-cultural dialogues and knowledge sharing with other Indigenous university students from around the world. Students will learn about each other's cultures, communities, traditions, and challenges in a series of facilitated informal discussions beginning January 2021. This program is funded by Universities Canada through the outbound student mobility pilot program innovation fund. To learn more about the program, visit the [Program Website](#).

## York University's Borderless Higher Education for Refugees (BHER) Virtual Colloquium explores critical issues across refugee education, anti-Black racism, and COVID-19

York University's BHER Project, Faculty of Education, and Centre for Refugee Studies present a monthly virtual colloquium series, where experts will consider the unique challenges that the twinned pandemics pose to refugee communities and educators in Canada and/or East Africa; highlight the unique knowledge that refugee communities and the educators who work with them bring to learning in situations of constraint; and offer new lenses to make meaning of our current moment. For more information, visit the [BHER website](#).

## Effective Intercultural Communication (EIC) Module

As the nature of collaborations, work, and workspaces change in the coming decades, effective intercultural communication will become essential in creating inclusive environments and enhancing cross-cultural understanding between peoples of different backgrounds and cultures. The EIC Module will provide students with a virtual opportunity to develop their intercultural competencies and skills. During International Education Week, York International and partner Faculties organised a Student Focus Group which provided an the opportunity for students to share feedback before the launch of the pan-university launch of the Module in 2021. For more information, please contact Hani El Masry ([haniem@yorku.ca](mailto:haniem@yorku.ca)) or Helen Balderama ([helenb@yorku.ca](mailto:helenb@yorku.ca)).

# Opportunities at YorkU Partners

## Invitation to Engage with the Hemispheric University Consortium (HUC) Partners

In 2019, York University joined Hemispheric University Consortium(HUC) becoming the only Canadian university member of the Consortium. HUC facilitates problem-based collaborations in education and research to generate the knowledge and solutions necessary to confronting key challenges facing the hemisphere and the globe, including: Public Health and Wellbeing, Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience, Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Innovation, Crime, Conflict, and Corruption, and Technology and Innovation for Education. For more information about HUC, connect with Helen Balderama ([helenb@yorku.ca](mailto:helenb@yorku.ca)) and visit the [HUC website](#) here.

## DAAD RISE Germany & RISE Professional Internships

RISE Germany provides 10-12 week summer research internships to undergraduate students in the lab of a German doctoral candidate. The working language in the lab is English. RISE professional is geared towards Master's and PhD-level students wanting to carry out an internship in a German workplace. Applications are due December 15, 2020. For full details and how to apply, visit [DAAD's website](#).

## Student Achievements



[Lassonde Students Global Finalists in NASA SpaceApps global hackathon for developing COVID-19 solution](#)



[Student Showcase demonstrates key lessons from the Hemispheric Student Dialogues](#)

## Events



[York's Asian Business and Management Program launched virtual programs to enhance creative thinking and innovative skills](#)



[Join BHER's next session, "Considering James Baldwin's Extracurriculars: Notes on Teaching in Dangerous Times" on January 20, 2021](#)



[VISTA Innovation and Technology Symposium brings together industry professionals and university researchers in the area of vision sciences](#)

## Mourou Strickland 2020 Mobility Program

This opportunity provided Cultural and Scientific Services French Embassy in Canada calls for researchers attached to a laboratory or department of a Canadian or French university or research center. The funding is intended to cover 1 round-trip economy-class flight Canada- France or France-Canada and contribute towards subsistence costs. Applications are due January 15, 2021. For full details and how to apply, visit the France-Canada website.



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## Fullbright Canada- Killam Fellowship Program

The Killam Fellowships Program is an excellent opportunity for your Canadian students to spend one semester or a full academic year studying at a university in the USA. The award carries a value of \$5,000 US per semester, and an allowance to offset the cost of health insurance. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2021. For more information and details, visit Fullbright Canada's website.

## National Institute of Information(NIIL) International Internship Program

In early 2020, the NIIL International Internship Program was suspended due to the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic. As a way of maintaining our engagement with partner institutions during this period of travel restrictions, NIIL launched a new initiative by which students can work remotely on research projects under the management of NIIL supervisors. Applications are due March 15, 2021. For full details and how to apply, visit the NIIL website.

## Study in Canada Scholarship Program

The Study in Canada Scholarship Program, administered by Edu Canada, provides students from post-secondary institutions located in specific eligible countries/territories with 5 to 6 month exchange opportunities for study/research in a Canadian post-secondary institution at the college, undergraduate, and graduate levels. More information and details can be found on the EduCanada website.

## Events to look forward to:

- The Association of Commonwealth Universities: The Internationalist Podcast Series
- International Association of Universities Webinar- Integrating SDGs in Higher Education
- Tecnologico de Monterrey: 7th International Conference on Educational Innovation, "Designing the Future of Education"

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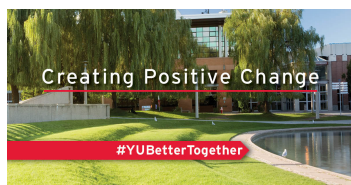
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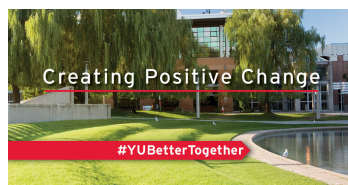
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remote learning to  
Summer 2021



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15 individuals with York  
University connections



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