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Government Relations Update and Highlights



York University climbs to 35th in world in 2024 Times Higher Education Impact Rankings

York University champions sustainability and actively makes positive changes in local and global communities through its work on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The 2024 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings recognize that work as York jumps five places to rank 35th in the world. York's overall ranking increased despite stiffer competition than last year with about 2,100 participating universities – approximately 300 more universities than previously. York also shot up 19 spots for zero poverty (SDG 1) to number two in the world and number one in Canada, and ranked number one in Canada for reduced inequalities (SDG 10). [Read more here.](#)

Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



York professor awarded nearly \$1M for Indigenous metaverse project

[Maya Chacaby](#), a sociology professor at York University's Glendon Campus, is the recipient of [close to \\$1 million in federal funding](#) for her Indigenous-led metaverse project *Biskaabiyaang: Creating a path towards healing and reconciliation*. [Read more here.](#)



York U professor helps transform engineering education in Uganda

In an effort to enhance undergraduate engineering research in Uganda, faculty members from York University and the University of British Columbia have joined forces on an education-enhancing project with Academics Without Borders (AWB), a non-profit organization aiming to improve the higher education landscape in developing countries. [Read more here.](#)



York U researchers receive CIHR funding to study dementia care

Professors Matthias Hoben, Tamara Daly and Liane Ginsburg from the York University Centre for Aging Research & Education (YU-CARE) have been awarded \$750,000 from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Aging (CIHR-IA) to support their study examining the impact of day programs on individuals living with dementia and their caregivers. [Read more here.](#)



New, renewed Canada Research Chairs advance neuroscience, disability studies at York U

York University neuroscientist Jeffrey Schall has been appointed a Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Translating Neuroscience, alongside two renewals – Gillian Parekh and Joel Zylberberg – for existing CRCs, announced by the Government of Canada on June 14. [Read more here.](#)

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