FPGA ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Carleton University

Note from the Dean

This report offers us an opportunity to reflect on the people, ideas, and accomplishments that make the Faculty of Public and Global Affairs a dynamic intellectual community. I've had the good fortune to witness the extraordinary range and depth of work being carried out by our faculty, staff and students this year and I'm excited to share these accomplishments with all of you.

We are living through a period of profound transformation that is reshaping the world our students will inherit and the questions our researchers are called upon to answer. In this context, the work of FPGA scholars has never been more relevant. Our researchers are actively shaping the policy conversations, institutional responses and public understanding that societies need to navigate these challenges wisely.

The evidence of that leadership is clear throughout this report. Our external research funding reached $14,389,294 in 2025-26, a remarkable increase from $8 million the previous year. With 280 active funded research projects, 170 Tri-Agency funded projects, and seven active SSHRC Partnership Grants (a record for Carleton) FPGA is producing high impact scholarship at a scale and quality that places us firmly among the leading social sciences faculties in the country. Our five-year average success rate for SSHRC Insight Grants stands at 56.8%, well above the national average of 42.3%, and our success rate for SSHRC Insight Development Grants reaches 62%, compared to a national average of 49.7%. These are more than institutional metrics – they are a testament to the calibre of the ideas our researchers bring forward.

Our commitment to teaching, to mentorship and to equity, diversity, inclusion and reconciliation runs equally deep. The launch of the FPGA Racialized and Indigenous Graduate Students Mentorship Program, the creation of new student EDI awards, and the recognition of outstanding educators through teaching awards at both the faculty and university level all reflect our belief that excellence in scholarship must go hand-in-hand with an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Our students, too, are rising to the moment. From award-winning graduate researchers to undergraduate changemakers earning national fellowships and representing Canada on the world stage, the next generation of public and global affairs leaders is being shaped right here.

This report offers a snapshot of our shared accomplishments and contributions during the last academic year. My deepest congratulations and gratitude to all faculty, staff, and students. You are the reason FPGA continues to grow, to lead and to matter.

I invite you to read on, and to join me in celebrating what we have accomplished together.

Mary Francoli

Interim Dean
Faculty of Public and Global Affairs

Who We Are

The Faculty of Public and Global Affairs is unique in Canada, featuring a select group of 11 academic units that attract future leaders who go on to work at the highest levels of government, diplomacy, journalism, economics and much more.

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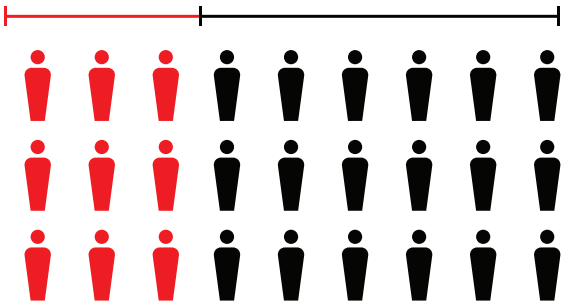
STAFF

206
FACULTY



(July 2026)

5K+
UNDERGRADS

1K+
GRADUATES

11
ACADEMIC UNITS

80+
PROGRAMS

800+
UNIQUE COURSES

7.1%
International Students
(Fall 2025)

Research Funding

2025-26 **$14M+**

2024-25 **$8M**

280
Active funded research projects (2025-26)

170
Active Tri-Agency funded projects

32
New Tri-Agency grants

7
Active SSHRC Partnership Grant projects

5
Canada Research Chairs

8
Endowed Research Chairs

- **5-year Average Success Rate for SSHRC Insight Development Grants: FPGA: 62%, National: 49.7%**
- **5-year Average Success Rate for SSHRC Insight Grants: FPGA: 56.8%, National: 42.3%**

Publishing*

14
Books

10
Edited books

102
Book chapters

253
Journal articles

***Total 2025/26**
FPGA faculty also produce technical papers, policy papers, op-eds, book reviews, journal editing, conference presentations, invited talks and testimony.

Research Leadership

FPGA researchers are national and international leaders in their fields. The recent announcement of three prestigious SSHRC Partnership Grants (a record for the university) underscores the significant influence and impact our researchers have on both scholarship and public policy.

Canada Research Chairs | Tier 1

Adegboyega Ojo, Public Policy and Administration

Focus: Governance and Artificial Intelligence

Adegboyega Ojo's research agenda concerns the scientific, technical, and governance foundations for trustworthy AI in the public sector. Over the past year, he has worked on two strands. The first builds an evidence base for AI value alignment, identifying the values, institutional conditions, governance practices, and mechanisms that align AI systems with societal priorities.

The second translates the core properties of trustworthy AI (transparency, accountability, fairness, and robustness) from normative principles into operational requirements embedded in system design and institutional processes. This work spans foundation models and agentic AI in healthcare, public administration and non-profit sectors.

