

# School of Public Policy and Administration

## NEWSLETTER

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York University's School of Public Policy and Administration is Canada's research and teaching leader in the area of public sector ethics and accountability.

**On October 21 at 11:30am, our School will welcome Canada's Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner (CIEC) Mario Dion to give a guest lecture in our AP/PPAS 4190 3.0 Ethics and the Public Service course.**

Mario Dion became Canada's CIEC on January 9, 2018. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Dion served as Chairperson of the National Parole Board from 2006 to 2009, as Commissioner of Public Sector Integrity from 2011 to 2014, and as Chairperson of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada from 2015 to 2018. Commissioner Dion's tenure as CIEC has been a busy one. Taking office less than one month after (former) Commissioner Dawson released "The Trudeau Report" (which represents the first time that a sitting Prime Minister has been found in violation of the *Conflict of Interest Act*), Commissioner Dion has since investigated several MPs and public office holders, including the Prime Minister

Please consider joining us for this special event, which will include a question and answer period with the Commissioner.

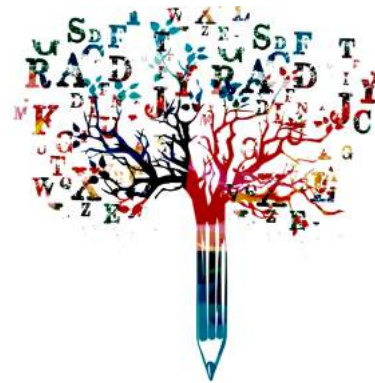
**RSVP required, please register here:**

<https://laps.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=675965>

### The School of Public Policy and Administration & Public Policy and Administration Student Association Present: HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST

#### WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR CANADA?

Share your ideas about what the priorities for public policy and administration should be and how you would go about implementing them as future leaders



**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA** - High school students in grades 10-12 are invited to participate. Individual submissions or co-authored essays by up to 3 authors will be considered. The essays should be 500-1000 words (1-2 pages) in length.

**PRIZES AVAILABLE** - The authors of the three highest ranked essays, along with their parent(s) or other designated guest(s), will be invited to the **virtual School's annual Student, Alumni and Community Recognition Awards Dinner on November 26, 2020**. **The essay winners will also receive a monetary reward:** \$200 for the 1st place, \$150 for the 2nd place and \$100 for the 3rd place.

**PROCESS** - A group of faculty, current students and alumni from the School of Public Policy and Administration will review the essays and nominate 3 winners. Essays can be submitted online at <http://bit.do/SPPAessay> **no later than October 26, 2020**.

**Please help spread the word about our high school essay contest on social media:**  
<http://sppa.laps.yorku.ca/students/high-school-essay-contest/> and @YorkUSPPA

Should you have any questions about the essay contest, please contact us at **(416) 736-5384** or [lapssppa@yorku.ca](mailto:lapssppa@yorku.ca).

## York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network

Introduces the YUSPPAAN Student Ambassadors for the 2020-2021 Academic Year!

### MPPAL Student Ambassadors

#### **Khadeja Elsibai**

Khadeja is a first-year part-time MPPAL student. She is a Bankruptcy Analyst at the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy (OSB), a regulatory body in the department of Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada and holds an order-in-council appointment as an Official Receiver pursuant to subsection 12(2) of the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act. She is a graduate of York University's Bachelor of Public Administration program. In her free time, she volunteers with IPAC Toronto Region's New Professionals team and is involved with initiatives at Founders College.



#### **Eva Fok**

My name is Eva Fok and I am one of the Student Ambassadors of YUSPPAAN. I am currently a 1<sup>st</sup>-year student in the MPPAL program. I am a Chartered Professional Accountant and very passionate about my work at the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Colleges and Universities in the Ontario Public Service. I am also a believer of life-long learning and sharing. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking and working on my next art project. Looking forward to meeting you!



### Undergraduate Student Ambassadors

#### **Fizza Akhta**

My name is Fizza Akhtar, I am a 3rd year student in the Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) Honours program specializing in law, justice and public policy. While I was looking through various universities and programs, this program seemed just the right fit for me being a transfer law student from Pakistan. The School of Public Policy and Administration has been extremely welcoming and helpful in my transition here at York and has provided me with a great insight into the public sector in Canada. I have always been passionate about law and governance and wish to pursue a career in public policy. I am excited to be a student ambassador for York University School of Public Policy and Administration Alumni Network (YUSPPAAN) and look forward to this welcoming opportunity of collaborating with a hardworking and motivational team.



