

Office of the Vice-Principal Research

2013-2018



Mission

The mission of the office:

To promote, enhance, and facilitate the research, scholarship and creative activity of all members of the University of Toronto Mississauga.

Values

The Values that the office upholds in working towards its mission:

In pursuit of its mission, OVPR values transparency, fairness, and equitable access to the resources and services provided by the office.

The UTM Research Council

Created in 2013, The UTM Research Council serves:

- as an advisory board that supports the mission of the Vice-Principal, Research
- as a forum for information exchange and discussion of issues relevant to the research community at UTM
- provides adjudication of internal research awards

The UTM Research Council

Esteban Parra	Mohan Matthen	Louis Kaplan	Evonne Levy
Angela Lange	Tracey Galloway	Pam King	Diana Raffman
Patrick Gunning	Steven Short	Kyle Smith	Andrew Nicholson
Gueorgui Kambourov	Peter Macdonald	Rick Greene	Arsalan Kahnemuyipour
Alexandra Gillespie	Xianwen Shi	Mihaela Pirvulescu	Ilia Binder
Yuhong He	Terry Robinson	Byeong-Uk Yi	Meredyth Daneman
Martin Revermann	Ron Buliung	Ed Schatz	John Kervin
Gabor Virag	Tong Lam	Keisuke Fukuda	Marleen Rozemond
Michael Yampolsky	Rhonda McEwen	Jack Sidnell	Weiguo Zhang
Graham White	Jacob Hirsh	Virgis Barzda	Meghan Sutherland
Bruce Schneider	Bill Weiss	Daniel Wright	Jacopo de Simoi
David Brownfield	Jonathan Weisberg	Lisa Kramer	Shivaji Mukherjee

Investing in Research & Scholarship

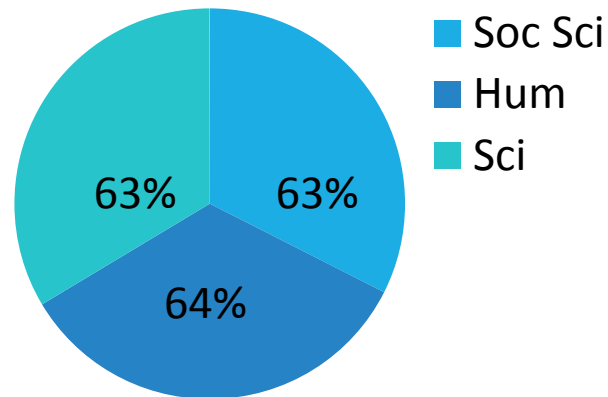
New Programs since 2013

- Research and Scholarly Activity Fund
- Outreach Conference and Colloquium Fund
- Research Planning Grants
- Bridge Funding Program
- UTM Working Groups in the Humanities and Social Sciences
- UTM Jackman Humanities Institute Annual Seminar

Investing in Research & Scholarship

Research and Scholarly Activity Fund

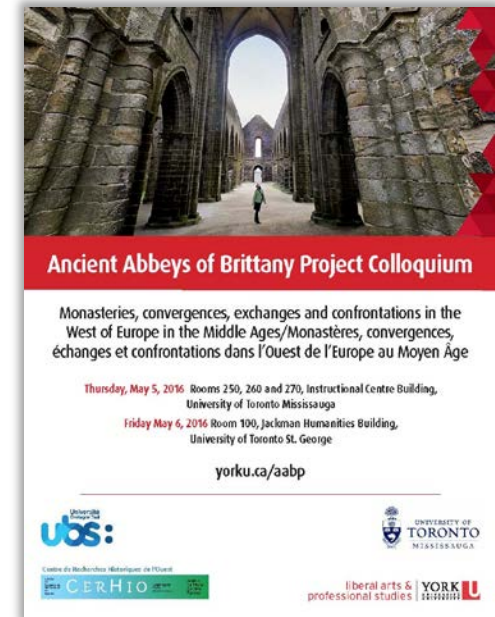
- to enhance success in future grant competitions
- 92 projects funded
- >\$800,000 distributed



