



Global Opportunities e-Digest

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1. EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

1.1. IFE CONFERENCE HOSTED BY TECNOLÓGICO DE MONTERREY, MEXICO

IFE Conference by Tecnológico de Monterrey, formerly known as CIIE The Future of Education is organizing the conference: 'Empowering the Future of Education with Innovation and Technology' which will take place from 25 to 28 January 2025.

The #IFEconference experience, formerly known as #CIETec, is a space designed to immerse you in the trends and practices that are revolutionizing the world of education. It offers three days of educational innovation through keynote lectures, panels, hybrid events, special events, awards, call for papers, presentations, networking spaces, and much more. Because of the close relationship between York University and Tecnológico de Monterrey, the latter offers free registration for York University faculty to attend the conference in person in January 2025.

Location: Tec de Monterrey, Monterrey Campus, MX

Date: 25-28 January 2025

For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

1.2. WISE CONFERENCE 2015, WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR GLOBAL PROGRAMS & STUDIES, WINSTON-SALEM, NC USA

Workshop Intercultural Skills Enhancement (WISE) is the pioneering conference for faculty leaders, program coordinators, and administrators to develop the knowledge and skills needed to help students advance their intercultural awareness and competency, for abroad experiences and/or life beyond college.

The conference is designed for faculty who lead or teach programs abroad, study abroad directors and advisors, administrators and faculty who support international experiences, international student and scholar directors and advisors, and educators interested in improving the intercultural skills of students.

Location: Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC USA

Date: 20-22 February 2025

Deadline for registration: 31 January 2025 at midnight

For more information and registration, please click [here](#).

1.3. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESIGN PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES SINGAPORE AND ONLINE: CALL FOR PAPERS

LASALLE College of the Arts, University of the Arts Singapore, Faculty of Design, is hosting the 19th International Conference on Design Principles and Practices: Thinking, Learning, Doing: Plural Ways of Design.

The Design Principles & Practices Research Network offers an interdisciplinary forum to explore the meaning and purpose of design. In professional and disciplinary terms, the network traverses a broad sweep to construct a trans-disciplinary dialogue, which encompasses a wide array of design paradigms and practices. We move between theoretical reflection on the nature of design and case studies of design practice, and from research-based perspectives to the experience-based perspectives of design insiders.

The latest **deadline for proposals** is 25 January 2025.

The **deadline for registration** for the conference is 25 January 2025.

Location: Singapore
Date: February 25-27, 2025
For more information, [click here](#).

2. RESEARCH AND PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES

FOR FACULTY:

2.1. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS ACU COMMONWEALTH CLIMATE RESILIENCE NETWORK GRANTS 2024-2025

The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) calls for applications for Commonwealth Climate Resilience Challenge Grants. Grants are awarded to member universities to support initiatives addressing climate resilience.

Open to academic and professional staff, the grants support the cost of organising projects that promote either of the two main strategic priorities of the Commonwealth Climate Resilience Network (CCRN):

- Enhancing the climate resilience of universities themselves
- Enhancing universities' contribution to the resilience of communities, business and government

Ideas for using the grants

The grants can be used for a diverse range of projects, workshops and events in one of the following project focus areas:

- Improving learning, teaching, and training for climate change adaptation – e.g. virtual exchange or collaboration, teaching or professional practice collaboration and sharing and co-development of learning materials
- Increasing the research capacity of CCRN members in climate change adaptation – e.g. virtual fellowships or collaboration, comparative analyses, research management and uptake capacity building, understanding and documenting indigenous knowledge and resilience practices
- Improving institutional resilience policies and practice adopted by Commonwealth universities - e.g. developing tools, training and approaches to support contingency and continuity of operations planning at higher education institutions

To date, the grants have funded a diverse range of climate action projects in universities across the Commonwealth - from sea-temperature monitoring in the coral reefs of Fiji, to integrating indigenous knowledge on climate change adaptation with academia in New Zealand.

Value: Three grants of up to GBP 3,500 each

Deadline: 9 January 2025, 15:00 UTC

For more information, click [here](#)

2.2. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2025-2026 OBW FACULTY RESEARCH EXCHANGE

The Ontario/Baden-Württemberg Faculty Research Exchange offers grants to support research visits to universities in the German state of Baden-Württemberg by faculty members at participating Ontario universities. The main objective of the OBW FRE is to promote new collaborative research partnerships and strengthen existing partnerships between researchers in Ontario and Baden-Württemberg.

