



# ACCESS PROGRAMS AT UTM

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# Access Programs at U of T

## Vision of Access at UofT

The University of Toronto seeks to improve the number of students from communities that are currently underrepresented in post-secondary education and at the U of T. It is the hope that they see and experience the University as a place where they belong and can thrive.

## Access Goals

- ❖ Support the development of knowledge and skills through our various outreach and access programs.
- ❖ Builds education capacity and opportunities for students.
- ❖ Provide accessible pathways for students to enter the University of Toronto, who may not otherwise consider post-secondary institution as a viable option.
- ❖ Provide supports for students at the University of Toronto to ensure their success.



# BAEE@UTM

## Black Access to Educational Excellence

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### What We Offer:

- **BAEE@UTM Newsletter:** A quarterly newsletter for students, counsellors, and parents with updates about the BAEE@UTM initiative, useful resources, and other important information.
- **Presentations:** These can be 1:1 meetings or in facilitated groups, and could cover: Admissions; Financial Aid; Student Life; Campus Support
- **Events & Opportunities:** Parent Nights, Fall Campus Week, March Break Black Mentorship, UTM Black Ambassador, Admissions Advising, etc.

Visit: [uoft.me/utmbaee](https://uoft.me/utmbaee)



The University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) is committed to inclusion and providing access to Black students in their pursuit of a post-secondary education. As an institution, we are dedicated to dismantling barriers that hold anyone from reaching their full potential; as well, we strive to provide all students with equal and equitable opportunities to ensure they thrive at UTM.

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### What We Offer

We invite prospective Black students and their families to connect with us through a variety of initiatives, including:



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### Upcoming Events

**BAEE@UTM: We're Talking Boss Moves for Black Young Men**

February 16, 2021 at 6:30pm ET

As a high risk group, it is imperative that Black males are encouraged to pursue a

# UTM BRIDGING PATHWAY

- ❖ Offers Mature Students the opportunity to be admitted to UTM when they do not meet minimum requirements
- ❖ Students are enrolled in select and reduced courses over the fall and winter semesters
- ❖ Goal is to support in their academic pursuits and help them to build competencies and skills to transition to full-time studies and to be academically successful
- ❖ Paired with a past successful UTMBP upper year student for mentoring and community building

Visit: [utm.utoronto.ca/future-students/bridging](https://utm.utoronto.ca/future-students/bridging)



# Student Experiences

**64%**

BIPOC students are coming to UTM with no friends

**16%**

Black students choose UTM as third or lower ranked choice

**60%**

Black & NBPOC students did not participate in High Impact Practices in their first year

**82%**

Saw an increase in knowledge of PSE resources and entry

**70%**

are likely to pursue post-secondary as a result of participation

# Moving Forward with Access

## Benefits for Prospective Students

- ✓ Learn and develop skills required to be successful at university
- ✓ Be introduced to the UTM campus and available resources
- ✓ Receive mentorship from a current UTM student
- ✓ Develop confidence in their abilities to pursue post-secondary education

## Benefits for UTM Students as Access Mentors

- ✓ Learn and develop skills to support others in access and transition
- ✓ Increase their knowledge of UTM resources through training and supervision
- ✓ Earn a CCR notation for their engagement in the program





# Questions?

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