

YORK UNIVERSITY ORU DIRECTOR POSITION Institute for Research on Digital Learning

Position: Director

ORU: Institute for Research on Digital Learning (IRDL)

Term Start and End Date: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024

Stipend: \$6387 + 1.0 course release (As per YUFA Collective Agreement Appendix P) or \$6,090 + 4 credit hours release (As per OHFA Collective Agreement Appendix C)

Application Due Date: July 31, 2019

Applications are invited for the position of Director of the Institute for Research on Digital Learning for a term of five years, to begin January 1, 2020.

ORU Description and History: The Institute for Research on Digital Learning (IRDL) has a broad mandate to engage in systematic inquiry, discussion, and knowledge-mobilization related to the uses of technology in teaching, learning and culture by encouraging the formation of links with faculty members across the university and with schools, government, and industry to provide collaborative, multidisciplinary approaches to research problems and critical issues.

Originally established in 1987 within the Faculty of Education as the Centre for the Study of Computers in Education, the Institute became a university-based research unit in June 2001 and was re-named The Institute for Research on Learning Technologies (IRLT), and then The Institute for Research on Digital Learning (IRDL) by former director, Jennifer Jenson (2012-2019).

IRDL hosts a variety of talks (IRDL Speaker Series), events, and media workshops to disseminate findings of its projects, its activities, and developments in the field to educators and other interested parties and communities. Our broad mandate includes:

- To engage in research, study, and public discussion of issues related to the pedagogical uses of technology and digital media and to the ethical and educational implications of their uses (in and outside of formal educational institutions).
- To develop projects that make innovative uses of new technologies in teaching and learning and culture.
- To maintain an active program to disseminate findings of its projects, its activities, and developments in the field to educators and other interested parties

 To foster collaboration between academics, educators, and industry and government personnel on research and development problems and issues of mutual concern and interests.

Position Requirements:

Applicants are expected to be members of the full-time faculty at York University, and to have a distinguished record of scholarship and research interests. The Director is expected to administer the financial, organizational and academic and collegial activities of the ORU, to develop external funding sources, and to maintain an active individual and collaborative research program.

Stipend:

The successful applicant will receive an administrative stipend and the appropriate course load reduction as stipulated by the YUFA or OHFA Collective Agreement. The Director of the Centre reports to the Associate Vice-President Research.

Application Process:

Applications should be sent to Emma Yuen (Operations Coordinator, Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation) at emmay@yorku.ca.

Applications must include:

- Curriculum vitae
- Statement about vision for the Centre including goals, objectives, strategy of action and leadership style
- Names of three referees who may be contacted

Applications and nominations must be received by July 31, 2019.