

Workshop #1

# **Breakout Room**

## **Honours & Awards Pipeline**

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# Agenda

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- Role of Honours & Awards (H&A) in the research landscape
- Visualizing the H&A pipeline
- Key VPRI services and functions for H&A
- Links and contacts
- Questions and discussion

# H&A in the research landscape

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- How are H&A defined at U of T?
  - *Honours and distinctions* recognizing research achievements or stature
  - *Prizes or awards* for completed research achievements
  - *Prestigious fellowships* recognizing and supporting promising research
  - *Nomination-based funding opportunities* that require endorsement
- Funding attached is often not managed via RSO
- Prestigious salary awards or grants are outside scope of H&A

# H&A in the research landscape

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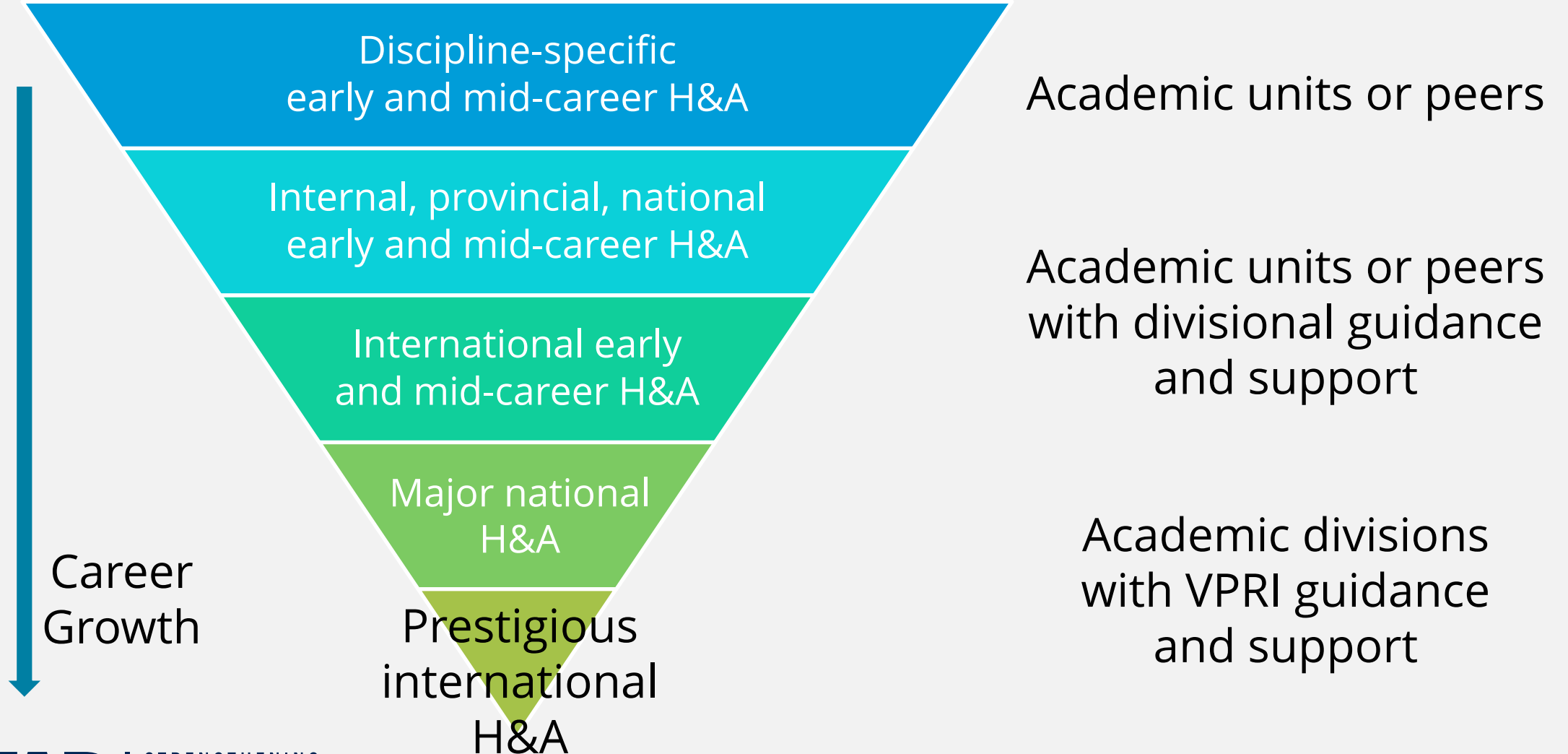
- H&A are one facet of recognition and support for faculty
- What do they contribute to faculty success?
  - Increase visibility within and outside of U of T
  - Build a trajectory for future recognition and career development
  - Offer a source of funding for further research
  - **Convey a consensus of excellence** that can lead to further awards, funding and collaboration

# H&A in the research landscape

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- For the university, academic divisions and units:
  - H&A reflect the quality and peer recognition of U of T research – within specific disciplines, nationally, and internationally
  - They contribute to our reputation and to some international rankings
  - They provide a measure of our research leadership
- VPRI strategic goals include increasing U of T's share of prestigious international H&A

# Visualizing the H&A pipeline



# Key VPRI services and functions

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- Strategic guidance for academic divisions
  - Insight on major national and international H&A competitions
  - Collaboration with Universities Canada Global Excellence Initiative and correspondence with awarding organizations
  - Guidance regarding H&A “scaffolds” based on U of T data
  - Best practices for H&A nomination and celebration within units
- Decentralized model: VPRI ↔ Divisions ↔ Units

# Key VPRI services and functions

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- Nomination resources for the U of T community
  - Online database of H&A opportunities; includes U of T winners
  - Advertisement of opportunities and internal processes
  - Panel workshops on specific opportunities (with CRIS)
- Nomination and competition management
  - Institutional nominations and internal selection processes
  - President's Impact Awards



# Key VPRI services and functions

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- Data and performance tracking
  - Nominations and received H&A for current U of T faculty
  - National performance in selected national/international H&A
- Celebratory practices
  - Congratulatory letters for international and major national H&A
  - Collaboration with U of T Communications on U of T Celebrates stories
  - U of T Salutes! recognition event

# Links and Contacts

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- Online resources
  - <https://research.utoronto.ca/honours-awards/honours-awards>
- Divisional H&A coordinators
  - <https://research.utoronto.ca/honours-awards/divisional-honours-awards-coordinators>
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# Questions?