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Message from the President:  
Announcement of Reappointment of Vice-President Research and Innovation

I am pleased to announce the reappointment of Dr. Robert Haché to a second five-year term as Vice-President Research and Innovation. The reappointment was approved by the Board of Governors and will take effect on July 1, 2016.

As Vice-President Research and Innovation, Dr. Haché has made significant progress in advancing and building a stronger research profile for the University. Under his direction, a Strategic Research Plan for 2013-18 was developed in consultation with the University community as well as internal and external research partners and unanimously approved by the University Senate, and most recently, he has been overseeing consultations on York’s Plan for the Intensification and Enhancement of Research (PIER), which aims to strengthen the University’s research enterprise across five thematic areas.

Prior to his appointment as Vice-President Research and Innovation in 2011, Dr. Haché served as Associate Vice-President Research at the University of Calgary, helping to advance strategic research priorities there. He also held appointments in the university’s Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine, and in the Department of Biological Sciences in the Faculty of Science. Previously, he held teaching and research leadership positions at the University of Ottawa. A molecular and cellular biologist and biochemist, Dr. Haché has made important contributions to the understanding of how steroid hormone signaling takes place in cells and how cells respond to DNA damaging agents. He received his Bachelor of Science in biochemistry from McGill University and his PhD in biochemistry from Queen’s University. He is the author of more than 130 scientific articles and abstracts, and has delivered numerous distinguished invited presentations on various aspects of his research.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Haché on his reappointment and wishing him well as he undertakes his second term.

Sincerely,

Mamdouh Shoukri
President and Vice-Chancellor