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## [News, Updates, Publications](#)

### [Room Booking & Study Spaces at The Harriet Tubman Institute \(Third Floor, York Lanes, Keele Campus\)](#)

Resource Room (314 York Lanes) – cap. 30  
Study Room (316 York Lanes) – cap. 1  
Meeting Room (332 York Lanes) – cap. 4  
Graduate Caucus Study Rooms (325 & 327 York Lanes) (for HTI Research Associates only)  
Open study space (does not require a booking)

Open weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm. After hour access requires a YU Card.

The Resource Room Booking form can be found [here](#). All other booking requests can be sent to [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca) with your name, date, and time of the request in the subject line.

### [In-Kind Support for Postdoctoral Fellows](#)

The Harriet Tubman Institute is pleased to offer services and support to prospective, incoming, and current Postdoctoral Fellows at York University. This support may look different for each researcher and their different types of research, but can include:

- Office/project space
- Event/workshop space
- Presenting research at Tubman Talks
- Presenting research at Tubman's International Conferences
- Publications in Tubman's Journal for Africa and African Diasporic Studies (JAADS)
- Mentorship and networking.

Please reach out for more information and if you have any questions: [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca).

Postdoctoral Fellowship opportunities:

[Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition 2024-2025](#)

The Faculty of Graduate Studies at York University has launched the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships call for the 2024-2025 Cycle. Please see the attached memo for details. Valued at \$70,000 per year for two years.

[SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships: September 2023 Competition](#)

Value: \$70,000 per year

Duration: 2 years

Application deadline: September 12, 2024

Results announced: February 2025

Read more [here](#).

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## [Tubman Events](#)

No upcoming events. Tubman Talks will return Fall 2024. Stay tuned for more updates!

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## [Upcoming York Events and News](#)

[Updated registration link: Professor Natasha L. Henry-Dixon, "On Black Canadian Studies: A View through Ontario's Black History" \(June 14, 2024/ 5PM\)](#)

Join the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies on Friday June 14 at 5PM for the Robarts Centre Keynote at the 2024 International Council for Canadian Studies AGM.

Professor Natasha L. Henry-Dixon

"On Black Canadian Studies: A View through Ontario's Black History"

519 Kaneff Tower, York University

5PM ET

This is a hybrid event:

To attend online register at: [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwpuqqqjsvE9eXg\\_QxKhd9yTAbYWTURKET#/registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwpuqqqjsvE9eXg_QxKhd9yTAbYWTURKET#/registration)

To attend in person, register by June 10 at [icccsciec@yorku.ca](mailto:icccsciec@yorku.ca)

YORK'S BIG THINKING  
LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS

# ON BLACK CANADIAN STUDIES: A VIEW THROUGH ONTARIO'S BLACK HISTORY

BY  
NATASHA L. HENRY-DIXON

FRIDAY  
JUNE 14,  
2024  
START 5 PM  
519 Kaneff Tower, York University

Based on her dedication to centre the lives of Black people in documenting and reclaiming Canadian history, Dr. Henry-Dixon will reflect on the place of Black Canadian Studies in shaping the future of the Study of Canada, from a critical, collaborative and interdisciplinary perspective.

Speaking about her experience researching Black Canadian history and the knowledge gaps still present in understanding Black life in Canada she will put forth strategies and priorities to support a deeper study of Canadian history that critically recognizes the Black presence. In doing so, she will reflect on the history of Black Canadian Studies, on how the field resonates internationally, and the future possibilities for growth and sustainability.

Dr. Henry-Dixon is Assistant Professor of African Canadian History at York University, well known for work related to Black History in Ontario.

REGISTER ONLINE

OR

To register for in-person attendance: Email [lccas@yorku.ca](mailto:lccas@yorku.ca) by June 10, 2024

**ROBARTS**  
ROBARTS RECONNECTS AT THE SCDS

## Register for the 2024 International Canadian Studies Summit

Date: June 10-14, 2024

Location:

[Register here](#)

Full program attached in EN and FR.

The Robarts Centre will be co-hosting the 2024 International Summit for Canadian Studies with the International Council for Canadian Studies and the Avie Bennett Historica Canada Chair in Canadian History. The Summit includes the 2024 Critical Canadian Studies Summer School and will take place online between 10-14 June 2024.