The present competition is for grants to support research stays between March 1, 2025, and April 30, 2026. OBW Faculty Research Exchange grants will support researchers for a minimum of one month and a maximum of six months at the host university. Researchers who wish to stay longer than six months are still eligible to participate, but the maximum fundable period will be restricted to six months.

Value: monthly stipend of \$1,750, plus reimbursement for relocation expenses incurred at the beginning and end of the granting period up to a maximum of \$1,750

Duration: 1 to 6 months

Deadline: Complete applications should be submitted by email and must be received by the Program Coordinator, Ms. Agnes Poleszczuk (apoleszczuk@ouinternational.ca) on or before **January 15, 2025**

For more information, [click here](#)

2.3. CALLS FOR PROPOSAL CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH (CIHR)

The [Canadian Institutes of Health Research \(CIHR\)](#) is Canada's health research investment agency, funding world-class research primarily conducted at universities and hospitals.

This research focuses on:

- Advancing the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of diseases.
- Understanding health complexities, from cellular biology to social and environmental factors.
- Strengthening the healthcare system with data and evidence-based care models.
- Developing policies and programs to enhance individual and community health.

CIHR currently has various calls for proposal, such as the Catalyst Grant: Oral Health Data Analysis and the Team Grant: Bringing Biology to Cancer Prevention.

For more information about the calls for proposal, [click here](#).

2.4. HUMBOLDT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Humboldt Research Fellowship enables conducting research at various stages of one's career in collaboration with a host at a German research institution of their choice.

Value: 2,670 euros per month

Duration: 6 to 24 months

Deadline: Anytime

For more information, [click here](#).

FOR STUDENTS:

Please note:

- All York students participating in global opportunities are required to attend the safety abroad training through York International. Please contact safetyabroad@yorku.ca to schedule.
- Graduate students should consult with their graduate program supervisors as they review the opportunities open to them.

2.5. STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT LAS NUBES – INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Study Abroad Program at Las Nubes EcoCampus offers several courses during the academic year, through which students are given an unprecedented opportunity to interact with and learn from the local rural Costa Rican communities through first-hand lessons on tropical ecology, sustainability, indigenous education, arts, health, and conservation.

The emphasis of our programs is on experiential education, building on our long-standing relationships with diverse communities and groups in Southern Costa Rica, including women's organizations, agricultural cooperatives and producers, environmental protection and social justice groups, and indigenous communities, among others.

The courses are **open to all York University undergraduate (3rd and 4th year) and graduate students.**

Important Dates & Registration Instructions

Step 1: Check your eligibility and attend an information session:

SUMMER

- January 7, 2025 | 11 AM | [Zoom registration](#)

Step 2: Save your spot

Courses are capped at 25 students. Spots are considered on a first come first serve basis.

Deadline: January 23, 2025 (Summer).

Step 3: Enroll in the course, submit forms and program fee, and attend a mandatory session

2.6. TANAKA FUND PROGRAM

The Tanaka Fund, established in 1974 through a gift exchange between Canada and Japan, promotes Japanese studies in Canadian universities. Managed by Universities Canada since 1975, it supports master's and doctoral students conducting Japan-related research in the humanities and social sciences. Grants of up to \$12,000 are available for research stays in Japan, lasting up to three months. Applications for the 2025 cycle are due by January 31, 2025.

Eligibility: Open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents pursuing master's or doctoral-level research on Japan in the humanities or social sciences. Only those working on a master's thesis or dissertation are eligible (PhD candidates are excluded).

Value: \$12,000

Duration: 3 months maximum

Deadline: January 31, 2025

For more information, [click here](#).

2.7. GOETHE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The Goethe Research Experience Program (GREP) offers fellowships to advanced undergraduate and master's students of high academic standing, providing them with the opportunity to gain cutting-edge research experience in one of Goethe University's multidisciplinary research profile areas. Through individual supervision by leading researchers, students can develop their own research networks and enhance their academic and intercultural competencies by working and studying with professionals and students from diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds.

GREP offers three intake phases per year, please see the two remaining phases for this year below:

- **Summer**
Duration: May-August
Applications open in November
Deadline: January 31, 2025
- **Fall**
Duration: October-March:
Nomination/Application date by mid/end May (TBD)

For more information, [click here](#).

3. CONTACT YORK INTERNATIONAL

For more information about these opportunities, please connect with the relevant Manager:

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