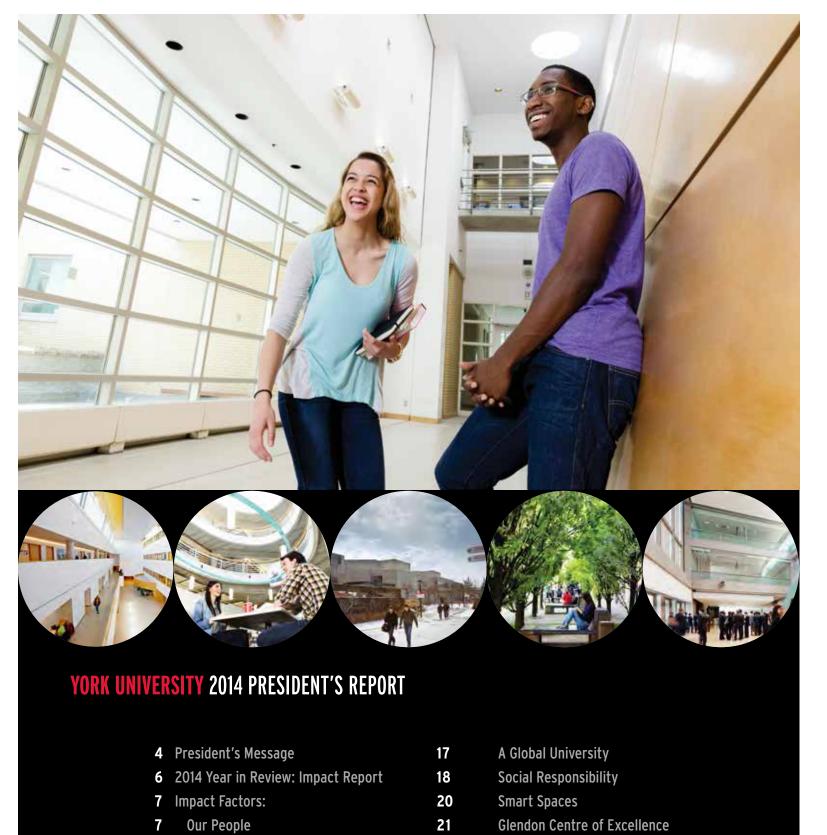


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**Innovative Teaching Excellence** 

# york university education with impact





T YORK UNIVERSITY, our faculty, researchers, students and alumni are making a positive impact on the world in every imaginable field. Whether it is a York researcher discovering snow on Mars, translating leading-edge bullying prevention research into practice, or designing 21st-century cities, we are proud to be known for the impact of our teaching and research.

We are committed to putting our learning, ingenuity and creativity to work in other ways, too. This report represents the achievements of a community dedicated to the values of inclusion, service to society and respect for diversity in all its forms – a community breaking new ground every day with vision, strength and purpose. In 2014, these contributions were reported in more than 1,000 media stories in print and online publications, including *Forbes*, *Maclean's*, *The Globe and Mail*, the *Toronto Star*, Discovery News, CTV and Global News.

Our focus on telling our stories is resonating. We are increasingly being recognized as an institution that embodies academic and research excellence, is a leader in social innovation, and provides a place where students gain the knowledge and skills they need to contribute to and thrive in the world.

As we mark the year's more prominent events and accomplishments, let us also appreciate the less visible moments of generosity and understanding that bring us together – the moments that challenge us to take fuller advantage of all that a university with impact offers, and all that we have to offer one another.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Shoukri President & Vice-Chancellor





## impact factors: our people of the control of the co

At York University, our impact starts with our people. In 2014, we welcomed six outstanding new colleagues to our dynamic leadership team.



CHANCELLOR Gregory Sorbara



UNIVERSITY SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL Maureen Armstrong



DEAN, FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES, AND ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, GRADUATE Barbara Crow



DEAN, FACULTY OF SCIENCE Ray Jayawardhana



DEAN, SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, MEDIA, PERFORMANCE & DESIGN Shawn Brixey



PRINCIPAL, GLENDON COLLEGE Donald Ipperciel

## impact factors: our priorities

Our formula for excellence? Fuel an idea. Make an impact.

Our impact begins with our vibrant teaching and learning environment. Guided by outstanding faculty, we are pushing the boundaries of teaching through innovative delivery methods and unique classroom settings. A recognized leader in knowledge mobilization, York is committed to research that has a positive impact on economic and community development. From sending instruments into space to transforming vision science, York research is sparking new and innovative discoveries and their application.

### Our students are the leaders of tomorrow.

The heart of campus life at York University is our students. We are passionate about students and committed to their development, learning and success. With more than 52,000 students from around the world enrolled in our undergraduate and graduate programs, we are helping our students to forge their own unique paths to success and giving them the tools they need to contribute meaningfully to their communities today and long after graduation.

