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EXTRA-DEPARTMENTAL UNITS (EDUs)

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What is an EDU?

- ▶ Extra-departmental units (EDUs) are flexible and **multidisciplinary entities**, organized around emerging **research and teaching areas** that span departments and divisions
- ▶ EDUs bring together faculty members from across the **U of T tri-campus** as well engage **community partners** in the realization of their education and/or research mandates

EDU Categories

- ▶ EDUs are classified into **four categories**: A, B, C, D
- ▶ Categories are organized hierarchically with regards to how the unit **operates academically and financially**
 - For example, an EDU-A will have more autonomy than an EDU-C to hold faculty appointments and offer academic programming
- ▶ An EDU: A or EDU: B can offer **undergraduate programming** (under UTQAP) and **courses** independent of existing departments

Category Differences

PRIMARY DISTINGUISHING FEATURES	
EDU: A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May hold primary faculty/academic appointments (51% or more)• May hold Status-only and Adjunct Appointments
EDU: B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May hold secondary faculty/academic appointments (49% or less)• May offer graduate or undergraduate degree programs under UTQAP
EDU: C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May hold non-budgetary cross-appointments• May offer collaborative graduate degree programs under UTQAP
EDU: D	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May offer courses under associated departmental curriculum approval, with prior approval from UTM Program & Curriculum Office (UTM Dean)

Note: Each higher level includes all of the features of the previous category, except in cases where one feature replaces a previous feature.

All EDUs will...

- ▶ be approved through the **level of governance appropriate to its category** and reported to the Office of the Vice-President and Provost
- ▶ designate a lead division, whose Dean assumes financial and administrative responsibility for the unit
- ▶ have a Director or Coordinator* as chief executive officer
- ▶ be subject to **periodic reviews**, according to its category and the terms outlined in its original proposal

**EDU: Ds only.*

Governance Paths

All EDUs should be proposed in consultation with the Office of the Vice-Provost, Academic Programs

- ▶ **EDU: As** and **EDU: Bs** require both Divisional and Governing Council approval
- ▶ **EDU: Cs** and (at UTM) **EDU: Ds** require Divisional approval

Governance Paths

Category	Campus Affairs Committee	Campus Council	Academic Board	Governing Council
EDU: A	✓	✓	✓	✓
EDU: B	✓	✓	✓	✓
EDU: C	✓	✓		
EDU: D	(✓)	(✓)		

Note: Office of the Dean determines whether the proposed EDU: D must receive Divisional approval or if Departmental approval is sufficient. Departmental curriculum approval is necessary for EDU: C and EDU: D to offer courses.

Future Proposals

- ▶ A number of potential EDUs are currently under consideration at UTM, including:
 - Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre / University Pedagogy (EDU: A)
 - Institute for Management and Innovation (EDU: B)
 - Centre for Medicinal Chemistry (EDU: C)
 - Institute for Child Development, Health, and Policy (EDU: C)
- ▶ Proposals will be evaluated by the Office of the Dean and brought to **Campus Affairs Council** and **Campus Council** for approval to be established at UTM as a new multidisciplinary research and/or teaching unit