

## **Introduction to Toronto Metropolitan University**

Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) vision is to be Canada's leading comprehensive innovation university, a leader in high-quality, career-related education fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. With a mission to serve societal need, and a long-standing commitment to engaging its community, TMU offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in the Faculties of Arts, Community Services, The Creative School, Engineering and Architectural Science, Science, the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, the Ted Rogers School of Management, and the Yeates School of Graduate Studies. TMU's School of Medicine continues to be designed from the ground up with the goal of opening its doors to students in fall 2025.

Distinctly urban, culturally diverse and inclusive, the University is home to more than 48,000 students, including 3,000 master's and Ph.D. students, over 4,000 faculty and staff and over 225,000 alumni worldwide.

In September 2020, Toronto Metropolitan University opened a new faculty of law, the first new law school to open in Toronto since 1889. More than 70 career-oriented graduate programs, including 19 at the doctorate level, are being offered through the Yeates School of Graduate Studies.

Research at Toronto Metropolitan University is on a trajectory of success and growth, receiving \$102 million in research funding in 2020-2021. Scholarly, research and creative activity is central to Toronto Metropolitan University's mission. The university's new Strategic Research Plan identifies six strategic themes that highlight where the institution is driving SRC intensity, impact, and excellence. The new strategic themes are: Urban Innovation; Justice, Equity and Society; Culture and Creativity; Work, Skills, Industry; Health and Well-Being; and Technology and Intelligent Systems.

TMU is home to the Canada Excellence Research Chair (CERC) in Migration and Integration, as well as two Tier I and 17 Tier II Canada Research Chairs (CRC). A selection of centres and institutes include the Future Skills Centre, the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, the Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, the Centre for Immigration and Settlement, the Centre for Urban Energy (CUE), the Institute for Biomedical Engineering, the Centre for Urban Research and Land Development (CUR), iBEST, Urban Water, and the Yellowhead Institute.

The University is working to reshape the downtown core of Toronto. In the past few years the University has taken major initiatives to transform the neighbourhood, most recently opening the Daphne Cockwell Health Sciences Complex on Church Street which brings together four schools within the Faculty of Community Services and provides state-of-the-art learning spaces including labs and classrooms, as well as a student residence.

Other major construction projects have included the Image Centre, the Mattamy Athletic Centre formerly Maple Leaf Gardens, the Student Learning Centre, and the Centre for Urban Innovation, which houses a research, incubation and commercialization hub focused on alternative energy, water management, food production and data analytics.