In addition to his CRC research, Ojo is an Editorial Board Member of *Government Information Quarterly* and an Associate Editor for *Digital Government: Research and Practice and Information Polity*. He also served as Program Co-chair for ICEGOV2025, a United Nations conference held in Abuja, Nigeria.

Cati Coe, Political Science

Focus: Migration and Care

Over the past year, **Cati Coe** launched a project on vocational education in West Africa, in collaboration with colleagues (funded by the Open Research Area 8 grant). She conducted five months of research on the training of elder care workers in Ghana and was also a residential fellow at the Merian Institute of Advanced Studies in Africa, at the University of Ghana, where she organized a conference on aging in Africa.

She also participated in a global network called "A Reconsideration of Care: Pursuing Gender-Equal Care for Global Health and Wellbeing," funded by the Academy of Medical Sciences, UK.

Coe also published numerous articles on care, care work and aging.

Canada Research Chairs | Tier 2

Thomas Russell, Economics

Focus: Frontiers of Economic Analysis

Thomas Russell's research agenda is related to constructing tractable approximations to economic models that are difficult to compute.

Since starting the CRC on July 1, he has been investigating general-purpose tools for this agenda, as well as tools that work better in specific models (particularly, a class of discrete choice models that have applications to insurance and vertically differentiated consumer products).

In addition to his CRC agenda, he is associate editor at the Journal of Applied Econometrics and the Journal of Political Economy, a top econometrics journal and a top general-interest economics journal, respectively. He will spend the Fall 2026 semester at Penn State.

Erin Tolley, Political Science

Gender, Race, and Inclusive Politics

Erin Tolley launched a comprehensive study of violence in local politics in Canada as part of the SSHRC-funded Canadian Municipal Barometer.

She also spoke with delegates at the United Nations General Assembly about women's under-representation in parliament and published new research on the effects of racist political rhetoric on minoritized groups in Canada and the U.S.

Tolley also received multiple awards for Black on the Ballot, a podcast examining the experiences of Black Canadians in politics.

M. Remi Yergeau, Journalism and Communication

Focus: Critical Disability Studies and Communication

M. Remi Yergeau's research program investigates intersections between neurodiversity, gender identity, and networked communication. They study how people position transness and disability online, in public rhetoric, and in medical contexts.

Yergeau is a co-PI for the DISCO Network (Digital Inquiry, Speculation, Collaboration, and Optimism) and leads its member lab, Digital Accessible Futures.

Since beginning their CRC in January 2025, Yergeau co-authored the book *Technoskepticism* with 13 DISCO Colleagues (Stanford UP, February 2025). They are also co-editor for a forthcoming collection titled *Neurofutures: Neurodiversity in Crip Time*, which will be released by NYU Press in 2027.

Endowed Research Chairs (2025-26)

Nana aba Duncan
Carty Chair in Journalism, Diversity and Inclusion Studies

JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

Sarah Everts
CTV Chair in Digital Science Journalism

JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

Paul Goode
McMillan Chair of Russian Studies

EUROPEAN, RUSSIAN AND EURASIAN STUDIES

Philippe Lagassé
William and Jeanie Barton Chair in International Affairs

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NPSIA)

Meredith Lilly
Simon Reisman Chair in International Economic Policy

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NPSIA)

Jonathan Malloy
Honourable Dick and Ruth Bell Chair in Canadian Parliamentary Democracy

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Daniel Rosenbloom
Rosamond Ivey Research Chair in Sustainability Transitions

PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION (SPPA)

Stephen Saideman
Paterson Chair in International Affairs

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NPSIA)

SSHRC Partnership Grants 2026

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Focus: Research Network on Trade Politics in North America and Europe (TRADEPOL)

The network is an international partnership examining how growing political debates around trade are reshaping governance and decision-making.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NPSIA)

Focus: The Canadian Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence

The centre will encompass a national network designed to strengthen Canada's cybersecurity capacity through interdisciplinary education, research and training.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NPSIA)

Focus: Civil-Military Relations Network

The network is an international partnership focused on advancing understanding of the relationship between democratic governments and their armed forces.

FPGA Research Excellence awards

- **Ardyn Nordstrom**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA)
- **Mehmet Demircioglu**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA)

Carleton University Research Achievement Award:

- **William Walters**, Political Science/Sociology and Anthropology

Outstanding Graduate and Postdoctoral Researchers

Philippe Boucher (PhD student, Law and Legal Studies) is a Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Scholar 2025 and a Vanier Scholar. His thesis topic is "*Decolonizing Justice? Indigenous Healing, Exclusion, and Ambivalence in Canada's Criminal Courts*."