I would like to invite you to attend the Summit and the public events of the Summer School. The full Summit program is attached (in English and in French). In it, you will find a detailed description of each session and information on how to register for each of them.

Please feel free to share this program in your networks.

Looking forward to seeing many of you online in June!

Jean Michel

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## Other Events

There are no upcoming external events to share. Check in next week.

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## Research Hub

### SSHRC Connection Grants

Upcoming Deadline: June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Value: Events: \$7,000 to \$25,000; Outreach activities: \$7,000 to \$50,000; higher amounts can be considered if well justified.

Duration: 1 year

Read more [here](#).

### Early Researcher Award Competition: Application Process & Timelines

Please note the Round 18 competition for the [Early Researcher Award](#) has launched with an agency deadline of July 25, 2024.

Again this year, researchers will be required to submit an Internal Notice of Intent and to submit the [Ontario Research Fund Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk Checklist](#).

Please note: The Internal Notice of Intent form, Application Form and detailed program guidance is attached to this email.

### BACKGROUND

The Early Researcher Award (ERA) program helps promising, recently-appointed Ontario researchers build their research teams of undergraduates, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, research assistants, associates, and technicians. The goal of the program is to improve Ontario's ability to attract and retain the best and brightest research talent.

The Early Researcher Awards is open to all disciplines.

The funds are to be used over a period of five years to fund eligible expenses for a research team.

### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The ERA program is open on a competitive basis to researchers who:

are full-time faculty or principal investigators who, at the application deadline, are based at an eligible institution ([see detailed guidelines](#));

have started their academic career on or after January 1, 2018; and have completed their first Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree, Medical Doctor or terminal degree on or after January 1, 2013.

These timelines may be extended in the case of eligible career interruptions:

Section 9d of the application allows the applicant to provide the review panel with details on interruptions or delays. Failure to provide information will result in the application being deemed ineligible.

Industry positions, research associate positions and post-doctoral fellowships are not considered eligible interruptions.

Continued education, required training (e.g. medical training and fellowships), and parental leave are considered eligible interruptions, but must be clearly described in section 9d of the application. Specific dates are required. Failure to provide information will result in the application being deemed ineligible. Extension of eligibility is calculated at a 1:1 replacement (i.e., 300 days of leaves extends eligibility by only 300 days).

Note: Section 9d of the application should also be used to clearly explain, where applicable, how any previously held positions should NOT be considered as independent academic research appointments for the purposes of eligibility.

### VALUE

Each award is a maximum of \$100,000 and must be matched by an additional \$50,000 from the researcher's Faculty or the private sector. In addition, up to \$40,000 will be provided to the researcher's Faculty by the Ministry for indirect costs.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

ERA applications will be evaluated based on four weighted criteria:

Excellence of the Researcher (40%)

The applications will be ranked as exceptional, excellent, very strong, strong, moderate, or insufficient on these four weighted criteria.

It is suggested that applicants be within the last two years of the program's eligibility window to be genuinely competitive.

**YOUTH RESEARCH & INNOVATION OUTREACH**

Applicants are required to undertake annual youth outreach activities that primarily target high-school, middle school and elementary school students. Up to 1% (equivalent to \$1,000) of the funding provided by the government may be used for eligible expenses for developing and delivering youth outreach activities, including consumable supplies (e.g., materials for crafts, lab supplies). Funding provided by the institution and/or partner organization may not be used for youth outreach. Activities associated with youth outreach are to be undertaken during each year of the project.