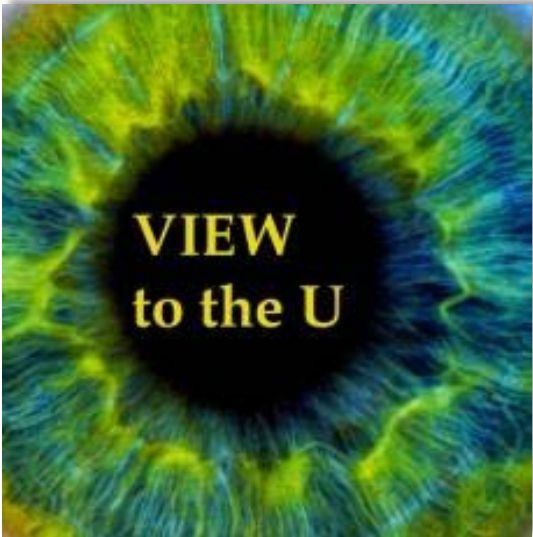
Success rate by discipline

Outreach, Conference, and Colloquia Fund

- to organize and hold academic and research events, especially at UTM
- 40 projects funded
- >\$40,000 distributed



Promoting and Communicating Research

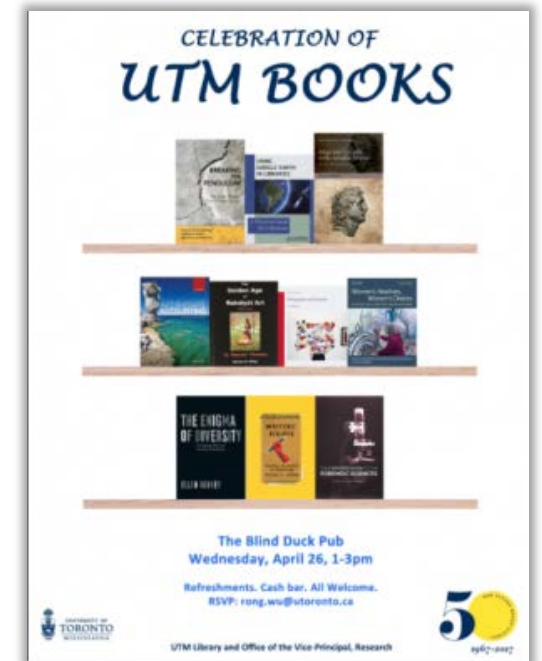


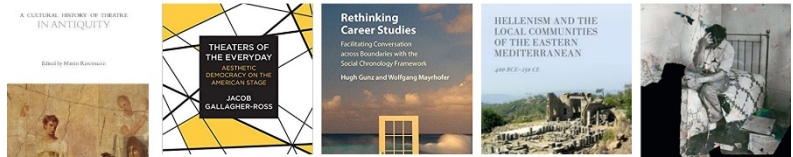
- Content Creation
 - 95 new posts on the UTM Research News Webpage since Jan 2014
- UTM Research Office Twitter (@UTM_Research)
 - >3000 tweets, >1100 followers
- SURGE – quarterly UTM Research Newsletter
- View to the U Podcast
 - 5000 listens of 16 podcasts since launch in 2017
- RECON – Research Communications Network
- InnerCircle: Closeup with UTM Researchers
 - Research focused videos for UTM's YouTube channel



Celebrating Research

- Smarti Gras
 - celebration of undergraduate student research
- Celebration of Books
 - annual book launch for UTM authors
- UTM Research Excellence Lectureship
 - public lecture for UTM Research Excellence prize winner
- UTM Annual Research Prize Symposium
 - public colloquium for UTM Annual Research Prize winners
- Graduate Student Research Day
 - celebration of graduate student research





CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

Tuesday, April 24, 2-4 pm, 2018, UTM Room

You are invited to come and celebrate UTM's authors and their recent publications. Faculty, staff, and students are all welcome.

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CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

The Blind Duck Pub
April 27, 2016, 1-3 pm
Refreshments. Cash bar.

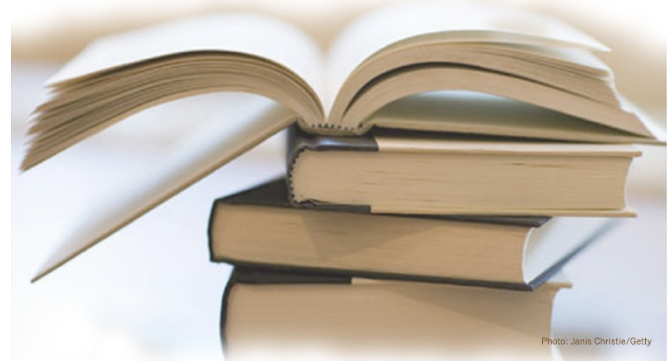
You are invited to come and celebrate recent publications by UTM faculty members. Faculty, staff, and students are all welcome.