#### **Abdur Rahman Ouzeri**

My name is Abdur Rahman Ouzeri. I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Law and Society and Public Administration student at York University. I have been a part of the School of Public Policy and Administration community for the last three years. I have served in multiple positions with the Public Policy and Administration Students Association for 2 years, including as junior ambassador and as the Director of Internal Affairs. The skills and education that I have acquired in the public administration program and as a volunteer has enabled me to further my engagement in advocacy and community relations, and in both the public and private sectors.

# 2020 GTA Employer Survey

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to an unpredictable period in our economy and local labour market. Businesses and workers face an unsettled and uncertain future. This survey seeks the expertise of employers, such as you, so that we can form an evidence-based view of the impact to employment in Peel and Halton over the near term as a result of COVID-19.

The 2020 GTA Employer Survey is sponsored by the Peel Halton Workforce Development Group, with the support of over 40 partners, including local regional and municipal governments, local chambers of commerce, community colleges, employment services agencies and other community organizations.

This is the 10th year that we are administering an employer survey. In recent years, we have typically received over 500 employer responses, resulting in a robust sample representing a wide cross-section of businesses, by industry and by number of employees.

The purpose of the survey is to learn about the impact and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic/lockdown on your workforce and about your recruitment and training needs.

You will have an opportunity to request a copy of the survey results at the end of this survey.

Please contribute to our ability to meet the workforce needs of our local community by completing this survey as your input is valuable in gaining a better understanding of our current local labour market.

For more labour market information and support please check out our social media:

LinkedIn: [Working in Peel Halton \(WIPH\)](#)

Twitter: [WorkPeelHalton](#)

Facebook: [Working in Peel Halton](#)

## How long is the survey?

This survey has 22 questions and should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.



## Who should complete it?

We are looking for feedback from business owners, operators or management executives with knowledge of the organization's operations and forecasts.



## Preview questions

Please refer to attached PDF to preview questions beforehand.



## Deadline

Please complete the survey by Friday October 9th, 2020.



## Need assistance?

Please contact us by email at [mdasilva@peelhaltonlepc.com](mailto:mdasilva@peelhaltonlepc.com) if you would prefer to have someone ask you the questions directly or need any other assistance.



Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7JHR37>

CONTEMPORARY KANATA

We are a new undergraduate journal affiliated with the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, aiming to publish quality research in the social sciences and humanities about Canada. Our larger project involves efforts to decolonize knowledge and scholarship within the field of Canadian Studies, and we hope to publish pieces and articles that reflect the perspectives of marginalized voices. Currently we are seeking submissions of article abstracts from undergraduate students and scholars at York University that reflect an interest to publish in our inaugural Spring 2021 issue. Interested parties should please send their abstract by October 26th to contemporarykanata@gmail.com.

These abstracts should ideally include a clear research question that the article hopes to resolve or in some way address, at least three scholarly texts that will be drawn on to posit the arguments to be made, as well as ideas about the praxis considerations, or the value and importance of the research being undertaken. Submissions should not have names or any identifying information on them.

We look forward to reviewing submissions from a wide range of disciplines that have Canada as a unit or point of analysis. We encourage as well work that draws on essays submitted in class.



**The 2020-2021 York Circle @ Home Lecture Series**

Hosted by Dr. Rebecca Pillai Riddell, Academic Chair of The York Circle, this virtual lecture series will showcase York's leading faculty members—from policy makers to molecular scientists—to engage in lively panel discussions and Q&A sessions on key themes related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The series will be held over four sessions throughout the year.

**Session 2: COVID-19 vaccine: Production, policy, politics**

**Date:** Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020 | 10-11:30am ET  
Full list of panelists and event description will be shared shortly.

[Click here to RSVP now.](#)





## [Policy Development Officer SSHA - City of Toronto](#)

Shelter Support and Housing Administration is looking for a Policy Development Officer to support divisional priorities. Reporting to the Manager, Strategic Programs, focused on Business Practice Modernization, the Policy Development Officer has varying responsibilities including developing strategic and operational policies; strategies and program evaluations for the housing and homelessness service delivery system and leading stakeholder engagement.