TIMELINES	
Monday, June 17, 2024	ORS Deadline: Faculties to submit internal notice of intent. Submit to the SIRI team, <a href="mailto:siri@yorku.ca">siri@yorku.ca</a> . Faculty research officers should complete the outreach to referees on behalf of the applicants, with a copy to <a href="mailto:siri@yorku.ca">siri@yorku.ca</a> . See application form and full call guidance for letter instructions.
Monday, July 8, 2024	Three (3) signed letters of reference due: Electronic letters of reference are recommended Letters must be sent directly to York's Office of Research Services (ORS) at <a href="mailto:siri@yorku.ca">siri@yorku.ca</a> . Letters should be received by ORS by Monday, July 8 to allow sufficient time to finalize applications. Applicants must NOT be cc'ed or have access to letters. The letters should be addressed to: Early Researcher Awards Program Science and Research Branch Ministry of Colleges and Universities 315 Front Street West, 16th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 0B8 If a referee prefers to submit an original, signed letter in hard copy, please contact the SIRI team.
Monday, July 15, 2024	Completed Applications with the following documents are due to ORS via email to <a href="mailto:siri@yorku.ca">siri@yorku.ca</a> : One copy of the <b>ERA application form only</b> in a PDF document (with appendices properly linked). A PDF copy of the completed Mitigating Economic and Geopolitical Risk Checklist and Risk Attestation form. Faculty memo confirming the commitment of matched funds and indicating the source of those funds. A completed ORS checklist with appropriate Faculty signatures.
Thursday, July 25, 2024 @5pm	Agency Deadline (SIRI submits)

NOTE: The application must be submitted to the Ministry by the Office of Research Services on behalf of applicants.

**APPLICATION SUPPORT SERVICES**

Research Commons and the SIRI team will be holding an internal information session on May 23rd from 1-2:30pm to review the internal timeline and provide tips for ERA applications from staff, award holders and past reviewers. Register here: [https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYvf-uprwoGtX1VawtsJZ3faLyUeMyJhSf#registration](https://yorku.zoom.us/j/9681111111).

Faculties will lead the development of nominations, and as such applicants are encouraged to contact their Faculty Research Offices regarding application support. The Strategic and Institutional Research Initiatives (SIRI) Unit at ORS will coordinate submission of the Full Applications, receive reference letters, and secure any required institutional signatures.

As well, to help support the nomination development process, SIRI and Research Commons will coordinate a mentorship program that engages previous York-based ERA and Premier's Research Excellence Award recipients. However, mentorship will only be provided on a demand basis at the request of the Faculty, and should target high potential applicants. If applicants are interested in utilizing this support, Faculty Research Offices should contact SIRI at [siri@yorku.ca](mailto:siri@yorku.ca) to initiate the process.

Finally, please note that all nominations should be directed through Faculties, not Organized Research Units (ORUs), given the Award's focus on graduate student support. However, ORUs are asked to ensure that their membership is made aware of the Award and to encourage interested members to pursue the opportunity, if applicable.

**QUESTIONS**

Call details can be found at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/early-researcher-awards>.

If you have any questions, please contact Abby Vogus, SIRI Specialist, at [avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca). Please refrain from writing directly to the Ministry as they request ORS to coordinate questions and will re-direct questions to ORS.

**2025 NSERC Prizes**

Each fall (previously each spring), the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council \(NSERC\)](https://www.nserc.ca/) celebrates exceptional examples of research excellence with a wide range of prizes, including:

**[Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering](#)**

The Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering is awarded annually to an individual whose body of work, conducted in Canada in the natural sciences or engineering, has demonstrated persistent excellence and influence. Prize: Medal and up to \$1 million for personal university-based research or to direct in some way, such as establishment of scholarships or research chairs in their name.

**[NSERC John C. Polanyi Award](#)**

Created in 2006, the NSERC John C. Polanyi Award is given to an individual or team whose research, conducted in Canada, has led to a recent outstanding advance in any NSERC-supported field of the natural sciences or engineering. Prize: \$250,000 research grant.

**[Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering](#)**

The Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering recognizes outstanding Canadian teams of researchers from different disciplines who came together to engage in research drawing on their combined knowledge and skills, and produced a record of excellent achievements in the natural sciences and engineering. Prize: \$250,000 team research grant.

**[NSERC Donna Strickland Prize for Societal Impact of Natural Science and Engineering Research](#)**

The NSERC Donna Strickland Prize for Societal Impact of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research is awarded annually to an individual or team whose outstanding research has led to exceptional benefits for Canadian society, the environment and/or the economy. Prize: \$250,000 research grant.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates may be nominated by any individual or group. See individual calls for more details.

**ANTICIPATED DEADLINES**

The call for nominations for the Brockhouse, Gerhard Herzberg, John C. Polanyi, and Donna Strickland will be posted in August. Please check the program websites at that time for any changes to the deadlines or program details.