### We are Canada's engaged university.

As a recognized leader in collaborative research and community engagement, York University is committed to creating mutually productive and beneficial partnerships with business, industry and community organizations to support new ideas, research and development. We are proud of our reputation as a socially responsive and engaged university, and remain committed to improving access to university education for mature, part-time and first-generation students.

At York University, our impact comes in a variety of forms, supported by our strategic priorities of academic and research excellence, student success and community engagement.















# impact factors: our points of pride







### EMPLOYERS KNOW THAT A YORK DEGREE IS A PROMISE OF ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND DEEP KNOWLEDGE, HIRING 87% OF OUR GRADUATES WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION.

JANET MORRISON VICE-PROVOST, STUDENTS

UR STRENGTH IS, and always has been, truly exceptional programs distinguished by their quality and global perspective. York University is home to Canada's largest liberal arts program, the only Space Engineering program in the country, a leading-edge, interdisciplinary Digital Media program and professional schools that are consistently ranked among the best in the world.

### **2014 Highlights**

Proposal submitted to Ontario's capacity expansion program for a York campus in York Region, in collaboration with York Region, the City of Markham and Seneca College.

LaunchYU, a multidisciplinary campus-wide entrepreneurship ecosystem, was created to support early-stage entrepreneurship and startup companies within the University.

Launch of a new School of Continuing Studies to expand York's reach in English-language instruction and continuing professional education.

Implemented Phase 1 of York's experiential education and eLearning integration plans focused on enhancing the quality of undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Faculty of Fine Arts changed its name to School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design (AMPD). Faculty of Health launched a new program in Global Health (BA/BSc), the first undergraduate degree program of its kind in Canada.

First university in Canada to offer, through the Faculty of Health's Health Leadership & Learning Network, a certificate in Health Coaching.

Expansion of Schulich School of Business programming in India with the opening of a campus in Hyderabad, offering the new MBA in India program.

Lassonde School of Engineering launched new undergraduate programs in Civil Engineering and Mechanical Engineering, and established the Bergeron Entrepreneurs in Science & Technology (BEST) program.

New streams in digital media development and digital media arts were introduced to the Digital Media program.

Osgoode Hall Law School hired the first Student Success and Wellness Counsellor at a Canadian law school and created the wellness website JustBalance.ca.

Graduate programs in English, Humanities and Translation Studies introduced a graduate diploma in World Literature, the first in Canada.

Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) launched a Graduate Professional Skills development program.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Impressed by two undergraduate design students who secured internships at Facebook's headquarters in Menlo, Calif., the social networking giant visited the Department of Design on a talent-spotting and recruitment mission, resulting in new internships and job offers for graduating students.





## exceptional programs

## innovative teaching excellence

Teaching excellence is core to York's mission. Our dedicated, award-winning teachers are supported by our Academic Innovation Fund, which has already invested over \$5 million across 54 innovative teaching projects, advancing eLearning, experiential education and the first-year experience.

### **2014 Highlights**

In 2014, York was awarded funds from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities through its Shared Online Course Fund, and successfully redesigned five courses in fully online formats. Provost Lenton was also named co-chair of the Ministry's new Ontario Online Learning Consortium.

School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design adopted a bold approach and transformed the delivery of its common first-year course through blended and fully online delivery strategies. The Lassonde School of Engineering continues to develop the technology and new teaching approaches required to support the "flipped classroom," which allows students to view their lectures online, devoting class time to hands-on learning activities.

experiential education (EE) integration plan across Faculties. The Faculty of Health has embraced experiential education through course and community-focused initiatives that allow students to develop their civic engagement. Osgoode Hall Law School created an Office of Experiential Education – the first of its kind at a Canadian law school.

Significant progress has been made in implementing York's

The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS) excels at providing student placement opportunities, as do York's professional schools including nursing, social work, business, law and education. The Faculty of Science and the Lassonde School of Engineering are pioneers at York for spearheading the recent development of their cooperative education programs.











### WE ARE PROUD OF OUR TRADITION OF SOCIAL AND PEDAGOGICAL INNOVATION AS WELL AS OUR LEADERSHIP IN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY-ENHANCED LEARNING.

RHONDA LENTON PROVOST & VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

■ English Professor **Priscila Uppal** inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

**DID YOU KNOW?** 

98% OF OUR PROFESSORS

HAVE THE HIGHEST QUALIFICATIONS

IN THEIR FIELDS. AND MANY ARE

RECOGNIZED LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY

FOR CHAMPIONING LEARNING APPROACHES THAT

**ENGAGE AND INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS.** 

- Professors Martin Lockshin and Susan Dimock given the title of University Professor.
- Biology Professor Tamara Kelly received a Teaching Award from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) and a York President's University-Wide Teaching Award.
- Schulich Professor Gareth Morgan received the Martin Trailblazer Award from the Academy of Management.
- Markus Giesler, Associate Professor of Marketing at Schulich, named one of the world's "40 Best Business School Professors Under the Age of 40" by management education website Poets & Quants.

