



Engaging The World Strategy

2024-28 Strategic Plan

Faculty of Health
York University

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The Faculty of Health at York University is committed to aligning its strategic priorities with the overarching vision of the university, encapsulated in the document “Engaging the World.”

Alignment of strategy is essential to ensure a cohesive approach towards global engagement, and to harmonize the objectives of the university with the unique characteristics and strengths of the Faculty of Health.

Key to having an impact in creating a positive change through global cooperation, the faculty undertakes to streamline systems to navigate the diversity of global academic opportunities in a direction that builds leaders and partners for a healthy and just 21st-century world.

York Strategic Priority areas:



EXPAND Inclusive Global and Intercultural Learning



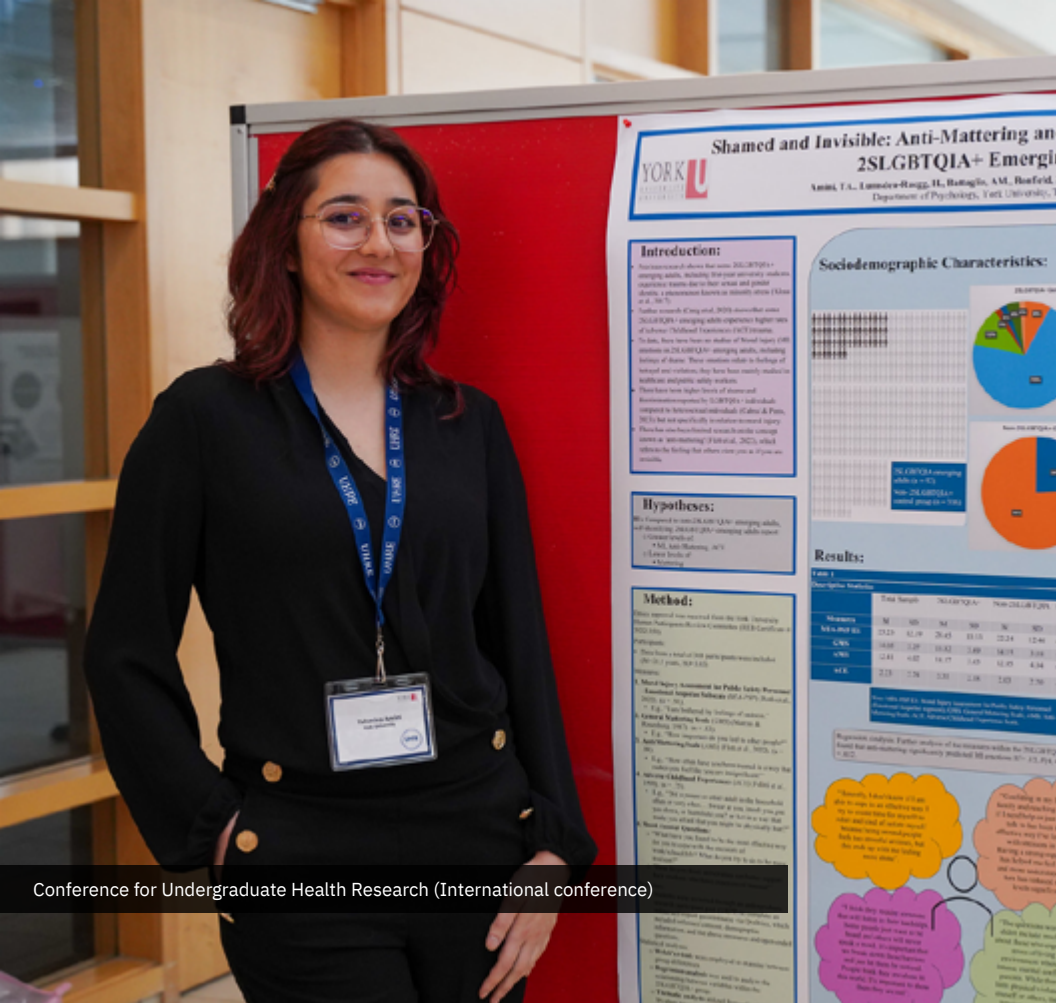
ENHANCE the Experience of International Students



ENGAGE in Global Research and Innovation



ELEVATE Global Stewardship, Partnerships, Profile, and Impact



Conference for Undergraduate Health Research (International conference)

EXPAND Inclusive Global and Intercultural Learning

Advancing Social Justice:

The Faculty of Health is dedicated to advancing accessibility, equity, inclusivity, and truth and reconciliation. These principles are embedded in our academic and research programs, creating an environment that fosters global and intercultural learning.

Key Activities:

The “Global Learning” website launched in September 2023 serves as a hub for showcasing various global engagement opportunities, and fostering awareness of potential for engagement among students, faculty, and the global community. The site features activities and partnerships supported by the faculty of health such as:

Faculty-Led International Programs

Symposia & Conferences

Collaborative Programs with Global Partners

Summer Programs Hosted by Partners

Student Exchanges

Faculty Bootcamps

Practicum and Internships

Globally Networked Learning



World Health Assembly Simulation (WHA-SIM 2024)

Objectives & Outcomes to EXPAND inclusive global and intercultural learning



Promote internationalization of curricula and pedagogy

Global Learning Website:

In line with the university's priority to EXPAND inclusive global and intercultural learning, the Faculty of Health's global learning website showcases various global engagement opportunities fostering awareness among students, faculty, and the global community.

