THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO:
GLOBAL LEADERSHIP
AND IMPACT
The University of Toronto is one of the world’s leading institutions of higher learning. Our tri-campus system is renowned nationally and internationally for groundbreaking research and innovative teaching, which drive economic growth and promote social well-being around the globe.

A Worldwide Network of Excellence
A constellation of alumni, students and researchers ensures U of T plays a crucial role in our world.

A Global City
Toronto is a dynamic global city, a vibrant and diverse hub of business, culture and innovation.

A Global University
U of T is consistently ranked among the best universities worldwide and is a global leader in transforming innovative ideas into products, services, companies and jobs.

Incredible Discoveries and Breakthroughs
For more than a century, U of T discoveries have been making history.

Areas of Research Excellence
From AI to regenerative medicine to urban studies, U of T leads the way.

A Transformative Education
U of T’s excellence, diversity and accessibility set it apart.

Outstanding Alumni
Trail-blazing graduates apply their U of T education to inspire students and shine on the world stage.

Alumni Impact
U of T’s extensive alumni network is a significant driver of economic growth and societal well-being.

Looking to the Future
U of T is uniquely positioned to contribute to the world.
A WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF EXCELLENCE

U of T’s network is truly global. Few universities in the world can rival the international diversity of our alumni and student populations, while on the research front, our faculty collaborate with scholars around the globe. Today U of T alumni live, work and contribute to civil society in more than 190 countries and territories.

ALUMNI
More than 570,000 alumni in 190+ countries and territories.

STUDENTS
More than 16,400 first-year students from more than 1,000 municipalities throughout the world.

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS
675 research collaborations that resulted in 100 or more publications over a five-year period. Only Harvard has a more extensive network of global collaborators.

1 ONLY COLLABORATIONS THAT OCCURRED BETWEEN 2010 AND 2015 THAT RESULTED IN 100 OR MORE PUBLICATIONS ARE SHOWN. (UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS ARE EXCLUDED; THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENT MEMBERS ARE INCLUDED.)
A GLOBAL CITY

Toronto is a dynamic global city, a vibrant and diverse centre of business, culture and innovation. Thanks to its attractive combination of livability and ease of doing business, it’s becoming one of the world’s leading technology startup hubs. U of T and the Greater Toronto Area have grown together, and will continue to do so into the future.

One of the world’s most livable cities

3rd in the world “to live and work in tech”

Considered the world’s most diverse city

3rd in leading global cities after London and Singapore

Considered the best economy for young people

3rd largest ICT cluster in North America

3rd largest design industry in North America

North America’s 4th largest city

A UNESCO Creative City of Media Arts

The University of Toronto
A GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

RANKED AMONG THE BEST IN THE WORLD
The University of Toronto is Canada's leading university and consistently ranked among the best universities worldwide.

U of T is the top Canadian university on the world’s most innovative list. We’re a global leader in transforming innovative ideas into products, services, companies and jobs.

A LEADING ENGINE FOR INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

U of T Entrepreneurship ranks among top 5 university-managed business incubators in the world.

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| #3 | in the world for clinical medicine | 1 Harvard | 2 Johns Hopkins | 3 University of Toronto | 4 UC San Francisco | 5 University of Pennsylvania |

U OF T’S POSITION IN WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

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DEMONSTRATED RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
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Only 3 universities in the world rank in the top 30 for 11 key fields.

Stanford, the University of Toronto and Columbia

$1.2B in research funding – U of T and partner hospitals

275 Canada Research Chairs

8 Nobel Laureates associated with U of T

More than 750 patent applications filed since 2010

Entrepreneurial hubs across 3 campuses assist more than 200 student-led startup teams each year

More than 150 new startups in the past 5 years

In the last 10 years U of T startup companies have raised almost $1B

3/4 of U of T inventions are co-developed by students or post-docs

A leader among North American universities for research-based startups

97.6% of alumni are employed compared to 93.6% for the total Canadian workforce

$368B in annual revenues by alumni-founded ventures globally

3.7M jobs created by alumni globally

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INCREDIBLE DISCOVERIES AND BREAKTHROUGHS

For over a century, University of Toronto researchers have been making discoveries that have changed life for the better. Here are just some of the U of T breakthroughs that have enhanced the world’s collective knowledge.

Keren Rice is one of the world’s leading experts in the linguistic analysis and preservation of Indigenous languages in Canada’s Northwest Territories.

Barbara Sherwood Lollar discovered the oldest known water on the planet, flowing two to three kilometres deep in the most ancient rocks of the Precambrian era.

Jeffrey Packer, Constantin Christopoulos, Michael Gray and Carlos de Oliveira founded the startup Cast ConneX Corporation, which is the industry leader in the use of cast steel components in constructing buildings and bridges.

Ron Deibert uncovered GhostNet, a cyberespionage network that infiltrated government, economic and media systems around the world.

Marshall McLuhan’s influential study forever altered views about the effects of media upon people and their lives.

John Polanyi was awarded the Nobel Prize for his discovery of infrared chemiluminescence, a method for understanding how molecules are reborn in a chemical reaction.

Peter St George-Hyslop and his team have achieved success in determining the functions of amyloids, harmful proteins that build up in the brains of Alzheimer’s patients.

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AREAS OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

U of T is fortunate to enjoy exceptional strengths in a number of research disciplines. Here we have highlighted a few examples. All of these have global relevance and some are closely tied to the Toronto region’s leading industry hubs.

What we know is surely only a tiny fraction of what remains to be known. At the centre of the atom, in the nucleus of the living cell and at the outer edges of the universe lie new worlds awaiting their discoverer.