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CELEBRATION OF BOOKS


An event honouring a diverse range of UTM authors and their books
Wednesday, April 29, 2015, 4-5:30pm
The Blind Duck Pub (refreshments provided; cash bar)



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Annual Celebration of Books since 2014



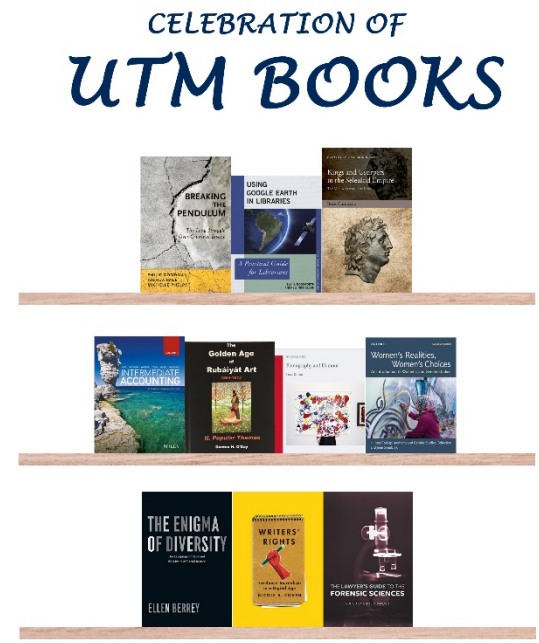
Celebration of BOOKS

Thursday, April 3, 2014, 4pm-6:30pm
Faculty Club, DV-3140

You are invited to come and celebrate UTM's authors and their recent publications. Faculty, staff, and students are all welcome.

Refreshments will be served.

Event co-sponsored by:
Library UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA
Office of the Vice-Principal, Research



The Blind Duck Pub
Wednesday, April 26, 1-3pm

Refreshments. Cash bar. All Welcome.

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Reputational Partnership & STEM Outreach

AMGEN® Biotech Experience

Scientific Discovery for the Classroom
Canada

let's talk 
science



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OF SCIENCE
Network for Learning

New Canada Research Chair Nominees



Rhonda McEwen
CCIT
CRC in Tactile Interfaces,
Communication and Cognition.



Vincent Kuuire
Geography
CRC in Immigrant Well Being
& Global Health



Maria Hupfield
Visual Studies / English & Drama
CRC in Indigenous Digital Arts &
Performance

