

# Update on Research Initiatives

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**BOUNDLESS**

# Major Policies & Guidelines relevant to Research and Innovation

- **General**

Inventions; Copyright; Publication; Eligibility to be a Principal Investigator; Research Administration; Conflict of Interest – Academic Staff

- **Financial Accountability & Compliance**

Financial Management; Travel; Banking & Borrowing Resolutions; Reporting Incidents of Suspected Financial Impropriety; Completion of Financial Accountability Forms; Policy on Approval and Execution of Contracts and Documents

- **Research Ethics & Protections**

(1) Ethical Conduct in Research (and Guidelines & Practices Manual for Research Involving Human Participants; Framework to Address Allegations of Research Misconduct; Researchers' Guide to Regulations: Animals in Scientific Research and Animals in Field Research); (2) Research Involving Human Subjects and (3) Safety in Field Research

# Policy Updates from Tri-Councils

## ➤ **Open Access Policy**

- Requires grant recipients to ensure that any peer-reviewed journal publications arising from Agency-supported research are freely accessible within 12 months of publication.
- Applies to all grants awarded by NSERC or SSHRC from May 1, 2015 onward; by CIHR from Jan 1, 2008 onward.
- Support and guidance provided to UofT researchers by the UTL Scholarly Communications and Copyright Office, including open-access author funding.
- UTL Info <https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/copyright/open-access> and Open Access Author's Fund: <https://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/university-toronto-libraries-open-access-author-fund>

## ➤ **Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management (in development)**

- Aims to offer researchers and institutions guidance to help make responsible and informed decisions about data management, sharing and preservation.
- Importance of making Agency-funded research data available for reuse by others in a responsible way (i.e. considering factors such as commercial, ethical, and legal obligations, as well as costs and benefits).
- Responsibilities for management are evenly distributed; all stakeholders have a role.

