



Global Opportunities e-Digest

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1. EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

1.1. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) ACTION SUMMIT IN PARIS, 10-11 FEBRUARY 2025: CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

On 10 and 11 February 2025, France will host the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Action Summit, gathering Heads of State and Government, leaders of international organizations, small and large enterprises, representatives of academia, non-governmental organizations, artists and members of civil society. The event aims to be as inclusive as possible, with broad representation across countries and sectors.

The AI revolution is bound to transform employment, education, health, culture and economies, across the world. Building on the important milestones reached during the Bletchley Park (November 2023) and Seoul (May 2024) summits, this gathering will focus on concrete actions to ensure that the global AI sector can drive beneficial social, economic and environmental outcomes in the public interest. The Summit will address five primary themes:

- Public interest AI
- Future of Work
- Innovation and Culture
- Trust in AI
- Global governance of AI

CURRENT CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Individuals and organizations from the scientific and academic community, as well as from think tanks and civil society (NGOs, journalists, citizens, etc.) are invited to:

- Send written contributions documenting and supporting their opinions on the five themes of the Summit via this platform: <https://aisummit-expertconsultation.org>. For each theme, there are specific questions for which additional inputs would be welcome.
- Join the online interactive discussion in response to the question “How can AI be used to improve our societies and economies?” by clicking on this link: <https://aisummit-consultation.org>.

Responding to the calls will take between 10 and 20 minutes. The **deadline** for contributing on the five themes of the summit is **15 November**.

Location: Paris

Date: 10-11 February 2025

For more information on the **call for contributions**, [click here](#).

For more information on the summit [click here](#).

1.2. 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](#).

1.3. 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. FRANCE CANADA RESEARCH FUND

The France Canada Research Fund is a major instrument of Franco-Canadian scientific cooperation, created in 2000 through an agreement between the French Embassy in Canada

and a consortium of 23 Canadian universities. Laureates are awarded start-up grants of CA\$8,000 to \$15,000 to fund research and student mobility between the two countries.

- The FCRF is open to all fields of research.
- Applications must be for joint projects with a French institution.
- The FCRF only funds new collaborations, and researchers who apply must never have worked together before. It is essential that researchers include students and young researchers in their work teams.
- Member universities may submit up to five applications. Pre-selected applications are evaluated in a second phase by committees of French and Canadian experts. The FCRF Executive Committee then decides on the final allocation of grants at its annual meeting.

Deadline: November 18, 2024

Selection of grant recipients: May 2025

Apply [here](#).

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

2.2. MITACS: GLOBALINK RESEARCH AWARD (GRA) THEMATIC CALL

Call for applications to the Globalink Research Award (GRA) programs in all areas of strategic importance for the Canadian and international research communities.

The themes for this year's call are:

- **Digital and Emerging technology** (e.g. AI, Advanced Computing, Cybersecurity, Semiconductors)
- **Sustainability and Net Zero** (e.g. Electric Vehicles, Critical Minerals, Hydrogen, Energy Transition, Oceans, Clean Technology)
- **Life Sciences** (e.g. Biomanufacturing, Bioeconomy, Agri-Food, Agri-Tech, Health Sciences)
- **Humanities and Social Innovation** (open category)

Value: \$6,000

Duration: 12 to 24 weeks

Deadline: November 20, 2024

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

2.3. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2025/2027 THE DAN DAVID SOCIETY OF FELLOWS

The Dan David Society of Fellows is accepting applications for outstanding postdoctoral research in the study of the past. This two-year fellowship offers generous funding for international and Israeli scholars to conduct innovative research at Tel Aviv University, while benefiting from professional mentorship offered by faculty members.

The fellowship is open to candidates from all disciplines studying the human past, including but not limited to history, archaeology, art history, history of education, history of science, technology and medicine, physical anthropology, literature, philosophy, and digital

humanities. Applicants must have completed their PhD between October 1, 2020, and September 1, 2025.

Value: \$40,000 per year

Duration: maximum of two years

Deadline: 15 December, 2024

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

2.4. HEMISPHERIC UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM (HUC) SEED FUND: 2024 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Hemispheric University Consortium (HUC) Seed Fund aims to promote collaborative research among universities within the HUC network, fostering the creation of alliances that generate knowledge relevant to society and fund scalable projects that can secure larger competitive grants in the future. York U is the only Canadian partner/member of the Consortium.

Projects must align with HUC's thematic priorities:

- Public Health, Well-being, and Human Prosperity
- Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resilience
- Entrepreneurship and Inclusive Innovation
- Crime, Conflict, and Corruption
- Technology and Innovation for Education

Benefits and requisites:

Value: Funds projects from USD\$12,000

Duration: between 12 and 18 months

Requirements: Minimum of two HUC universities – each contributing 6K

York Institutional endorsement required. Up to 4 York proposed research projects will be funded for this pilot Call. See York U contacts below.

Timelines:

Deadline for proposal submission: December 18th, 2024

Results announcement: January 2025

Project start: March 2025

Call for Proposal: [Bases-del-Concurso-Fondo-Semilla-HUC-2024_Final.pdf](#)

Application Form: [HUC Seed Fund 2024 Call for Proposals – Application Form - Airtable](#)

For more information about the HUC Seed Fund, please click [here](#).

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2.5. 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](#)

2.6. 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](#)

2.7. 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.

2.8. 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.

Our 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

- Nov. 28, 2024 | 1 PM | [Zoom registration](#)
- January 7, 2024 | 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. The deadline is December 10, 2024 (Reading week), January 23, 2025 (Summer).

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

2.9. 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:

- **Spring**
Duration: April-September
Deadline October 31, 2024
- **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](#).

2.10. GLOBAL STUDENTS RESEARCH CONFERENCE – KING FAHD UNIVERSITY FOR PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, SAUDI-ARABIA

King Fahd University for petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM) is hosting a Global Student Research Conference (GSR 2025) for the period of February 4-6, 2025. The Global Students Research (GSR) Conference, initiated by KFUPM leaders and students, advances scientific research and its impact on various aspects of life. GSR offers a dynamic platform for diverse disciplines to collaborate, share innovative ideas, and showcase groundbreaking research. The door is currently open for receiving abstracts until November 30, 2024.

Key topics include:

- Sustainability & Environment
- Health & Biotechnology
- Industrial Innovations
- Business & Humanities

- AI & Smart Systems

What: Call for abstracts

Deadline: 30 November 2024

Dates event: 4-6 February 2025

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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