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## ***The York University Brief - November 2024***

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### **Government Relations Highlights**



#### **Markham Campus Grand Opening**

On November 4, York University President and Vice-Chancellor Rhonda Lenton, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, as well as other notable guests and partners celebrated the official grand opening of the new Markham Campus.

With its focus on technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship, the new Markham Campus is an integral part of York's mission to train and graduate work-ready talent of the future.

[See more pictures from the event here.](#)



## York University Offers Expertise to Federal Deputy Ministers on AI

York University, in collaboration with the Canada School of Public Service (CSPS), hosted a presentation, titled *Disruptive AI* for federal public servants in Ottawa. It was delivered by Professor James Elder, York Research Chair in Human and Computer Vision and Co-Director of the Centre of AI & Society. Professor Elder discussed how AI is transforming society, including education, the creative industries, healthcare and transportation. His remarks emphasized how leaders can strengthen linkages between academic, industry and public sectors, particularly focusing on the integration of AI into existing fabrics of technology and public policy in these key domains.

The event was moderated by Taki Sarantakis (LA&PS '93), President of the CSPS and York University's Deputy Minister Champion.

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## Research Stories and Institutional Highlights



### York U unveils Joan and Martin Goldfarb Gallery, a new beacon for the arts

York University's Keele Campus has unveiled the Joan and Martin Goldfarb Gallery, a striking new art space designed by internationally acclaimed architect Siamak Hariri. The butterfly-shaped building features three exhibition spaces and a versatile performance pavilion, creating a dynamic environment for art and community engagement. With its central reception area connecting four uniquely designed "wings," the gallery stands out as a new cultural landmark, dedicated to exhibitions, performances and creative workshops. [Learn more here.](#)



### Lassonde partnership fuels collaborative biomedical research

In support of cutting-edge biomedical research and student development, Razieh (Neda) Salahandish, an assistant professor in the Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Department at York University's Lassonde School of Engineering, has secured funding through the Mitacs Accelerate program. [Learn more here.](#)



### York's new sustainability strategy outlines institutional plan for a greener future

The renewed strategy, [Positive Change: Connecting People, Planet and Purpose](#), builds on the University's proven track record as an international leader in sustainability-related research, teaching, partnerships and campus practices. [Learn more here.](#)

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