SUPPORT

If you are interested in nominating or being nominated for one of these NSERC Prizes, please contact your Faculty Research Office or Abby Vogus in the Strategic and Institutional Research Initiatives team ([avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca)) to discuss the nomination requirements and available supports. Interested nominators or nominees are encouraged to start the nomination process early and access available supports given the competitiveness of these awards.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the relevant call information at the NSERC website: [https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Prizes-Prix/Index\\_eng.asp](https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Prizes-Prix/Index_eng.asp).

Please note the [Synergy Award for Innovation](#) and the [Arthur B. McDonald Fellowships](#) have separate deadlines and internal processes. Speak to your Faculty Research Officer or SIRI Specialist Abby Vogus ([avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca)) for more information.

CIHR Team Grants: Healthy Youth (2024)

Building on almost a decade of federal investment in youth health and well-being, the purpose of this funding opportunity is to support research teams that bring evidence to at least two of the six youth-identified priorities of Canada's Youth Policy to inform meaningful change that improves youth health and well-being. The six priority areas are: Leadership and Impact; Health and Wellbeing; Innovation, Skills and Learning; Employment; Truth and Reconciliation; Environment and Climate Action.

This funding opportunity is a direct response to calls for Canada to do better when it comes to youth health and wellness, particularly with historically excluded or underrepresented youth and to put diverse youth and youth voices at the centre of multi-dimensional solutions to youth-identified priorities. While Canada offers some of the best economic, environmental, and social conditions for growing up, UNICEF reports that Canada ranked 30th out of 38 wealthy countries for children and youth physical health and survival, 28th out of 39 countries on children's environmental conditions and well-being, and 33rd out of 39 countries for children and youth being overweight. The report cards also show that health and well-being are unevenly distributed among children and youth in Canada, with a greater risk of illness falling on those most marginalized by income, race, and disability. These Healthy Youth Team Grants are part of the Healthy Youth Initiative that strives to bring research evidence to policy to make meaningful change in youth health and wellness.

Objectives:

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to:

- Create new knowledge through youth-led and/or youth-engaged research to improve the health and well-being of youth in Canada.
- Enhance interdisciplinary, cross-sectoral, and multi-systems approaches to youth health research and knowledge mobilization to strengthen research, shape policy, and support the relevance and uptake of research evidence.
- Increase capacity for youth-led and/or youth-engaged research, including researcher career pathways and among youth from a diversity of backgrounds to improve efficiency, amplify impact, and nurture a thriving, inclusive, and equitable health research environment.
- Strengthen research excellence and ensure maximum research impact through consideration of diverse biological and/or socio-cultural identity factors in research design, including diverse research methods such as those based in Indigenous ways of knowing.

Team Eligibility

Teams must include the following:

- Tri-partite Leadership consisting of an independent researcher, a knowledge user and a youth co-lead with lived or living experience of the topic of study.
- Intersectoral and multi-disciplinary researchers and knowledge users from two or more areas, sectors or fields of study.
- A knowledge mobilization champion.
- Include early and mid-career researchers on the team.

Value of Award:

The total amount available for this funding opportunity is \$9 million, enough to fund approximately six (6) grants. This amount may increase if additional funding partners participate. The maximum amount per grant is \$300,000 per year for up to 5 years, for a total of \$1,500,000 per grant.

Of this \$9 million:

- \$ 4.5 million is available to fund three (3) applications relevant to the purpose and objectives of this funding opportunity.
- \$ 1.5 million is available to fund one (1) application relevant to the Indigenous Youth Health research area.
- \$ 1.5 million is available to fund one (1) application relevant to the Two-Spirit, Trans, Non-Binary and/or other Gender Diverse Youth Health research area.
- \$ 1.5 million is available to fund one (1) application relevant to the Reducing Social Inequalities in Health among Canada's Youth research area.
- Applications relevant to each research area will be funded top down in order of ranking. Remaining applications in the competition will be pooled together and funded in rank order. If a research area is undersubscribed or lacks fundable applications, funds may be rolled into the general competition pool.

Award Period: Up to 5 years

Application Process:

All researchers must notify both their Faculty Research Office and the Office of Research Services (see contact details below) as early as possible about their intention to apply.