- LA&PS Professor **Meg Luxton** honoured with the Faculty of Graduate Studies Teaching Award, and Lorin Schwarz from the Faculty of Education received the Undergraduate Teaching Award.
- Norma Sue Fisher-Stitt, Isha DeCoito, Yael Machtinger and Rehanna Siew-Sarju received President's University-Wide Teaching Awards.
- Michael Gilbert, Elizabeth Brule and Lisa Violo received the LA&PS Dean's Awards for Excellence in Teaching.
- Faculty of Health Professors Michael Rotondi and Jennifer Steele received Early Career and Established Career Teaching Awards, respectively.
- Faculty of Science Professor Alex Mills was recognized with an Excellence in Teaching Award.





YORK RESEARCHERS ARE COMMITTED TO TRANSFERRING NEW KNOWLEDGE BEYOND THE ACADEMY TO POLICY COMMUNITIES AND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS, INCREASING CANADA'S GLOBAL REACH BY FOSTERING AND EXPANDING RESEARCH NETWORKS AND ACCELERATING THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF LEADING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES, GOODS AND SERVICES IN CRITICAL AREAS.

ROBERT HACHÉ
VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

### **2014 Highlights**

External research funding continued to grow, reaching \$79 million in fiscal year 2013-14.

Completion of the \$15.5 million FedDev initiative on the Connected Health & Wellness Program, York's largest research contract to date.

Senate approved the new York University Centre for Aging Research & Education (YU-CARE).

In 2013-14, York was awarded four State-of-the-Art Facilities-Scale Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) partnership grants valued at over \$18.6 million in total project funding.

Thirty-nine researchers awarded more than \$5.1 million in grants from Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Five graduate students received a total of \$455,000 in funding for scholarships and fellowships.

York increased its share of NSERC grants for collaborative research and development with industry partners, with seven grants awarded in 2014, valued at \$2.7 million total.

York received two of the 15 NSERC Collaborative Research & Training Experience Program (CREATE) grants awarded nationally.

Over the past three years, York has consistently ranked among the top five universities in Canada for its rate of NSERC Discovery Grant success. In 2014, this resulted in 37 grants, valued at \$4.87 million.

York recruited a new Canada Research Chair in Entrepreneurial Innovation and the Public Good.

York's international research profile was reflected in a \$1-million award from Sweden to York researchers to lead the development of a global disability rights monitoring system.

Lassonde School of Engineering co-sponsored an International Symposium on Infectious Diseases with a focus on Ebola at the height of the recent epidemic.

GaMaY Lab at Lassonde School of Engineering received acclaim for the Talkbox project, a low-cost speech-generating device that helps individuals with disabilities communicate and engage in social interactions.

Osgoode Hall Law School, Lassonde School of Engineering and York Libraries co-hosted the first IP Hackathon in partnership with the Institute of Design at Stanford University.

Discovery of two new subatomic particles at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) confirmed the predictions of Science Professor Randy Lewis and his collaborator.

Creation of the W.P. Scott Chair in E-Librarianship, the first research position of its kind.

More than 20 top undergraduate students held NSERC Undergraduate Summer Research Awards and worked on projects ranging from nanoparticle assemblies for biomarker detection to the genetics of aggression in honeybees.

ABOVE: NIGEL LOCKYER (BSC. SPEC. HONS. '75), DIRECTOR OF FERMILAB, ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FACILITIES.



### OUR EXTRAORDINARY FACULTY, ACCOMPLISHED RESEARCHERS AND EXCEPTIONAL STUDENTS MAKE YORK A TRULY WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY.

JULIA FOSTER, CHAIR YORK UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

rld-class rankings

MONG MANY ACCOLADES this year, York was ranked in the top 100 universities in the world in social sciences, arts and humanities in the *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings 2014.

Schulich School of Business MBA program was ranked No.1in the world in responsible business by *Corporate Knights*.

Schulich was also ranked by *Bloomberg Businessweek* among the top five business schools outside the U.S. in the category of "intellectual capital" and among the top 15 publicly funded business schools in the world in research by the *Financial Times* of London.

Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA was ranked No.1 in the world by *The Economist* and No.1 in Canada by the *Financial Times*.

QS World University Rankings named four LA&PS programs – English, History, Geography and Philosophy – to the top 100 in the world and top 10 in Canada. Three other programs were ranked in the top 150 in the world and top 10 in Canada: Communication Studies, Linguistics and Accounting & Finance.



ABOVE: GLOBAL BUSINESS LEADER RATAN TATA ADDRESSES GRADUATES AT SPRING CONVOCATION.

### **2014 Highlights**

Thirteen new international partnership agreements were made, and York hosted 17 visiting international delegations.

Schulich School of Business opened a 20,000-square-foot campus in Hyderabad, India, featuring the largest library and database of any business school in the country.

York University English Language Institute (YUELI) began teaching academic English to nearly 400 students per session at Istanbul Commerce University in Turkey.

Lassonde School of Engineering commenced the building of strategic partnerships with some of India's top universities, companies and government institutions.