Outcomes

- Faculty supported and led programming increasing access to health courses for students and engagement of York faculty in global programming – embeds intercultural, cross-cultural, and international perspectives into academic programs.
- Established mechanism to promote select global partner programs – expands outbound global learning programs with partnership focus – embeds global fluency within the student experience while supporting equitable partnership



Lower barriers to international experiences, create diverse options and emphasize positive value.

Addressing barriers identified by students based on the results from an annual “Grow Global Survey.”

Outcomes

- Increase in uptake of students in outbound international programs (both for Faculty programs and York International)
- Promoting existing funding resources for application to academic programs (e.g. fellowships, research programs, partner supported scholarships etc.)

ENHANCE the Experience of International Students

Creating Opportunity for Student Engagement and Impact:

The Faculty of Health recognizes the importance of providing international students with a supportive and inclusive environment. Through enhanced access, meaningful community engagement, and experiential learning, we aim to ensure a positive and enriching experience for all students.

Key Activities:

The Faculty of Health coordinates with and supports the York International Office to promote and enhance the international student experience. The International Student and Scholar Services Team supports international student success by offering expert non-academic programs and services, and by fostering a dynamic global community. The Faculty of Health further supports international student experience at the faculty level through:

Student success programs offered through Calumet & Stong Colleges

Experiential education (EE) opportunities provide international students with opportunities to create community connections



Objectives & Outcomes to ENHANCE the experience of international students



Create a supportive, inclusive environment of mutual learning between international and local students

Calumet and Stong Colleges Student Success Programs.

Outcomes

- Increase social and cultural programming to foster dialogue between domestic and international students.
- Provides academic, language and mental health programming to enable student success



ENGAGE in Global Research and Innovation

Amplify Research Impact:

The Faculty of Health is committed to being at the forefront of health research, education, and practice. Our global engagement strategy includes fostering collaboration and innovation, ensuring our research has a far-reaching impact from local to global contexts.

Key Activities:

A review of investigator-driven research partnerships (industry, hospital, academic, government, etc.) will identify our internationally networked clusters of research excellence and form the basis of a global research impact directory by sub-discipline. Outreach will focus on the engagement of:



Objectives & Outcomes to ENGAGE in global research and innovation



Strengthen and scale the development of networked research clusters. Results and impact driven research.

Global research impact directory by sub- discipline fostering awareness of global partnerships among faculty and researchers.

Outcomes

- Organize and identify areas of priority for sustainable impact in research expertise.
- Strengthen collaborations and engagement with partners.
- Strengthen engagement with Global South
- Generate more external funding to grow impact and attract top talent



ELEVATE Global Stewardship, Partnerships, Profile, and Impact

Partnering for Positive Change:

Strengthening ethical, respectful, collaborative, and reciprocal relations aligns with the global stewardship goals of the university. Through partnerships with governments, health organizations, community groups, and alumni, the Faculty of Health contributes to positive global change.

Key Activities include:

Sharing student success stories through website, and social media platforms, as well as the Impact Report.

Alumni outreach and engagement planning

An additional strategic direction of the Faculty of Health emphasizes

Seeing, Hearing, and Supporting Each Other:

The creation of a healthy learning, teaching, researching, and working environment is a key aspect of the Faculty of Health's strategy, promoting positive organizational policies, culture, and supportive practices that resonate with the university's global engagement priorities.

“Getting the chance to experience a different side of healthcare through the unique courses at King’s College London has introduced me to a new perspective that has enhanced my experience as an undergrad in Global Health”

Emery Alday: Bachelor of Science, Global Health
(Exchange at King’s College London, UK)

“Gaining a perspective on my psychology studies from a different corner of the world, I learned how these subjects in psychology are uniquely perceived across various global contexts”

TréAnn Billings-Shaw: Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
(Exchange to Brunel University, UK)



Objectives & Outcomes to ELEVATE global stewardship, partnerships, profile and impact >>>

Develop a robust communication and engagement strategy

Recognition of student success – stories. Alumni outreach and engagement planning

Outcomes

- Recognize global engagement efforts and impact of students to enhance York’s profile.
- Connecting with York’s network of alumni to feature stories and identify opportunities for future engagement



Harmonizing for a Global Impact

In conclusion, the integration of “Engaging the World” into the Faculty of Health’s strategic plan harmonizes with the broader vision of York University.

This alignment not only contributes significantly to the university’s mission but also strengthens the global impact of the Faculty of Health in advancing social justice, fostering student engagement, amplifying research impact, partnering for positive change, and supporting a healthy community within the academic and research spaces.

Through this concerted effort, the faculty is actively participating in the shared mission to engage meaningfully with the world and make a positive difference.