Joshua Steckley (Postdoc, Political Science) received the 2025 SSHRC Impact Talent Award for research featured in his book, *The Nightcrawlers: A Story of Worms, Cows, and Cash in the Underground Bait Industry*.

Lindy Van Vliet (PostDoc, Social Work) received a SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant for "*Connection and support: Addressing stigmatized grief in sex work communities during the toxic drug poisoning crisis*."

Policy-Engaged and Community-Focused Scholarship

Associate Professor Irena Knezevic (Journalism and Communication) met with farmers at Rongo University in Kenya as part of the FLOW (Flow, Food Growing and Learning) project.

The breadth and depth of scholarship within FPGA is strongly represented in the areas of policy engagement and community partnerships. This includes research in health, government services, poverty, immigration, natural resources, technology, environment and much more.

A few of the highlighted projects in 2025-26 include a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Team Grant awarded to **Mehdi Ammi** in the School of Public Policy and Administration for his project, “Strengthening Resilient and Equitable Public Health Systems,” which will investigate the long-term value of preventive public health spending.

In Criminology and Criminal Justice, **Alexander McClelland** also secured a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Team Grant for a new Community-based HIV/STBBI Public Health Observatory. This adds to his SSHRC-funded research on “Tracking (In)Justice: advancing new knowledge on police-involved deaths in Canada.”

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council is also supporting these projects:

Daniel Rosenbloom, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), for “Electrification contestation: Overcoming resistance to net-zero transitions in Canada” and “Assessing systemic outcomes of smart grid demonstrations: A transitions-informed, transdisciplinary approach.”

Dale Spencer, Law and Legal Studies, for “Parents’ experiences of symbiotic harms in the Youth Criminal Justice System.”

Peter Andrée, Political Science, for his study of Indigenous-led food systems with the Living Relations Project.

International Engagement and Global Impact Scholarship

FPGA researchers are also leaders in the study of international and global issues. Areas of study include defence and security, global refugee policy, international media regulation, trade policy and more.

The Faculty's 2025-26 SSHRC Partnership Grants (PG) highlighted these strengths, beginning with the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network (LERRN), a global team of academics, practitioners and displaced-led organizations led by James Milner (Political Science), as well as those mentioned above.

Additionally, a number of SSHRC Insight Grants awarded in this period address international and global topics. These include:

- **Stephanie Carvin**, International Affairs (NPSIA), for "When does Canada use intelligence diplomacy in its international affairs?"
- **Susana Vargas Cervantes**, Journalism and Communication, for "La chilaquil: A queer visual archive of women's sexuality in Mexico."
- **Christiane Wilke**, Law and Legal Studies, for "Non-credible: U.S. military responses to civilian casualty allegations."
- **Isaac Odoom**, Political Science, for "Digital transformation and geopolitics: Balancing development, agency, and global actors in Ghana."
- **Marc Hanvelt**, Political Science, for "David Hume's History of England: the critical edition and new methods of historical editing."
- **Elisabeth Gilmore**, International Affairs (NPSIA), for "Bridging scales of action: Operationalizing the Global Goal on Adaptation in Canada."
- **Christopher Worswick**, Economics, for "Economics of temporary and permanent immigration programs."
- **Siobhan Angus**, Journalism and Communication, for "Cultivating empire: Visual culture, chemical agriculture, and settler colonialism."
- **Michael Christensen**, Law and Legal Studies, for "I saw it on TikTok: How social media videos elicit trust and shape our evaluative judgment."
- **Amanda Clarke**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA), for "Working-level accountability regimes and administrative capacity in the Government of Canada: Moving from red to green tape."
- **Till Gross**, Economics, for "Non-cooperative tax policies in dynamic open economies."
- **Hashmat Khan**, Economics, for "Climate-macro modelling and policy scenarios."
- **Jeffrey Monaghan**, Criminology and Criminal Justice, for "The (electoral) politics of the police."
- **Sarah Todd**, Social Work, for "Holding tension: Navigating mastery and non-mastery in Social Work practice."

Teaching Excellence

James Milner (Political Science/ Migration and Diaspora Studies) received the Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award.