Lassonde created a new international partnership with Technion-Israel Institute of Technology that saw 21 undergraduate students take part in a three-week intensive entrepreneurship program in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Osgoode Hall Law School developed partnerships with Tsinghua University in Beijing and the University of Concepción

in Chile, and created a study abroad program in conjunction with Monash University in Malaysia and King's College London.

York's Faculty of Health and France's Université d'Avignon signed a memorandum of understanding to facilitate research exchanges and explore experiential education opportunities.

LA&PS tripled the number of study abroad courses it offered, with destinations including Greece, Italy, France, China and South Africa.

Borderless Higher Education for Refugees project began delivering classes to refugee camp residents and townspeople in Dadaab. Kenya.

Brain in Action program received NSERC funding to support transatlantic supervision and exchanges of graduate students and research fellows.

Education and Humanities professors led a professional development program in Jamaica addressing violence in transnational contexts.



ABOVE: DAMIAN ADJODHA AT BLACK CREEK COMMUNITY FARM, A TEACHING FACILITY AND COMMUNITY HUB

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At York, social responsibility is at the heart of everything we do, locally and globally. An essential element of our programming, and part of what distinguishes us as one of the most progressive universities on the planet, we are committed to working with partners in industry, government and the community to advance social justice and responsibility.

### **2014 Highlights**

Faculty of Science launched the Helix Summer Institute, an enrichment program designed for high-achieving students in Grades 9 through 12 who have a strong interest in science and mathematics.

Science Engagement Office delivered a week of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workshops to Aboriginal and First Nations communities in Parry Sound, Ont. and surrounding areas.

York Cares campaign in support of United Way Toronto raised more than \$175,000.

Education program coordinator Damian Adjodha and Black Creek Community Farm received a \$10,000 Vital Innovation Award from the Toronto Community Foundation to support a hands-on leadership program for youth in the Jane and Finch community.

York's Las Nubes research centre, located in the Costa Rican rainforest, continued to draw students in our environmental studies program for field experience. The Las Nubes Project supports research in tropical deforestation, sustainable development and biodiversity, and promotes ecologically sound coffee production and processing, resulting in Las Nubes Coffee, a certified sustainable and fair trade coffee available across Canada through Timothy's World Coffee.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

COMMUNITYBUILD, A COLLABORATION BETWEEN YORK UNIVERSITY, UNITED WAY OF YORK REGION AND VENTURELAB. SUPPORTS SOCIAL **ENTERPRISES THAT ADDRESS IMPORTANT** ISSUES SUCH AS FOOD SECURITY AND YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT IN YORK REGION.

Sociology student Talisha Ramsaroop received the Lincoln M. Alexander Award, a Government of Ontario honour for youth who have worked to end racial discrimination in the province.

York established a new Community Safety Department, is creating a Sexual Assault Awareness, Prevention & Response Policy, and is developing an active bystander intervention program to reinforce the concept that safety is a shared responsibility.

Guided by the Office of the Counsel, York is taking steps to implement the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), a multi-year regulatory framework comprised of five standards designed to remove barriers and promote accessibility.

Office of the Counsel pioneered the development of a strategy to ensure that Canadian universities can comply with the new federal anti-spam legislation with minimal impairment of their ability to effectively communicate to members of their communities, future students and donors.

AS THE PRIMARY PRODUCERS OF NEW KNOWLEDGE AND TALENT FOR CANADA'S INNOVATION SYSTEM, UNIVERSITIES ARE INCREASINGLY CREATING **VALUE BY FINDING NEW WAYS TO ADDRESS PERSISTENT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC** AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES.

> MAMDOUH SHOUKRI PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

AT YORK, WE ASPIRE TO **IMPACT ON A GRAND SCALE** - BOLD ARCHITECTURE, SMART CLASSROOMS, THRIVING TRANSPORTATION **HUBS AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITY SPACES.** 

**GARY BREWER** VICE-PRESIDENT, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION



### **Lassonde School of Engineering**

Opening in 2015, the Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence, the new home of the Lassonde School of Engineering, will house the civil, electrical and mechanical engineering disciplines.

### **Student Centre**

By students, for students and founded on the promise of community, York's new Student Centre will offer 150,000 square feet of multifunctional, studentfocused space.



