Five York researchers have been awarded Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Connection Grants:

- Professor Margaret Beare, Osgoode Hall Law School
- Professor Eva Karpinski, LA&PS
- Professor Marcello Musto, LA&PS
- Professor Andrea O’Reilly, LA&PS
- Dean Noël Sturgeon, Faculty of Environmental Studies

York alumnus Andrew Vorozcovs (BSc ’05, MSc ’05) is one of 72 Canadians shortlisted by the Canadian Space Agency for their astronaut selection process. All shortlisted candidates share in common an academic background in science or technology, outstanding qualities and skills, and excellent health.

Osgoode student Geevith Rubakumar won first place in the Ryerson Legal Innovation Zone challenge for founding the startup ParDONE.

Adjunct Chemistry professor Michael Organ is the recipient of the prestigious Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis (EROS) 2017 Best Reagent Award, in honour of his Pd-PEPPSI-IPent catalyst.
At Schulich Research Day on January 26, Dean Dezsö J. Horváth presented the following *Dean's Impact Research Awards* in recognition of Schulich faculty members who have demonstrated excellence in research:

- Lifetime Achievement Award went to Christine Oliver, Professor and Henry J. Knowles Chair in Organizational Strategy
- Emerging Leader Award went to Associate Professor Charlene Zietsma

York honorary degree recipient and acclaimed Canadian opera and theatre director Robert Carsen has been named one of five artists to receive an OPERA NEWS Award at a gala dinner hosted by the Metropolitan Opera Guild on April 9. The award recognizes distinguished achievement in the field of opera.

LAPS professor Richard Leblanc claimed the top spot on the series *Inside America’s Boardroom’s* Top 10 Episodes of 2016.

PhD student Sabrina Scott won the 2016 Youthline LGBT Youth Award for Outstanding Achievements in Post-Secondary Academic Environment.

York Lions jumper Holly Pitters set a new school record in long jump and won the gold medal at the Can Am Classic in Windsor.

Lassonde professor Hui Jiang and his former PhD student Ossama Abdel-Hamid received the 2016 IEEE Signal Processing Society (SPS) Best Paper Award for their research on speech recognition software.
LAPS professor Caroline Shenaz Hossein was awarded the prestigious Helen Potter Award by the Association of Social Economics for her article “‘Big Man’ Politics in the Social Economy: A Case Study of Microfinance in Kingston, Jamaica.” Named for economist Helen Potter, the award recognizes excellence in scholarship which confronts mainstream economics with literature that supports heterodox economic research.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Faculty of Health professor Shayna Rosenbaum was appointed to the position of York Research Chair in December 2016 in recognition of her world-leading expertise on memory.

Osgoode professor Aaron Dhir was appointed Spring 2017 Justin D’Atri Visiting Professor of Law, Business and Society at Columbia Law School.

LAPS professor Hassan Qudrat-Ullah was appointed editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Complexity in Applied Science and Technologies*.

Schulich professor Douglas Cumming was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Corporate Finance*.

Schulich alumna Dr. Eileen de Villa (MBA ’03) was appointed Toronto’s new Medical Officer of Health. Dr. de Villa also completed a certificate in health law at Osgoode.