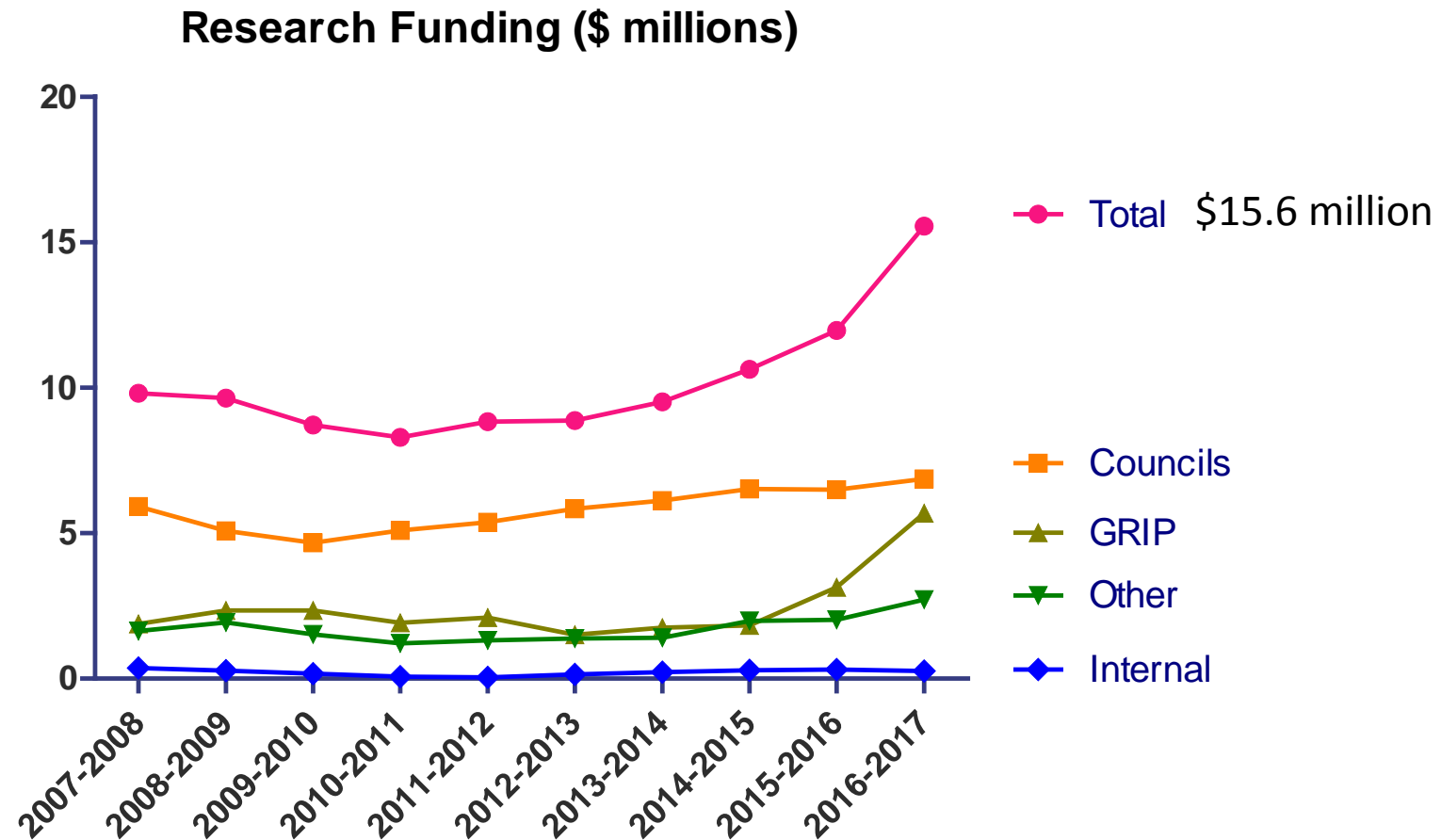


Marc Johnson
Biology
CRC in Urban Environmental
Science

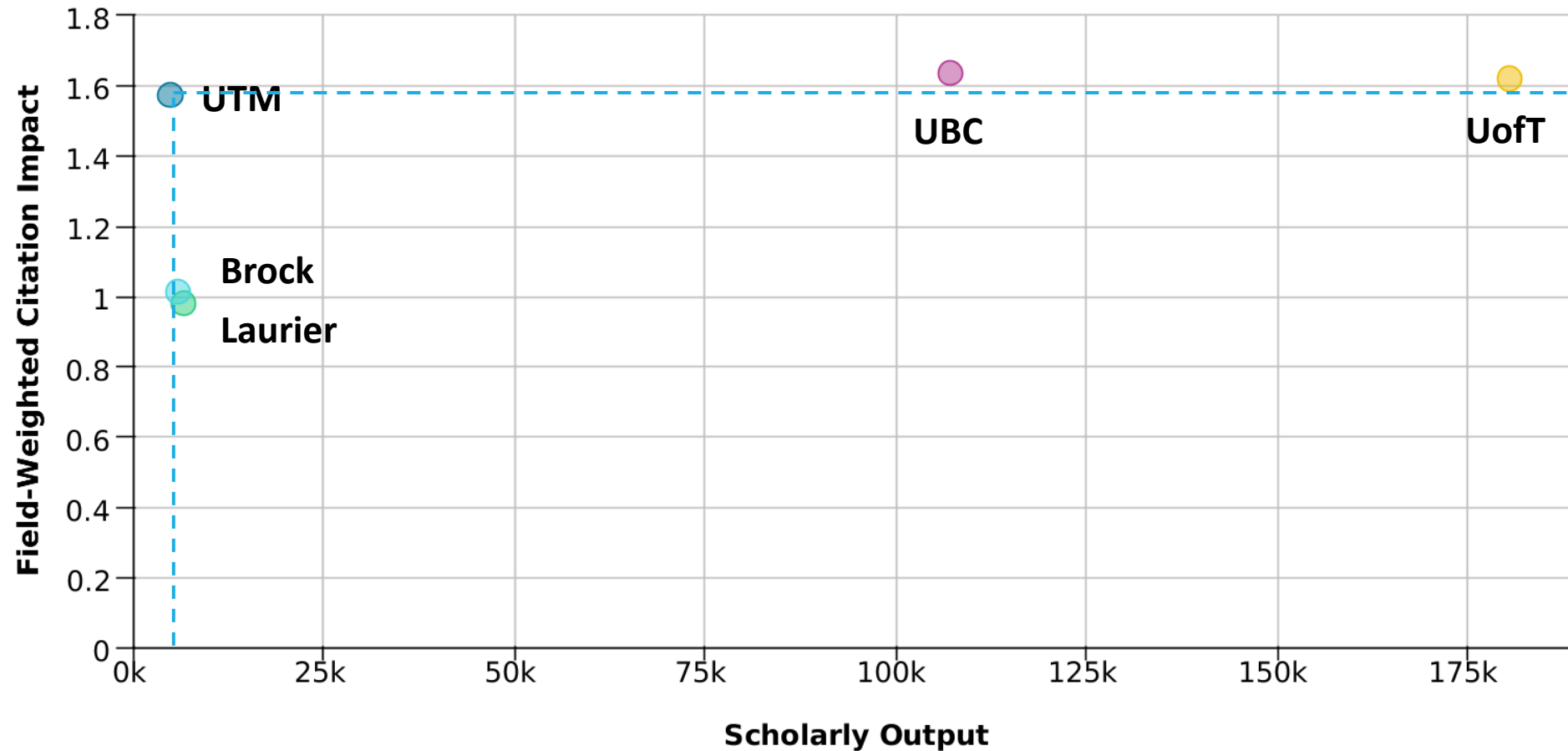
All new OVPR programs since 2013

- New UTM OVPR Budget
- Establish UTM Research Council
- Launched Research and Scholarly Activity Funds
- Launched Outreach, Conference and Colloquium Funds
- Launched an Annual Call for Research Equipment Funding
- Established the UTM Research Excellence Lectureship
- Launched UTM Working Groups in the Humanities
- Launched the UTM/Jackman Annual Seminar in the Humanities
- Launched the UTM Celebration of Books for UTM Scholars
- Launched UTM research newsletter – SURGE
- Created Smarti Gras – a celebration of undergraduate summer student research
- Re-established UTM as a node in Science Rendezvous – Canada’s national celebration of science
- Establish Research Specific Communications discussion group
- Updated the Research Excellence Award to recognize career accomplishments and rotation among disciplinary groups
- Launch new Research Prizes for junior faculty, one for each of the humanities, social sciences and sciences
- Amgen Biotech Experience
- Annual Research Prize Symposium
- Launch *View to the U*: UTM’s podcast featuring UTM researchers

UTM Research Funding – a positive trend



UTM Research Citations above our weight



Look Ahead...

Short Term

1. New UTM Postdoctoral Fellowship program
2. New UTM Postdoctoral Research Grant program
3. New UTM Postdoctoral Travel program
4. New SSHRC / SIG matching Faculty Research Travel program
5. UTM - Peel Public Health Research Brainstorming June 18

Look Ahead...

Implement UTM Research \$1M Base Budget allocation from Provost Office