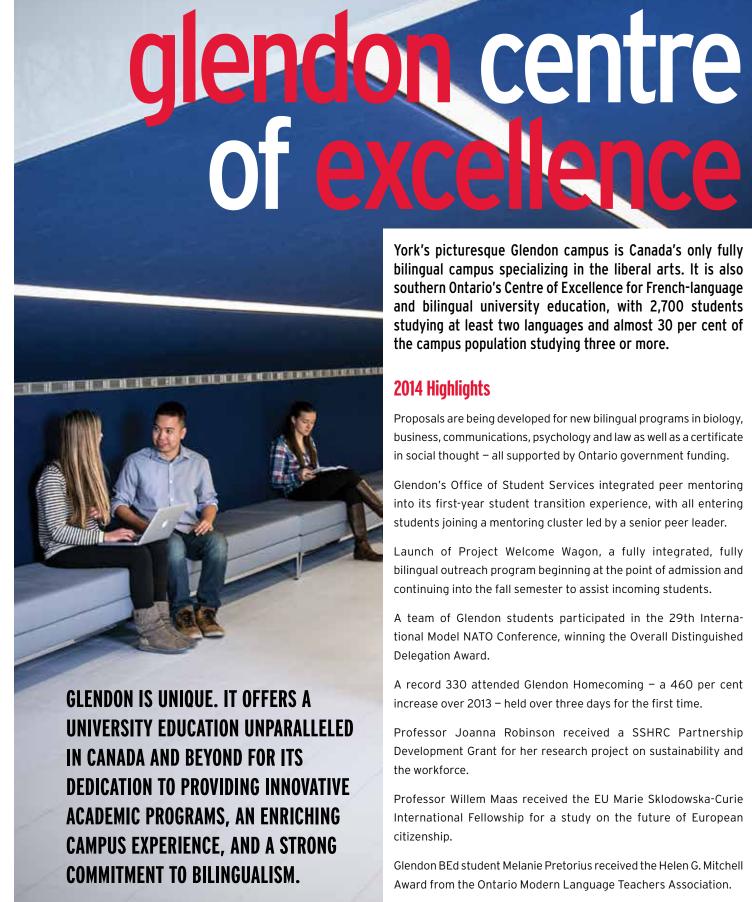
### **Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension**

The two new subway stations opening on the Keele campus in 2016 will make higher education more accessible for thousands of Ontarians.

### smart spaces

Our award-winning facilities are equally as impressive as our innovative programs and groundbreaking research.





York's picturesque Glendon campus is Canada's only fully bilingual campus specializing in the liberal arts. It is also southern Ontario's Centre of Excellence for French-language and bilingual university education, with 2,700 students studying at least two languages and almost 30 per cent of the campus population studying three or more.

### **2014 Highlights**

Proposals are being developed for new bilingual programs in biology, business, communications, psychology and law as well as a certificate in social thought – all supported by Ontario government funding.

Glendon's Office of Student Services integrated peer mentoring into its first-year student transition experience, with all entering students joining a mentoring cluster led by a senior peer leader.

Launch of Project Welcome Wagon, a fully integrated, fully bilingual outreach program beginning at the point of admission and continuing into the fall semester to assist incoming students.

A team of Glendon students participated in the 29th International Model NATO Conference, winning the Overall Distinguished Delegation Award.

A record 330 attended Glendon Homecoming – a 460 per cent increase over 2013 – held over three days for the first time.

Professor Joanna Robinson received a SSHRC Partnership Development Grant for her research project on sustainability and the workforce.

Professor Willem Maas received the EU Marie Sklodowska-Curie International Fellowship for a study on the future of European citizenship.

Glendon BEd student Melanie Pretorius received the Helen G. Mitchell Award from the Ontario Modern Language Teachers Association.

DONALD IPPERCIEL, PRINCIPAL, GLENDON COLLEGE

sporting excelence

Our rich tradition of athletic achievement spans more than 45 years and includes 34 national titles and 172 provincial banners. At York, more than 450 student-athletes enjoy elite competition and enthusiastic support in sports such as hockey, basketball, volleyball, football and wrestling.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS ARE
THE UNIVERSITY'S MOST DECORATED PROGRAMS.
THE TWO SQUADS COMBINED WON 56 TOTAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS BETWEEN 1969 AND 1992.



### **2014 Highlights**

- York Lions won four banners, including the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Men's Track and Field Championship, the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Women's Tennis Championship, and the OUA and CIS Men's Soccer titles.
- Three York coaches won the following awards: Carmine Isacco, men's soccer, OUA and CIS Coach of the Year; Colin Inglis, men's track and field, CIS Coach of the Year; Joe Costello, women's rugby, OUA Coach of the Year.
- Sixty-three varsity student-athletes were recognized for their achievements in the classroom during the 2013-14 academic year. CIS Academic All-Canadian awards were given to 49 studentathletes, while OUA Academic Achievement Awards went to 14 student-athletes.
- Sport York introduced the Swim 2 Survive program, which instructed 250 members of the Jane and Finch community in free learn-to-swim programming.
- York's student-athletes will benefit from more than \$290,000 in financial support that was raised at the 14th annual Kenaidan-York University Lions Cup Golf Tournament.
- York was selected to host the 2015 CIS Men's Soccer Championship.



very day, more than 275,000 York University alumni in over 170 countries around the world are using their education and experience to make a difference.

Here are some of the ways they made an impact in 2014:

Six York alumni appointed members of the Order of Canada:

- Michael DeGagné (LLM '10)
- Patrick Johnston (BA '73)
- Adèle M. Hurley (BA '74, MES '76)
- John Barker Lawson (LLB '51)
- Eric Robert Walters (BA '79, BSW '82, MSW '86)
- Catherine Zahn (BSc '74)

**Jennifer Keesmaat** (MES '99), chief planner and executive director of the City of Toronto, named No. 9 on list of Toronto's 50 Most Influential People by *Toronto Life*.

