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York is home to 25 research centres that conduct ambitious, ground-breaking research that cuts across traditional academic boundaries.


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“2 Minutes, 3 Questions” YouTube video series launched in 2017. York researchers & academics discuss the impact of their work.

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Brainstorm, special issue of YFile, launched in 2017. Compelling stories about the world-leading, policy-relevant work of York’s academics & researchers.

York was the lead university for Canada’s contribution to NASA’s OSIRIS-REx mission to the asteroid Bennu (launch: September 8, 2016).


LaunchYU engaged 1,345 entrepreneurs, held 36 workshops & events (2015-2016).

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