- **Faculty Graduate Mentoring Award**: **James Milner**, Political Science/ Migration and Diaspora Studies
- **Future Learning Innovation Fellowship**: **Lama Mourad**, International Affairs (NPSIA)
- **FPGA Teaching Excellence Awards** (see recipients on pg. 15)
- **Carleton University Teaching Achievement Award**: **Peter Andrée**, Political Science
- **L. Richard O'Hagan Fellowship for Journalism Education**: **Kanina Holmes** and alumna **Jessica Patterson**, Journalism and Communication

Student Achievements

Farah Ormelet (Communication and Media Studies)

Provost Scholar Award: **Henry Mason**, Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS)

C.J. Scott Memorial Award: **Nyabuol Biel Gang**, Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS)

FPGA Student Excellence Award for EDIR: **Kiara Gibbs-Cawker**, Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS)

FPGA EDI Student Research Awards: **Farah Ormelet** (Communication and Media Studies) and **Kiran Niet**, Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS)

Pathy Foundation Fellowship: **Kiara Gibbs-Cawker** and **Mandina Mashkoori**, Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS)

Advances in Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Reconciliation

The Faculty of Public and Global Affairs remains committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and reconciliation within its programs, communications and events. Here are some of the highlights from the 2025-26 academic year:

1. The **EDIR Teaching Resource Hub**, developed in 2025–2026 and available on the FPGA intranet, provides a curated, user-friendly collection of resources to support the integration of EDIR in teaching.

2. **Creating Student EDI Scholarships/ Excellence Award—Supporting Students** Significant efforts have been made to recognize and support students' EDIR-related research and service contributions through several awards:

   - **Student EDI Research Award** (annual): One award for graduate students with a cash value of $3,000; One award for undergraduate students with a cash value of $2,000.
   - **Student EDIR Service Excellence Award** (annual; cash value of $1,000)
   - **C. J. Scott Memorial Award for Black Students in International Affairs** (annual; cash value of $1,000)

- **The FPGA Racialized and Indigenous Graduate Students (MRIGS) Mentorship Program** was launched in September 2025. The program has 85 graduate students (mentees) across the Faculty with 50+ mentors from various public agencies, especially from Transport Canada and Global Affairs Canada.

Awards

Left to right: Jane Stinson, James Milner, Coraa St. Pierre, Stephen Saideman, Mary Francoli, Lama Mourad, Ardyn Nordstrom and Duncan McCue.

FPGA Excellence Awards

- **Community Engagement Award: James Milner**, Political Science
- **Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award: Duncan McCue,** Journalism and Communication
- **Public Commentary Award: Stephen Saideman**, International Affairs (NPSIA)
- **Research Excellence Award: Ardyn Nordstrom**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA)**, Mehmet Demircioglu**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA)**, Jane Stinson,** Political Economy
- **Staff Excellence Award: Coraa St. Pierre Jones,** Political Management
- **Teaching Excellence Award: Lama Mourad,** International Affairs (NPSIA), **Marylyn Steckley**, Bachelor of Global and International Studies (BGInS), **Jane Stinson**, Political Economy

Carleton University Professional Achievement Award

- **Katie Graham**, Journalism and Communication

Carleton University Contract Instructor Teaching Award

- **Sujoy Chatterjee**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA)

2026 Canadian Political Science Association Prize in Comparative Politics

- **Stephen Saideman** and **Philippe Lagassé**, International Affairs (NPSIA)

Canadian Research Insights Council Fellow

- **Scott Bennett**, Political Science

Royal Society of Canada

- **Elisabeth Gilmore**, International Affairs (NPSIA)

Susanne K. Langer Award, Media Ecology Association

- **Ross Eaman**, retired, Journalism and Communication

The Hill Times Foreign Policy Influencers

- **Meredith Lilly**, International Affairs (NPSIA)

Trinity College (Toronto) Honorary Doctorate

- **Fen Osler Hampson**, International Affairs (NPSIA)

Yvan Allaire Medal in Governance, Royal Society of Canada

- **Graeme Auld**, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA)

Stephen Saideman and Philippe Lagassé

SPPA Professor Susan Phillips Appointed to Order of Canada

Professor emerita **Susan Phillips**, the founder of Canada's only graduate program in philanthropy, was appointed to the Order of Canada on December 31, 2025.

The Order of Canada announcement noted that Phillips is "a leading scholar with 40 years of impact, she has shaped non-profit research, mentored hundreds and influenced public policy. Her award-winning work and editorial leadership have positioned Carleton as a global leader in non-profit and philanthropic studies."

Phillips founded Canada's first and only graduate program in philanthropy, the Master of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership (MPNL), as well as a diploma, in 2013, "to equip graduates with a specialized, versatile set of skills and knowledge to succeed in a range of careers." The program resides within Carleton's School of Public Policy and Administration (SPPA).

Events

FPGA is known for convening exciting public events that engage the broader community and highlight Carleton's beautiful campus environment. Several of our units hold annual lectures delivered by high-profile speakers who address matters of significant national and international importance.

Clockwise: The Dick, Ruth, and Judy Bell Lecture with Chrystia Freeland (FPGA), the Stursberg Lecture with Yousra Elbagir (Journalism and Communication), Black History is Every Month (Social Work), President of Finland: Rebalancing the World Order in an Age of Fragmentation, International Affairs (NPSIA), the Energy Modelling Hub Annual Forum with Yasir Naqvi, Public Policy and Administration (SPPA).

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