- Increase funding for existing, successful programs
 - Eg RSAF, research equipment
- Fund the new Postdoctoral research programs
- Fund the new SSHRC / SIG travel program
- Hire new Grant Officer to focus on grant writing / editing / development
- Hire Senior Research Associates to directly support research activity
 - Digital Scholarship
 - Imaging Facility
 - NMR Facility
 - Greenhouse

Look Ahead...

Medium Term (fully developed program that isn't funded yet)

Equity and Diversity in Research - 6 proposals to address gender equity issues

1. Conferences and Colloquia supported by UTM explicitly address gender equity concerns regarding access and participation in the activity
2. Competitive Research Funds distributed by UTM Research Office are adjudicated with equity and diversity concerns alongside values of research excellence
3. Establish funds to provide female and female-identified researchers on pregnancy and/or parental leave with resources to hire a research assistant
4. Provide and outfit lactation / parenting rooms.
5. Establish a best-practice guideline for departments to provide teaching relief in the first semester back from parental leave
6. Establish best-practice guidelines that meetings and other official events take place during family-friendly working hours or alternative arrangements, such as video- or tele-conference, or child-care assistance, should be made available

Look Ahead...

Longer Term

Create an Associate Vice-Principal Research position

- An introductory position to academic research leadership (akin to Vice-Dean level)
- Opportunity for succession planning
- Flexibility for potential VPR to come from any discipline
 - Eg Hum or Soc Sci VPR with Sci AVPR