DiscoverResearch UTM Academic Affairs Committee

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A critical need was identified to better leverage our data systems to more easily find specific expertise, while simultaneously helping faculty keep track of the very important work they do (and in various formats [e.g., CCV]).

DiscoverResearch is our tri-campus solution.

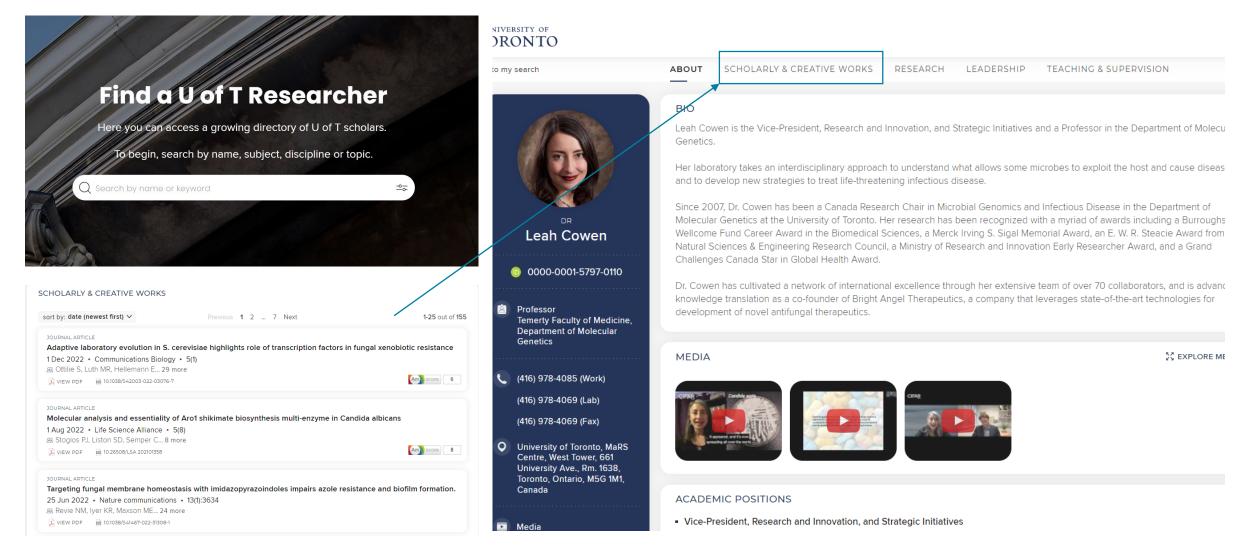


University of Toronto Scarborough, February 26, 2020

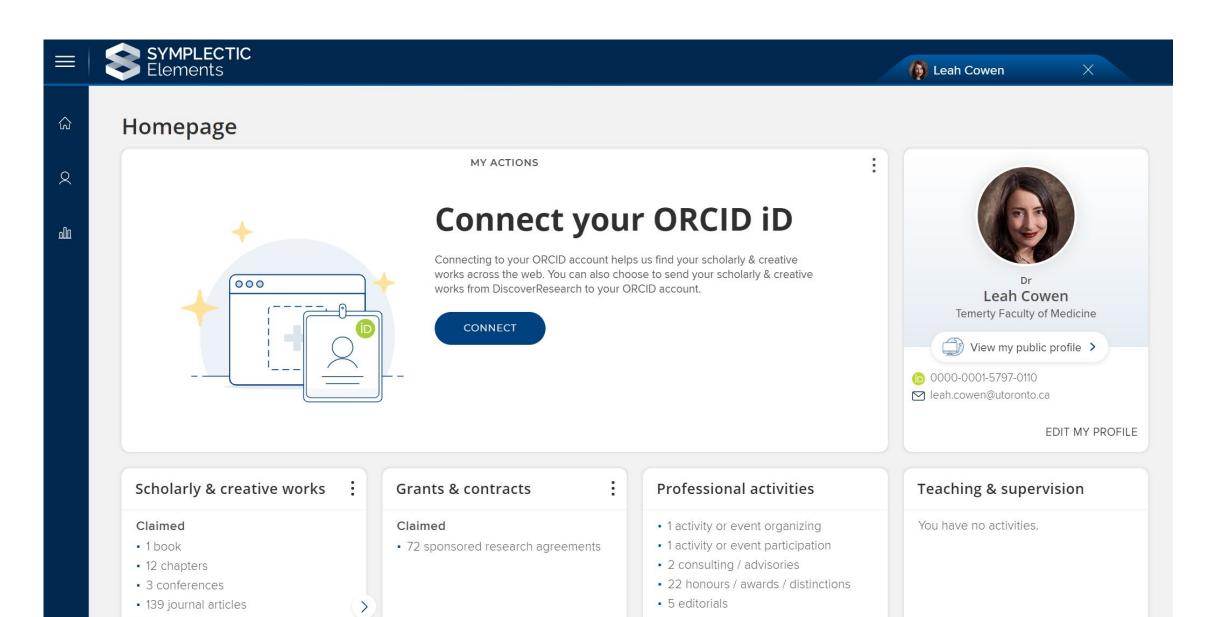
VISION

DiscoverResearch is **the place** to find U of T's **experts** to help spark discovery, connection, and collaboration.

