UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

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SEEDING and GROWING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

TATA TRUSTS

Partnership many years in the making:

- TT funds U of T grants in areas including health care, water, energy and poverty challenges
- 2016 & 2017: President and OVPI's trips to India -- met with Executive Trustee of TT, after which TT invites U of T proposal (DUA, OVPI, OVPRI)
- Spring 2017: joint TT/IIT-B/U of T funded Smart Cities workshop
- *Grant announced Sept. 4 2018:* U of T to set up a Centre in India, with funding secured for 6 years; focus includes entrepreneurship, School of Cities but to include other collaborations over time
- March 2019: President's trip -- Entrepreneurship partnership signed with IIT-B; continue to strengthen academic partnership on cities





LOOKING FORWARD: BUILDING INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIORITY PARTNERS

Large scale, cross divisional initiatives

Strategic Global Partnership

International Doctoral Clusters

> Partnered Seed Grants

> > Workshops





UCL – STRATEGIC GLOBAL PARTNER

- Strategic partnership based on shared strengths and a similar approach to internationalization with significant potential for joint impact to address global challenges
- Joint centrally funded activity to date have funded over 30 collaborations in fields such as child health, brain sciences, urban studies and education
- Strong undergraduate student exchange: 27 students to UCL and 42 students to UofT over the past 3 years
- Official partnership with multi-year commitment of resources (@ \$225K/year) to launch September 2019



UCL – U OF T COLLABORATION IN URBAN STUDIES

- As just on one example, our collaborations on cities includes:
 - A joint workshop on Affordable housing resulting in book (pub date: 2020)
 - Urban Infrastructure: The need for speed? Project is systematically evaluating how long it takes to move major transportation projects from conceptualization through the planning and approval process in London and Toronto, and produce comparative case studies to identify the key pinch points in the project planning lifecycle. Outputs: Conference presentations, teaching, workshops and journal article.
 - Joint research on tower block refurbishment provided the numerous stakeholders associated with tower block retrofits with a performance based framework that integrates and harmonizes environmental, social and economic factors.

UCL PARTNERSHIP

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UCL and University of Toronto strengthen their partnership

8 April 2019

A Provost-led delegation to the University of Toronto (U of T) last week saw the two institutions build their strategic global partnership by strengthening existing relationships and developing new ways of working together.

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UCL News @uclnews The first direct visual evidence supermassive black hole and i have been unveiled by the @e collaboration involving Dr Zin'





LEVERING INTERNATIONAL FUNDING

By seeding international partnerships, position faculty to leverage opportunities to bring new resources to U of T, including:

- \$275M Tri-Agency fund to support international, interdisciplinary, fast-breaking and high-risk research
- UK International Investment Initiative (I3) supports scaling up existing significant internationally collaborative research relationships between UK and int. universities – some project/student funding for partner university
- Joint partnerships where contribution of funding from partner to U of T – Zhejiang, Max Planck

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- Industry partnerships
- Philanthropy



ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS: LEARNING ABROAD

TISP Target by 2022-23: 30%

Target 2018-19: 22%

Actual 2018-19: 23% (up from 19% the previous year), through:

- Establishment of expanded fund to support student mobility (expanded from \$1M to \$2M this year)
- Communications roll out: website, early student engagement
- Academic integration
- Continued academic partnership development
- Growth of 98% YOY in undergraduate research opportunities



TELLING OUR STORY GLOBALLY



The 'bolus' model: a better template for internationalisation?

Toronto scholars say Ethiopia collaboration has helped reverse brain drain and led to important milestones for country

A partnership between the University of Toronto and Ethiopia's Addis Ababa University started out as just one joint psychiatry postgraduate training programme in 2003. Now academics across 24 disciplines from engineering to library science collaborate to build graduate programmes at the African Institution, with 86 Toronto scholars visiting the university in 2018 alone.

Clare Pain, associate professor of psychiatry at Toronto and co-director of the psychiatry project, said that the



Source: Getty

On the mend: a Canadian partnership has helped reverse Ethiopia's brain drain and led to major medical milestones

universities did not intend to establish such a deep partnership. But the success of the psychiatry collaboration led AAU to ask Toronto to "expand in as many programmes as we had the capacity for".

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

We're going to live in a world of bots. They need to be polite.



A robot server carrying dishes to fulfill diners' order arrives at a table in Haidilao's new artificial intelligence hot pot restaurant in Beijing, Nov. 14, 2018. REUTERS/Jason Lee

By Gillian Hadfield November 21, 2018

GROWTH IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA COVERAGE

Earned stories:

- In all international outlets grew from 79 (2017-18) to 140 147% of our annual target
- # of annual earned stories in 12 priority outlets grew from 30 to 59 – 163% of our annual target
- Op-ed pieces grew from 3 to 6 op-eds 125% of our annual target

Total overall coverage (earned and organic):

- 6,470 media stories in all international outlets
- 356 of those were in 12 key priority outlets
- 26 op-eds in 12 priority international outlets