Hollywood actress **Rachel McAdams** (BFA '01) inducted to Canadian Walk of Fame.

**Bharat Masrani** (BBA '78, MBA '79) named group president and CEO of TD Bank Group.

**Helen Olabode** (BSCN '11) honoured with Joan C. Ballantyne Compassionate Nursing Award.

**Steven Orsini** (MES '86) appointed head of Ontario Public Service as secretary of the cabinet and clerk of the executive council.

Six Osgoode Hall Law School alumni named to Top 100 Most Powerful Women list by Canada's Women's Executive Network:

- Norie Campbell (LLB '95, LLM '03)
- Julia Deans (LLB '90)
- Jane Gavan (LLB '85)
- Emily Jelich (LLB '90)
- Julia Shin Doi (LLB '92, LLM '07)
- Kathleen Taylor (JD/MBA '84)

Gregory Sorbara (BA '78, LLB '91) installed as York's 13th chancellor.

**Kathleen Taylor** (JD/MBA '84) named chair of the board, Royal Bank of Canada.

**Jakub Urbanek** (BASC '09), a space engineering grad, was part of the team that landed a probe on Comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

This year showcased the incredible generosity of the York community, a strong sign of the connection and passion it shares with the University, and a promising sign of what is to come. In 2014, more than 6,500 alumni and friends donated \$50 million to support York and our students – the most raised in any calendar year in the history of the University.

JEFF O'HAGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT, ADVANCEMENT

■ James Love (LLB '73, LLM '86) and his wife Joanne made a landmark \$2.5-million donation in support of environmental sustainability at FES and Lassonde School of Engineering.

**DID YOU** 

KNOW?

IN 2014. THE STUDENT-OPERATED

YORK UNIVERSITY CALL CENTRE

WITH 200 YORK STUDENTS RAISING

MORE THAN \$500,000.

- Secured a \$5-million gift from an anonymous donor in support of scholarships for both undergraduate and graduate students, with a particular emphasis on first-generation and Aboriginal students.
- 407 ETR donated \$250,000 to a new computing space in the Lassonde School of Engineering.
- Doug Bergeron (BA '83) and his wife Sandra donated a record \$8 million to the Lassonde School of Engineering, bringing their total support of the Faculty to \$10 million. This is the largest gift ever made to the University by a York graduate. The new engineering building will be called the Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence.
- Terrie-Lynne Devonish (BA '92, LLB '95) made a generous donation to complete Phase 2 of renovations to the Frost Library at Glendon College.

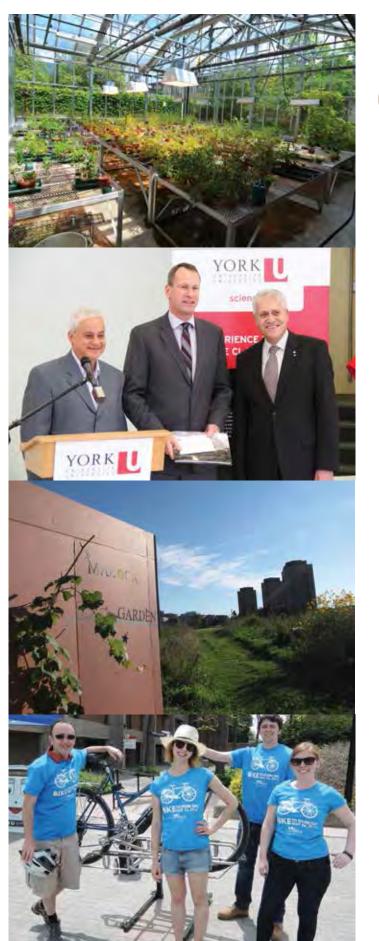


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TORONTO'S TOP PLANNER JENNIFER KEESMAAT.



ABOVE: ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATE MAUDE BARLOW THANKS THE AUDIENCE AT SPRING CONVOCATION.



YORK UNIVERSITY IS A CANADIAN AND **GLOBAL HUB FOR SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED** TEACHING, RESEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE COMMITTED TO A HOLISTIC AND EQUITABLE APPROACH TO TAKING **ACTION THAT RECOGNIZES THE FULL CONSEQUENCES AND BENEFITS** OF WHAT WE DO.

YORK UNIVERSITY ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT (2013-14)

### **2014 Highlights**

York named one of Canada's Greenest Employers by Mediacorp Canada Inc. for the second consecutive year.

Since 2007, the University has achieved an impressive 30 per cent reduction in energy use.

Through effective partnerships with local transit authorities, 80 per cent of York's community commuters use sustainable modes of transportation.

In 1990, York adopted the goal of achieving 50 per cent waste diversion by 2000. Today, through innovative programs such as Zero Waste, that goal has been exceeded dramatically with a total of 66 per cent of waste diverted from landfill.

