

Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship for York-Sheridan Students



February was Black History Month. The OATA managed to complete negotiations with both Sheridan and York to confirm the first OATA Diversity & Inclusion Bursary. This will be an annual commitment. AT students are the future of the profession. The Bursary was a commitment in the OATA's Anti-Racism and Diversity plan made publicly on June 6, 2020. The OATA is committed to tackling systemic racism and to advancing inclusion in the profession and this Association.

We are pleased to share the enthusiasm from both Sheridan and York to these new \$1,000 Bursaries. York told us 70% of the York student population self-identifies as non-white and the vast majority of the students are on OSAP. The Bursary is much-needed. At Sheridan, the Bursary meets with the College's own commitment to promote diversity, advance equity and to foster a culture of inclusion.

The Diversity & Inclusion Bursary is an entry-level award available to Year One students at Sheridan College and students in Year Three at York University. More details will be announced at the OATA AGM. We wanted Members to know that commitment has been fulfilled.

Policies and Guidelines on Systematic Racism