Advancing the environmental performance of buildings and communities through advocacy, training and research.



**Better Buildings** 

Camp

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# **Better Buildings Boot Camp Intent**

The main intent of the Boot Camp was to **provide students with an interactive and experiential learning experience in sustainability and integrative building design**, using a real building as a case study.

Boot Camp team: led by Michael Singleton, Sustainable Buildings Canada (SBC), Bettina Hoar (Sage Living TO), **Prof. John Robinson (U of T)**, Prof. Mark Gorgolewski (Ryerson U), Prof. Arlene Gould (York U).











## **Boot Camp Process**



# **U of T's Involvement**

## Case Study: new **Data Sciences Centre** at UTSG



#### Total Student Participants: 45

- OCAD U: 5
- Ryerson U: 8
- York U: 12
- U of T: 20

#### **Students from U of T Faculties**

• Applied Science &

Engineering

- Architecture & Landscape Design
- Arts & Science
- U of T Mississauga

## **Impact on Data Sciences Centre Planning**

"The value of the Better Buildings Boot Camp is that it begins to articulate the requirements for the next generation of high-performance buildings at U of T. Collaboration between sustainability experts and students from a diverse range of backgrounds has produced recommendations that will influence the design of this and other buildings at U of T."

- **David Sasaki**, Managing Director, Campus Planning, University Planning, Design, and Construction, U of T

# **My Experience**

- Panel discussion and workshops laid the foundations for my understanding about sustainable design (e.g., indoor environmental quality, fenestration, mechanical systems).
- Working with a multidisciplinary group provided an opportunity to share my knowledge and skills.
- It helped me **build up my network** with industry professionals.
- It also **broadened my horizons** about the implementation of my startup project.

# **Thank You**