**DERRICK ROSSI INNOVATION AWARD**

**Notice of Intent (NOI)**

**Notice of Intent Deadline: Monday February 10, 2025**

**Full Application Deadline: Monday March 17, 2025**

# Applicant Information

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| **Last Name, First Name:** |  |
| **Personnel Number:** |  |
| **Department:** |  |
| **Faculty:** |  |
| **Academic Rank:** |  |
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**In order to be considered for this funding opportunity**, all applicants are required to answer the [University of Toronto’s Employment Equity Survey](https://easi.its.utoronto.ca/administrative-web-services/employee-self-service-ess/), available through Employee-Self Service, by no later than the application deadline. Applicants may voluntarily self-identify in any of the groups or log a response indicating that they decline the survey. Self-identification data is important to the University’s ability to accurately identify barriers to participation and to develop strategies to eliminate these barriers. Aggregated results as of the closing of this posting will be sent to the Research Equity and Diversity Strategist and may be accessed by only a small number of designated senior administrators within the Division of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation (VPRI). Any information directly related to you is confidential and cannot be accessed by the reviewers or by VPRI staff. The data is used by VPRI as part of our ongoing efforts to embed principles of equity, diversity and inclusion in the administration of internal funding programs. Please note that an updated Employment Equity Survey was launched in early 2023. If you have already completed this updated version of the survey, thank you; your responses will be included in the aggregated results. If you have not yet accessed the updated version, please do so prior to the competition deadline.

**In addition to the survey mentioned above**, it is highly encouraged that all applicants and co-applicants complete the [University of Toronto (U of T) IP Education Program](https://entrepreneurs.utoronto.ca/for-entrepreneurs/ip-education/). The IP Education Program is an accessible free, online training program designed to equip students, faculty and staff with a broad foundation in intellectual property.

# Project Title

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# Disclosure(s)

* Projects must be based on one or more existing [invention or copyright disclosure filed to the Innovations & Partnerships Office (IPO)](https://research.utoronto.ca/inventions-commercialization-entrepreneurship/disclose-invention) **prior to 11:59pm on February 3rd, 2025**.
* Invention and copyright disclosures solely filed with an affiliated hospital are ineligible.
* Insert additional boxes/rows if necessary.

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| **Disclosure number(s) (e.g. CID#1000XXXX) and title:** |  |

# Project Abstract

* The Derrick Rossi Innovation Awards support proof-of-concept research aimed at creating high impact, accelerating the adoption/commercialization of cutting-edge research projects focused on accelerating the implementation and/or commercialization of high potential, cutting-edge research, with the promise of significant socio-economic impacts. Proposals will be evaluated based on innovation, addressing a critical unmet need, potential impact, feasibility, strategic partnerships and team capability. Provide a brief description of the technology and project, its novelty, impact and the objectives to advance research, adoption/commercialization, knowledge mobilization, and deployment/implementation.
* 500 words max.

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# Uniqueness, Socio-Economic Benefit, and Potential Impact

* Describe how the solution is unique.
* Describe how the solution is disruptive compared to existing solutions.
* Explain the potential impact and related KPIs.
* 250 words max.

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# Partnership

* List any industry partner, not-for-profit organization, or pilot testing site/organization involved in the project.
* Explain the strategic role of the partner(s) in this project.
* Describe how each partnership is essential to develop further or facilitate the adoption/commercialization of the solution.
* 250 words max.

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# SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

The NOI is to be submitted electronically (as a PDF file, using the naming convention: **LastNameFirstName\_DRIA\_NOI\_2025**) by 11:59pm on February 10, 2025 to [commercialization@utoronto.ca](mailto:commercialization@utoronto.ca?subject=DRIA%20NOI%20Submission%202025). Please indicate in the subject line of your email**: DRIA NOI Submission 2025 (LastNameFirstName)**.