As part of these efforts, the University is also phasing out the sale of bottled water by September 2015.

Schulich School of Business ranked No. 1 in the world by Corporate Knights in its 2014 Global 100 Sustainable MBA ranking.

Food Services, in partnership with the student-run Regenesis project, hosts a weekly farmer's market on campus, providing locally grown and sustainable food to the York community.

### accolades

Notable alumni. Stellar students. Athletic triumphs. Inspiring professors. Research with impact.

- 1 York ranked fourth in Canada and in the top 100 universities in the world for social sciences, humanities and arts by Times Higher Education.
- Seven York community members appointed to the Order of Canada: Paul Cantor, Robert Cox, Edgar Dosman, Julia Foster, Susan McGrath, Marcia Rioux and Rick Waugh.
- 3 Professor Priscila Uppal elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.
- 4 Biomedical science student Lidia Kazakova won free tuition in the "this is my time" contest.
- 5 JD/MBA student Douglas Judson named one of the 2014 Top Newsmakers by Law Times magazine.
- 6 Osgoode Hall Law School celebrated its 125th anniversary this year.

- 7 Faculty of Science celebrated its 50th anniversary this year.
- 8 Lassonde School of Engineering Dean Janusz Kozinski inducted as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering.
- Named one of Canada's Greenest Employers by Mediacorp Canada Inc.
- 10 Osgoode Professor
  Alan Young named one
  of the most influential
  lawyers of 2014 by
  Canadian Lawyer
  magazine.
- "This is my time" communications campaign won five 2014 CASE District II Accolades Awards.
- 12 PhD student Kara
  Hawkins received
  an Ontario Women's
  Health Scholars Award.
- 13 International
  Astronomical Union
  named asteroid (4668)
  "Rayjay" after Faculty
  of Science Dean Ray
  Jayawardhana.

- 14 PhD students
  Alexandra Terrana
  (pictured), Oded Haas
  and Vanessa Fleet
  won Vanier Canada
  Graduate Scholarships.
- 15 Schulich's REACH
  Diagnostics team
  named finalist in the
  prestigious Hult Prize
  case competition in
  New York.
- 16 Julia Foster, chair of York's Board of Governors, named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by Women's Executive Network.
- 17 Postdoctoral fellows Jesús Bermejo Tirado (pictured) and Alexander Stasheuski awarded Banting Fellowships.
- 18 York Lions men's soccer team won national and provincial titles. Coach Carmine Isacco named CIS Coach of the Year.

- 19 Five outstanding alumni received Bryden Alumni Awards: Nigel Lockyer, Samuel Schwartz, Kofi N. Barnes, Sonia Cianfarani and Irvin Studin.
- 20 Art Gallery of York
  University received
  seven awards for
  excellence from the
  Ontario Association of
  Art Galleries.
- 21 Three York professors named inaugural members of the College of New Scholars, Artists & Scientists by the Royal Society of Canada: Alidad Amirfazli, Sarah Flicker (pictured) and Shayna Rosenbaum.
- 22 School of Health
  Policy & Management
  Professor Farah Ahmad
  awarded the CIHR New
  Investigator Career
  Award.
- 23 York Lions men's track and field team captured first national championship in 30 years.

- 24 Graduate students
  Michelle Viecili
  (pictured) and Azin
  Taheri received
  2014 Ontario Autism
  Scholars Awards.
- 25 Aidan Moir awarded Governor General's Gold Medal for highest academic standing in a graduate program.
- 26 Joint MES/JD student Bart Danko was a finalist at the Ontario Three-Minute Thesis competition.
- 27 York Lions women's tennis team captured the provincial championship.
- 28 Toronto Star named
  Dezsö J. Horváth,
  dean of the Schulich
  School of Business,
  one of the 180 people
  who have shaped the
  city of Toronto since its
  founding in 1834.



## york by the numbers

faculties

2ND LARGEST UNIVERSITY IN ONTARIO

**QRD** LARGEST IN CANADA

1,505
full-time faculty

**34** CANADA RESEARCH CHAIRS

26 ACTIVE FELLOWS OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

**26** RESEARCH CENTRES

28 DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH PROFESSORS

5.00 Ourses

280+
university partnerships across the globe

research funding \$47,570,791

\$37,634,443

founded in **1959** 

34,443
research contracts
\$9,936,349

12,043
DEGREES GRANTED IN 2014

LINDERGRADITATE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD

\$24,878,548

RADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$15,644,071 internal \$10,507,418 external

