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The York University Brief

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Government Relations Update and Highlights



York University GR Team Visits Ottawa

The YorkU team was in Ottawa in May for meetings with MPs and public servants to discuss our institutional priorities and the future of higher education. It was great to be in the nation's

capital and catch up with our federal partners. Above are a few photos from our time in Ottawa. A warm thank you to everyone who met with us.



York leading development of smarter transport tech

In May, the Ontario Vehicle Innovation Network (OVIN), with support from the Ontario Government, announced \$1.5 million in funding to York University and in partnership with Centennial College to support small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and startups in developing and testing innovative automotive technologies and smart mobility solutions.

Overall, OVIN is supporting an investment of \$4.77 million including the Province's \$1.5 million contribution. [Learn more.](#)

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



York forges international cybersecurity collaboration

In an effort to advance its cybersecurity research and foster global academic collaboration, BCCC has secured a groundbreaking partnership with Japan's National Institute of Information & Communications Technology (NICT) through the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU). [Learn more.](#)



York Region Science and Technology Fair 2024

York University was pleased to host the 2024 iteration of the York Region Science and Technology Fair in Richmond Hill last month. The Fair is an exciting opportunity for youth in York Region (in Grades 7 to 12) to share their scientific research with their peers, community, and experts in their field and we were thrilled to be a part of it.



York U and Philippines advance emergency response leadership with MOU

Earlier in 2024, Ali Asgary and Eric Kennedy, professors of disaster and emergency management and associate directors of Y-EMERGE – a York University Organized Research Unit dedicated to research and



York partnership supports entrepreneurs of Italian descent

YSpace, the innovation hub at York University, and Schulich Startups, led by the Innovation Office at the Schulich School of Business, have partnered with the Canadian Italian Business & Professional Association

training in disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness – were invited to Manila for the launch of CDTI and the MOU signing ceremony. [Learn more.](#)

(CIBPA) to enhance the Italia360 incubator program. [Learn more.](#)



York research collaboration to improve cybersecurity threat detection, mitigation

York University's Behaviour-Centric Cybersecurity Center (BCCC) is advancing leadership in cybersecurity by collaborating with cPacket – a network monitoring company – to tackle a major cybercrime threat. [Learn more.](#)

The York University Brief is York University's monthly newsletter that showcases some of our latest research and institutional news. Although anyone can subscribe, our readership primarily consists of our government and community partners and is meant to provide insight into the work done at the University and its potential links to work done in government and in the community. The York University Brief is typically published monthly from September to June.

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