## [Support Assistant B – City of Toronto](#)

Shelter Support and Housing Administration is looking for a Support Assistant to provide various administrative tasks to senior management staff within the Manager's portfolio for all sites, including collecting, tracking and processing of various documents and locating/extracting and consolidating information required in reports and correspondence. The successful incumbent will also perform varied administrative tasks involving the preparation, research, summary and reconciliation of data and the control and expedition of documents, data, revenues and cash.

## [Senior Manager, Public Policy Lead - Deloitte Future of Canada Centre](#)

Are you passionate about making an impact on the future of our country? Is public policy your jam? This is the role for you! As a Senior Manager you will work with leadership and the Director of the Future of Canada Centre to develop and implement strategies to ensure Deloitte is a leading voice on the policy issues that matter to the firm, our clients and the future of the country. You will oversee the development of policy positions, advise leadership on priorities, and cultivate relationships with external stakeholders. You will lead a team in analyzing and identifying emerging issues and their implications, and supporting engagement by Deloitte leaders in policy dialogues. Finally, you will engage with counterparts across the Deloitte member firm network to share best practices, knowledge and insights, and identify opportunities to align priorities.

## [Economist Analyst - Ontario Chamber of Commerce](#)

The OCC is looking for a candidate who brings a solid understanding of applied economics and Ontario public policy and public accounting, as well as advanced written and oral communication skills. The Economic Analyst will both lead and collaborate on the development and execution of principled, evidence-based public policy projects through research, analysis, writing, and public-facing presentations. In this role, the Analyst will contribute to the development of non-partisan public policy positions that reflect the will and direction of the OCC's member businesses and its network of local chambers of commerce and boards of trade. In doing so, this individual will help the OCC deliver tangible results to its membership. The OCC is looking for a candidate who brings a solid understanding of applied economics and Ontario public policy and public accounting, as well as advanced written and oral communication skills. The Economic Analyst will both lead and collaborate on the development and execution of principled, evidence-based public policy projects through research, analysis, writing, and public-facing presentations. In this role, the Analyst will contribute to the development of non-partisan public policy positions that reflect the will and direction of the OCC's member businesses and its network of local chambers of commerce and boards of trade.

## [Director of Policy & Communications - Philanthropic Foundations Canada](#)

PFC is looking for a Director of Policy and Communications! This person will be responsible for devising and implementing a coherent PFC advocacy strategy on issues related to the effectiveness, impact and regulatory framework for philanthropy. This will include leading government relations, eliciting broad members and community engagement, developing strategic insights, and steering robust, timely and effective communications efforts.

## [Senior Analyst, Regulatory Affairs - Scotts Miracle-Gro](#)

Here at Scotts Miracle-Gro there is no such thing as a typical day. Our culture is constantly energized by new and exciting growth opportunities and at a rapid pace. Every Associate plays an important role in providing innovative solutions for today's gardeners and growers and contributing new ideas to improve operations. In our company you need grit, it is what we were founded on over 150 years ago and is what keeps us growing. Regardless of your level in the organization there is a platform for your voice to be heard and the ability to influence change. Family, community and hard working values are weaved into all that we do. Come grow with us, where we develop and nurture the next generation of leaders.

## [Senior Consultant \[3 positions!\] - Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture](#)

Are you interested in rolling up your sleeves in a collaborative and fluid environment to provide a full range of management consulting services, project leadership and expertise across MHSTCI and its related agencies? Are you interested in supporting transformational change across the ministry, ensuring alignment with government strategic goals and priorities? Are you resilient and adaptable? Comfortable with ambiguity? Curious and imaginative? Empathetic? Entrepreneurial? Outcomes and action orientated? Do you excel in a team? If so, then consider this role with the Transformation and Delivery Office, where you will act as a lead senior consultant on multiple, concurrent, complex priority transformation projects to meet the ministry's transformational change objectives and government priorities. You will join a team that is front and centre on the delivery of key government transformation projects, including the redevelopment of the Ontario Place site. 3 roles: 2 12-month positions, 1 24-month position.