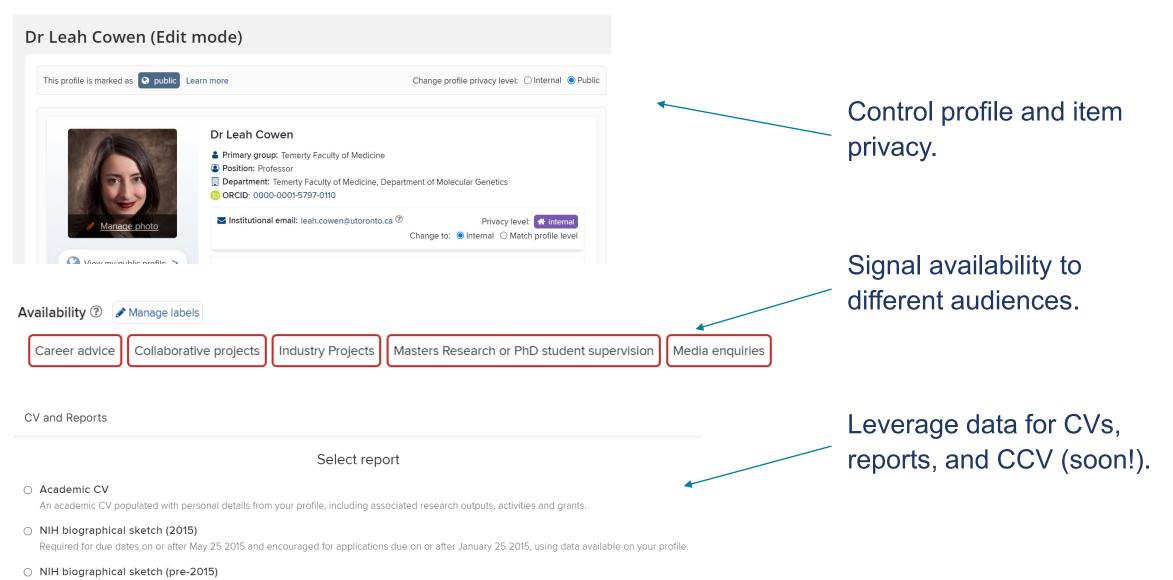
Public website that displays the information faculty want shared with the world



Powered by Elements



Elements allows faculty to



Required for due dates before January 25 2015, using data available on your profile.

DiscoverResearch Community Site contains valuable resources and how-to guides that are frequently updated

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The why for U of T

- ✓ Comprehensive one-stop-shop.
- ✓ Automated data feeds <u>AND</u> ability to tell your own story.
- ✓ Activity reporting & CV auto-magic.
- Unparalleled data integration (e.g., HR, bibliometrics, grants, awards, teaching, patents, technologies).



Photo by David Lee. Bahen Centre for Information Technology, March 12, 2020

2022 Engagement Phase

Goals for 2022 were two-fold:

- onboard all divisions.
- get to a critical mass of profiles.

Accomplished both:

- All divisions onboarded.
- ✓ 95% tenure-stream profiles curated.
- ✓ Over 1,000 research areas (keywords).



Institutional Support

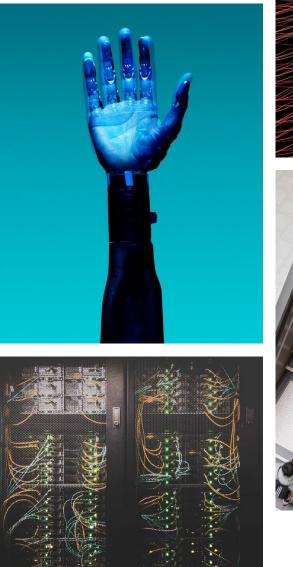
- 25 students hired, staff time allocated, and commitment to continue staffing.
- Creating new roles at U of T to support project.
- Broad and ongoing divisional communications to faculty.
- Constant requests to be more inclusive (e.g. adjuncts).
- Website integrations current and planned.
- Shared services keen to use: Bluebook, Bluedoor, SGS, UTQAP, etc.

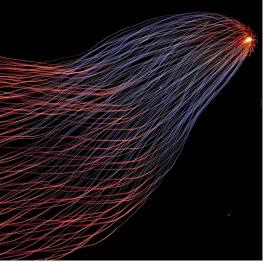


2023 Discoverability Phase

Now that faculty are well represented, can make this tool discoverable by media, industry, prospective graduate students, etc.

This is the **value-add** for faculty and divisions.







Faculty must have a chance to review their profiles become discoverable

25% of faculty with public profiles have actively logged in to Elements to date.

Our best strategy is to **encourage review** through multiple channels before increasing discoverability.

Plan to encourage review of public profiles before launch

January – March:

- Work with divisions to notify all faculty members of upcoming discoverability phase.
- Send targeted email to faculty with public profiles encouraging review.
- Send Research Alert to all faculty and staff announcing tool and timelines.
- Add information to community site, VPRI website and signatures, CRIS site, etc.

DiscoverResearch team will deactivate any public profiles that have not been reviewed.

Thank You!

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you would like to discuss in greater detail.

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