7 in its faculty and staff

200<sup>+</sup>degree programs 59 graduate

ONE BILLION DOLLARS total budget

international students from Li countries

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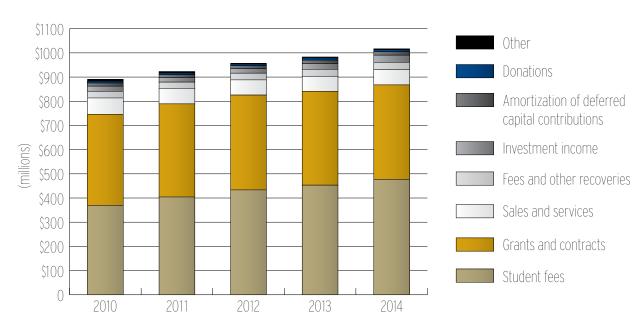
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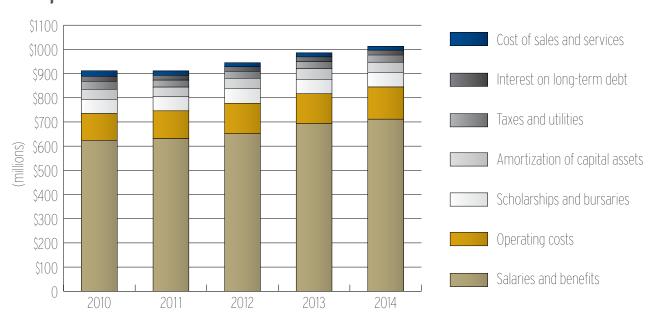
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### **Summary of Revenue & Expenses**

### Revenue

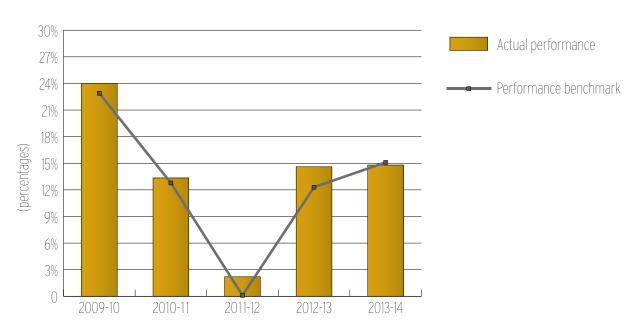


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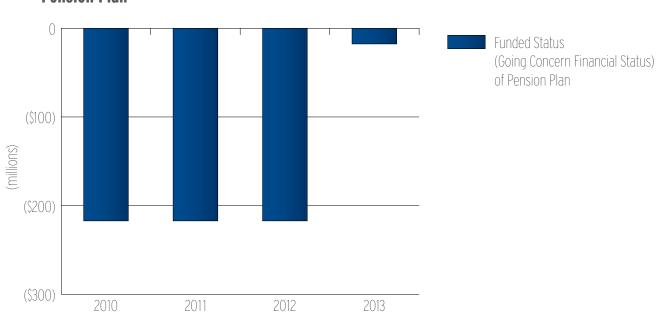


### **Endowment Performance & Financial Status of Pension Plan**

### **Investment Performance - Endowments**



### **Pension Plan**



### **Statement of Operations and Changes in Deficit**

	2014	2013
Year ended April 30	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Student fees	476,691	453,140
Grants and contracts	390,968	387,406
Sales and services	62,647	62,809
Fees and other recoveries	30,367	28,229
Investment income	29,807	23,741
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	14,329	14,630
Donations	8,138	9,071
Other	3,927	4,034
Total revenue	1,016,874	983,060
EXPENSES		
Salaries and benefits	711,358	692,977
Operating costs	133,060	123,732
Scholarships and bursaries	60,285	59,614
Amortization of capital assets	42,078	44,353
Taxes and utilities	29,877	29,239
Interest on long-term debt	19,923	19,194
Cost of sales and services	15,936	16,772
Total expenses	1,012,517	985,881
Revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue), before the following	4,357	(2,821)
Post-employment benefit recovery – remeasurement	197,935	77,484
Net transfers to internally restricted net assets	(200,368)	(62,475)
Net transfers to internally restricted endowments	(6,446)	(5,584)
Change in deficit in the year	(4,522)	6,604
Deficit, beginning of year	(38,562)	(45,166)
Deficit, end of year	(43,084)	(38,562)

### **Balance Sheet**

As at April 30	2014 \$	2013 \$
ASSETS	v	<b>,</b>
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	62,615	35,301
Accounts receivable	54,678	48,274
Inventories	4,304	3,781
Prepaid expenses	14,202	9,224
Total current assets	135,799	96,580
Pension plan asset	23,115	-
Investments	774,375	642,288
Investment in lease	43,720	43,986
Capital assets, net	1,362,025	1,352,816
	2,339,034	2,135,670
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	105,336	89,016
Current portion of long-term debt	712	670
Deferred revenue	52,104	42,141
Total current liabilities	158,152	131,827
Deferred contributions	100,747	92,186
Long-term liabilities	139,669	319,272
Long-term debt	401,876	303,232
Deferred capital contributions	322,963	311,952
Total liabilities	1,123,407	1,158,469
NET ASSETS		
Deficit	(43,084)	(38,562)
Internally restricted	843,810	643,442
Endowments	414,901	372,321
Total net assets	1,215,627	977,201
	2,339,034	2,135,670

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