## [Government Relations Consultant - Crestview Strategy](#)

Crestview is looking for someone with a strong background in civic, political or issue related public affairs/someone who has spent time working in government to work as a GR consultant. Looking for someone with 5-10 years political project management experience and who has worked with major public policy files.

## [Strategic Projects Lead - Palette Skills](#)

Palette Skills is looking for a Strategic Projects Lead to work directly with the Executive Director to help manage the day to day work on government relations, strategy, research development and more. The ideal candidate is someone with strong project management skills, excellent writer, strategic thinker/tactical actor, with an interest in current events and/or public policy.

## [Public Policy Consultant, Anti-Racism - Toronto Transit Commission](#)

Provides key leadership for the integration and application of an anti-racism and anti-Black racism lens to systems, policies, and practices at the TTC. This position will support and advance the TTC's Anti-Racism Strategy and the City of Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism, for greater racial equity, transparency and accountability at the TTC. This role will contribute strong analytical and conceptual thinking, research skills and expertise in stakeholder engagement to a smart, dynamic racial equity team.

## [Manager, System Service Planning - Community Living Toronto](#)

Community Living Toronto is seeking a smart, diplomatic, savvy policy and project management leader to help build bridges between nearly 30 agencies in Toronto supporting people with developmental disabilities. This is a great opportunity to get lots of experience and exposure to many players in a large and growing sector, including working closely with government partners.

**POSTING: CASUAL; TERM CONTRACT- Winter 2021**

**Strategic Policy and Research & Content Policy  
Broadcasting, Copyright, and Creative Marketplace Branch  
Cultural Affairs Sector  
Canadian Heritage**

This is a posting for three positions within Broadcasting, Copyright, and Creative Marketplace (BCCM) Branch. BCCM supports marketplace conditions for a strong, innovative and competitive cultural sector. This is accomplished through measures that foster the creation of and access to diverse Canadian cultural content on multiple platforms that is valued at home and abroad. It is responsible for policy development and advice to ensure a responsive legislative and policy framework in support of Canada's cultural sector and the role it plays in enriching the cultural, political, social and economic fabric of Canada. These positions would provide a great opportunity for those who want to help launch a multi-year Indigenous engagement strategy to revitalize the broadcasting and audiovisual system, co-develop policy options with Indigenous Peoples, conduct research and outreach, and meaningfully respond to the Calls to Action.

**Description of Position:**

Working under the supervision of the Manager of Strategic Policy and Research, and the Manager of Content Policy, you will:

- Develop and maintain an engagement strategy with Indigenous audiovisual creators;
- Take concrete steps toward reconciliation;
- Conduct research and analysis on issues related to the audiovisual, broadcasting and digital media industries, with a focus on diversity and inclusion;
- Co-develop policy options to meaningfully remove barriers to Indigenous Peoples and revitalize the Canadian audiovisual system; and,
- Work in a safe Digital Environment.

**Essential Qualifications:**

- Currently enrolled/or completed an undergraduate program in a field relevant to the position (ex: Political Science, Public Administration, Indigenous Studies, Canadian Studies, Cinema, Audiovisual, Communications, etc.).
- Must be a Canadian citizen.
- Must have excellent Microsoft Office skills.
- Must have excellent research and analysis skills.
- Must have strong communication skills (oral and written).
- Experience in building and maintaining partnerships and networks with internal and/or external stakeholders.

**Language requirements:**

- Competence in one of Canada's official languages is essential (reading, writing and comprehension).
- Ability to speak or write in the other official language will be considered an asset.
- Ability to speak in an Indigenous language will be considered an asset.

**Security Clearance:**

Minimum of Enhanced reliability is required.

**Qualifications and skills that are considered assets:**

- Priority will be given to Indigenous Peoples for these positions in order to enable the sector to further its Reconciliation efforts;
- Master's Degree in a field relevant to the position;
- Creative industry experience (i.e., audiovisual sector) in the private sector;
- Good organizational skills and attention to detail;
- Ability to multi-task and to manage multiple initiatives and deadlines; and,
- Relevant work experience, including with the Government of Canada.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and 1-10 page writing sample to [lisa.gotlieb@canada.ca](mailto:lisa.gotlieb@canada.ca) by October 23, 2020. At this stage, writing samples are intended to demonstrate a candidate's ability to write clearly and succinctly. Those selected for an interview will be contacted after the closing date.



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