# Banting & Best Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (BBCIE)

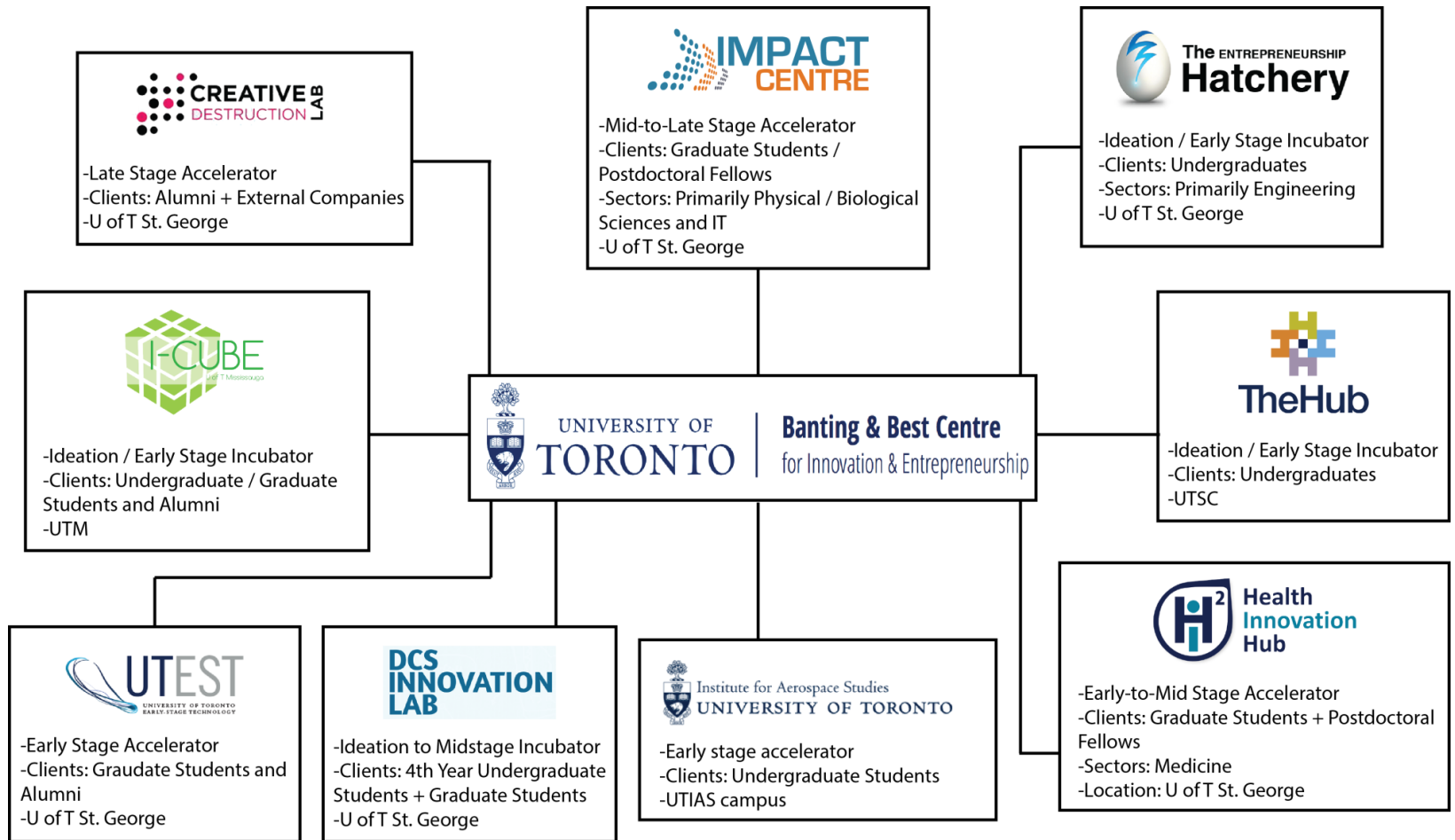
- **Vision: To enhance the overall entrepreneurial ecosystem at UofT and the Greater Toronto Area**
  - Umbrella office serving UofT's 9 campus linked accelerators
  - Management of 50,000 square feet of space occupied by 20 start-up companies and commercialization support organizations
  - Facilitate cross-departmental, cross-campus and government relations
    - Greater visibility for entrepreneurship at UofT
    - Promoting entrepreneurship education to our students; ‘No wrong door’ approach
    - Increasing entrepreneurship-related facilities and services
    - Promoting the translation of deep research into products and services
    - Special initiatives – “Buy Blue” and entrepreneurial seed funds/stipends

# Banting & Best Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (BBCIE)

## ➤ Structure

- BBCIE overseen by a Management Committee, co-chaired by the Vice-President, University Operations and the Vice-President, Research & Innovation.
- Managing Director - Management and operational oversight of BBCIE
- Assistant Vice-President, Innovation, Partnerships & Entrepreneurship - administrative oversight
- Academic Director – supports the academic aspects of student entrepreneurship (current search in process)
- External Advisory Committee – advice and international outreach (to be established in 2016)

# BBCIE Eco-system Geography



# Campus-Led Accelerators (CLAs) Update - Achievements (18 months)\*



387

New Start-Up Teams



1000+

Students/Staff Involved



100+

Courses and Workshops



2,300

Student course registrants



\$3.3M

Generated in Sales



149+

Volunteer Mentors



100+

Entrepreneurial Events



\$26.6M

In Investment



44

Service Providers

*\*Metrics as reported by CLAs*

# Programs – Undergraduate & Graduate

- Applied Computing, MSc
- Economics, BA, MA, PhD; Financial Economics, BSc, MFE
- Engineering Business Minor
- Engineering, MEng
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship, MBA
- Management of Innovation, MMI
- Skoll BAsc/MBA

## Courses – examples

- Applying Innovation in Engineering
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship
- Creative Applications in Mobile Devices
- Establishing a Go-to-Market Strategy
- Innovative Technologies & Organizations in Global Energy Systems
- Launching Information Ventures
- Social Entrepreneurship



# U of T grads in finals for Hult Prize – talking stickers to boost literacy for impoverished children

