

Executive Summary

From Discovery to Impact

University of Toronto's Institutional Strategic Research Plan 2024-2029

From Discovery to Impact: University of Toronto's Institutional Strategic Research Plan 2024-2029 is the key document that expresses our core commitments to research excellence, providing direction for supporting scholarship by identifying strategic opportunities and enabling actions.

This strategic plan is the result of extensive internal and external consultations and builds upon our previous successful plans. It draws upon the strategic plans of our academic divisions and partner hospitals and is informed by the institutional priorities articulated in U of T's [Towards 2030](#) and the [Three Priorities](#). It is a requirement of the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program and a non-adjudicated component of several other federal funding programs.

Core research and innovation values

These values hold broad consensus and will underpin our institutional research and innovation strategy for the next five years.

1. Pursuing research and innovation that solve global grand challenges
2. Advancing equity, diversity and inclusion
3. Promoting an environment that centres inclusive excellence and integrity
4. Enabling the pursuit of new fields of research and groundbreaking innovations
5. Building collaborations and partnerships with communities, organizations, industry and other universities
6. Working towards reconciliation with First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and communities

Strategic objectives

Our strategic objectives will inform and propel U of T's research and innovation and performance measures over the next five years.

1. Lead nationally and globally in research and innovation
2. Provide institutional supports to empower scholars to do their best research
3. Enable, train and support the next generation of researchers and innovators
4. Promote all stages of research from idea to discovery, translation and impact
5. Cultivate an environment to leverage opportunities and foster collaboration and partnerships

Research themes

U of T's thematic research areas engage the community and our partners as they work to solve fundamental questions and find solutions to some of the most pressing challenges that face humanity.

1. Expanding our fundamental knowledge of living organisms and the universe
2. Exploring cultures and communication
3. Advancing health and well-being
4. Innovating technology
5. Developing community, policy, pedagogies and governance