— John Polanyi, Nobel Prize winner and U of T Professor of Chemistry
The University of Toronto is very fortunate to be situated in the midst of one of the world’s truly great metropolitan regions, with three campuses in three different parts of the Greater Toronto Area. This means that on our doorstep we have fantastic opportunities for both teaching and research, and our students benefit from being able to work on real problems with partners in the community around us.

— Meric S. Gertler, President, University of Toronto

The student-led Blue Sky Solar Racing team, assisted by alumni volunteers, promotes environmental awareness and innovation in technology throughout the Greater Toronto Area and further afield.
A TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION

U of T’s global outlook and cosmopolitan location provide students with a transformative educational experience. We continue to reinvent the way we educate students, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate our rapidly changing world.

Top students from across Canada and around the globe are drawn to U of T for many reasons, but what sets this University apart is our excellence, our diversity and our accessibility.

- Nearly 94% of U of T accomplished scholars teach undergraduates.
- At least 50% of first-year Canadian undergraduates come from families with incomes of <$50,000.
- 69% of first-year students identify as a visible minority.
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Students in Professor Joyce Poon’s lab gain hands-on experience in photonics, which is revolutionizing how data is transmitted.

Tri-Campus System

Our tri-campus system spans the Greater Toronto Area, which allows students to take part in work-integrated learning and specialized programming throughout one of the world’s most diverse urban regions.

Smaller Learning Communities

Smaller learning communities enhance core programs, which is why every student within the Faculty of Arts & Science is affiliated with one of seven colleges.

World-Class Hospitals and Health-Care Sites

Our nine fully affiliated hospitals and 12 community-affiliated hospitals and health-care sites offer teaching and research experiences for our health-sciences students and are among the best in North America.

Programs and Opportunities

U of T offers its students hundreds of programs and more than a thousand clubs, organizations, activities and volunteer opportunities, including student-run legal and dental clinics and other community-based projects.
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

U of T alumni include some of the most influential thought leaders of our time, as well as award-winning authors, leaders in public office, advocates for global issues, stars of arts and culture, Olympic athletes and astronauts—and these are just some of the fields in which our graduates have excelled.

Vicky Sunohara (BPHE 2010), Olympic Athlete
Richie Mehta (BA 2001 UTM), Filmmaker
Julie Payette (MASc 1990, Hon DSc 2001), Astronaut & 29th Governor General of Canada
Margaret Atwood (BA 1961, Hon DLITT 1983), Author

Vaira Vike-Freiberga (BA 1958, MA 1960, Hon DSCALT 2000, Hon LLD 2008), 6th President of Latvia

Lyse Doucet (MA 1982, Hon LLD 2009), Chief International Correspondent, BBC

Malcolm Gladwell (BA 1984, Hon LLD 2011), Thought Leader

Mark Rowswell “Dashan” (BA 1988), Entertainer

Donald Sutherland (BA 1958, Hon LLD 1998), Actor

Margaret Norrie McCain (BSW 1955, Hon LLD 1996), Social Advocate

Preet Banerjee (BSc 2001 UTSC), Television Host and Financial Expert

Raymond Moriyama (BArch 1954, Hon LLD 1994), Architect

Suneet Singh Tuli (BASc 1990), Founder, President & CEO, DataWind Ltd.
A distinguished network of more than half a million University of Toronto graduates is making valuable economic, social and cultural contributions around the world. For more information on the impact of our alumni, please visit uoft.me/alumni-impact

U of T alumni start flourishing and profitable companies, invest in innovative startups, and are employed in meaningful and important work.

EMPLOYMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INVESTMENT

U of T alumni are employed, compared to 91.4% for the total Canadian workforce.

- 97.6%
- 90.6%
- 87%
- 84%
- 80%
- 75%

1 in 4 alumni have founded at least one company.

- 4 Canadian Prime Ministers
- 3 Governors General
- 5 Academy Award Winners
- 24 Juno Award Winners
- 4 Grammy Award Winners
- 8 Giller Prize Winners
- 2 Man Booker Prize Winners
- 15 Supreme Court Justices
- 330,000 alumni have served as mentors
- 2.8 million hours of volunteer service per month
- 1,16 million total years of non-profit board service
- 330,000 works of literary, performing or visual art for public consumption
- 200,000 peer-reviewed articles, books and conference presentations

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ALUMNI IMPACT

197K ventures created

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3.7M jobs created globally

368,000 academic and professional publications, guidelines or policies disseminated beyond their employer or institution

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3 Governors General

15 Supreme Court Justices

16 Canadian Premiers

6 Grammy Award Winners

5 Academy Award Winners

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Education, law, social welfare, community, govt.

Healthcare

Business, finance and administration

Natural and applied sciences

Management

Arts, culture, recreation, sport

Sales and services

Trade, transport, equipment operators

Natural resources, agriculture

Manufacturing and utilities

Management, Business & Administration

Natural and Applied Sciences

Health & Social Sciences

Fine Arts & Design

Sales & Marketing

Research & Development

Technology, Engineering & Computing

University of Toronto alumni lead by example, sharing their time and expertise to help others as board members, volunteers and mentors in their respective communities.
There are very few universities around the world that combine the strengths, excellence and global stature of U of T with the uncommon level of openness found in its partnerships, programs and policies. This University values accessibility, diversity and tolerance, and does all it can to ensure that its campuses and the Toronto area are places where people feel they can participate in meaningful ways. We are uniquely equipped to educate globally minded citizens and tackle the biggest challenges affecting our health, our environment and our civil society.

Being Canada’s leading university in Canada’s largest city gives us a unique platform from which to contribute to the world. As U of T looks to the future, it will continue to celebrate the rich and remarkable relationship it enjoys with the Toronto city-region, create opportunities for young people to excel and capitalize on their talents, and help to build a healthier and more equitable society by making a difference in our global community.