More details are available on [CIHR's ResearchNet](#).

Timelines:

Activity	Date
Registration Deadline	December 10, 2024
Application Deadline	February 4, 2025
Notice of Decision	July 22, 2025

Contact

To signal your intent to apply and to book a one-on-one meeting, please contact Abby Vogus ([avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca)) in the Strategic and Institutional Research Initiatives team, Office of Research Services.

Sloan Research Fellowships

Please find below details of the [Sloan Research Fellowship](#) sponsored by the [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#). Note that the new round of competition will open on or around July 15, 2024. Please check the Foundation website after this time to confirm competition details as they may change.

BACKGROUND

Sloan Research Fellowships are awarded annually to early-career researchers whose creativity, innovation, and research accomplishments make them stand out as the next generation of leaders. Sloan Research Fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year Fellowships are awarded yearly to 126 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field. The 2024 Sloan Research Fellows will receive Fellowships in the amount of \$75,000 (USD).

The awards are for researchers in the fields of chemistry, computer science, Earth systems science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a related field.

The funds must be used by the Fellow for expenses supportive of their research, including staffing, professional travel, lab expenses, equipment, etc.

A list of recent Fellows is available [here](#).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The following eligibility requirements apply:

- Candidates must be tenure-track, though untenured, as of September 15, 2024.
- Candidates must hold a PhD or equivalent degree in chemistry, computer science, Earth system science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a related field.
- Candidates must be members of a Faculty of a college, university or other degree-granting institution in the US or Canada.
- Candidates' faculty positions must carry a regular teaching obligation.

*Competitive candidates* for a Fellowship generally have a strong record of significant independent research accomplishments that demonstrate creativity and the potential to become future leaders in the scientific community. They are normally several years past the completion of their Ph.D. in order to accumulate a competitive record of independent, significant research.

In keeping with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's longstanding support of underrepresented scholars in the sciences, the Foundation strongly encourages the nomination of qualified Black, Latinx, Native American, Alaska Native and women candidates.

REQUIRED MATERIALS AND EVALUATION

Candidates will likely be expected to provide the following materials in their nomination package:

- A letter from their department head or other senior researcher officially nominating the candidate and describing the candidate's qualifications, initiative, and research;
- The candidate's CV, including a list of the candidate's scientific publications;

- Two representative articles by the candidate that highlight their independent research;
- A one-page statement by the candidate describing their significant scientific work and immediate research plans;
- Three letters from other researchers written in support of the candidate's nomination (preferably writers should be arms-length and not all from the same institution); and
- A signed ORS Checklist for internal approvals.

Departments may not submit more than 3 nominees. Please notify your Faculty Research Office if you intend to apply in case internal adjudication is needed.

All nominations will be reviewed and selected by an [independent selection committee](#) of distinguished scientists in each eligible field. Fellows are selected on the basis of their independent research accomplishments, creativity, and potential to become leaders in the scientific community through their contributions to their field.

Foundation deadline: The anticipated deadline is September 15, 2024.

#### SIRI SUPPORT

The SIRI team is available to support nominations. Please contact your Faculty Research Office and Abby Vogus, SIRI Specialist, at [avogus@yorku.ca](mailto:avogus@yorku.ca) to discuss timelines and how the team can assist.

Notifying the Faculty Research Office and SIRI will help determine whether internal adjudication is required.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the Sloan Research Fellowships website for further details and FAQs at <https://sloan.org/fellowships>.

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## Opportunities

### 2024 International Doctoral Research Awards – Call for applications

Thanks to funding from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Universities Canada is pleased to announce the call for applications for the 2024 International Doctoral Research Awards (IDRA).

This call is open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents, and citizens of developing countries pursuing doctoral studies at a Canadian university. Awards will cover the costs of field research conducted for a doctoral dissertation in one or more countries in the Global South.

Number and value of awards: 25 awards of up to \$20,000 each.

Deadline: July 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. ET.

Guidelines: [2024-IDRC-IDRA-Guidelines.pdf \(univcan.ca\)](#)

Contact: [idrcidra.crdibird@univcan.ca](mailto:idrcidra.crdibird@univcan.ca)

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The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat, and is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which is an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.