

EDUs

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CAC

University of Toronto Academic Structures

- Campuses (STG, UTM, UTSC)
- Colleges
 - Federated Colleges (St. Michael's, Trinity, Victoria)
 - Constituent Colleges (Innis, New, University, Woodsworth)
 - Theological Colleges (Knox, Regis, Wycliffe)

17 Faculties

- FAS, UTM, UTSC, FASE, Temerty (Medicine), Rotman (Big 6)
- OISE, Nursing, Law, Dentistry, Music, Information, Social Work, Public Health, Architecture, KPE, SGS

UTSC (Current)

- 16 departments
 - Management, DPES, CMS, BioSci, Psychology, Anthropology, Human Geography, Political Science, Sociology, DHS, GDS, HCS, ACM, DLS. English, Philosophy
- 3 graduate departments (DPES, PCS, Management)

What are EDUs?

Extra-departmental Unit

Policy: Guidelines for Administrative Functions and Protocols of Extra-Departmental Units

Four types of Extra-Departmental Units (EDUs): A, B, C, D

EDU:A

“ ... a critical mass of **interdisciplinary scholarship** at the University that allows for the unit to engage in the appointment of teaching staff, admission of students to a **program** of graduate or undergraduate study, and engage in **interdisciplinary research**”

E.g. Formerly: Centre for French and Linguistics (CFL) [now a department]

EDU:Bs have, “... a defined area of scholarship as a focus and also admits students to interdisciplinary **programs** and engages in **interdisciplinary research**. However, teaching staff appointments are made in established departments with teaching staff cross-appointed to the EDU:B”

E.g. Formerly: Centre for Critical Development Studies (CCDS), Interdisciplinary Centre for Health and Society (ICHS) – both are now departments

Normally a multidisciplinary multi-departmental **research** and/or academic unit with a defined research domain in a particular area of academic work. It exists to foster research and scholarly interest in the area.

Currently 2 active EDU:Cs at UTSC;
Culinaria, Centre for Global Disabilities Studies (CGDS)

A group of scholars who have come together for the purpose of pursuing specific **research** objectives or offering a set of courses in an area of academic interest not offered under departmental, EDU:A and EDU:B course offerings. It may be multidisciplinary or it may arise within a single discipline or department, EDU:A or EDU:B.

E.g. Centre for Ethnography

Approval Process: EDU:As, Bs

EDU:As, Bs – must be approved at the Campus
Affair Committee. It then goes to Campus
Council, Academic Board, Executive Committee
and Governing Council.

Note: CAC replaces AB's Planning and Budget
consideration

Approval Process: EDU:Cs, Ds

EDU:Cs must be approved at the divisional level
Campus Affairs Committee and Campus Council

EDU:Ds are approved at the departmental level

An introduction to

***i*RISE:**

institutes for

Resilient and Inclusive

Societies and Ecosystems

***i*RISE is dedicated to
solving complex problems.**









NO
POVERTY



2
ZERO
HUNGER



ZERO
HUNGER

3
GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



QUALITY
EDUCATION

5
GENDER
EQUALITY



6
CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION

7
AFFORDABLE
AND CLEAN
ENERGY

8
DECENT
WORK
AND
ECONOMIC
GROWTH

9
INDUSTRIAL
INNOVATION
AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

10
REDUCED
INEQUALITIES

11
SUSTAINABLE
CITIES
AND
COMMUNITIES

12
RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND
PRODUCTION

13
CLIMATE
ACTION

14
LIFE
UNDER
WATER

15
LIFE
ON
LAND

16
PEACE,
JUSTICE
AND
STRONG
INSTITUTIONS

17
PARTNERSHIPS
FOR
GOAL
ACHIEVEMENT

Vision

To establish the University of Toronto as a leading global centre of scholarship on convergence research in pursuit of goals of sustainable, resilient, inclusive, just, and equitable futures.

Mission

To support the pursuit of convergence research and catalyze change by facilitating research discoveries and enabling innovators to move discoveries into action, inspiring communities and building their capacity to act, and training future leaders.

*iRISE will help solve these complex problems
using convergence research*





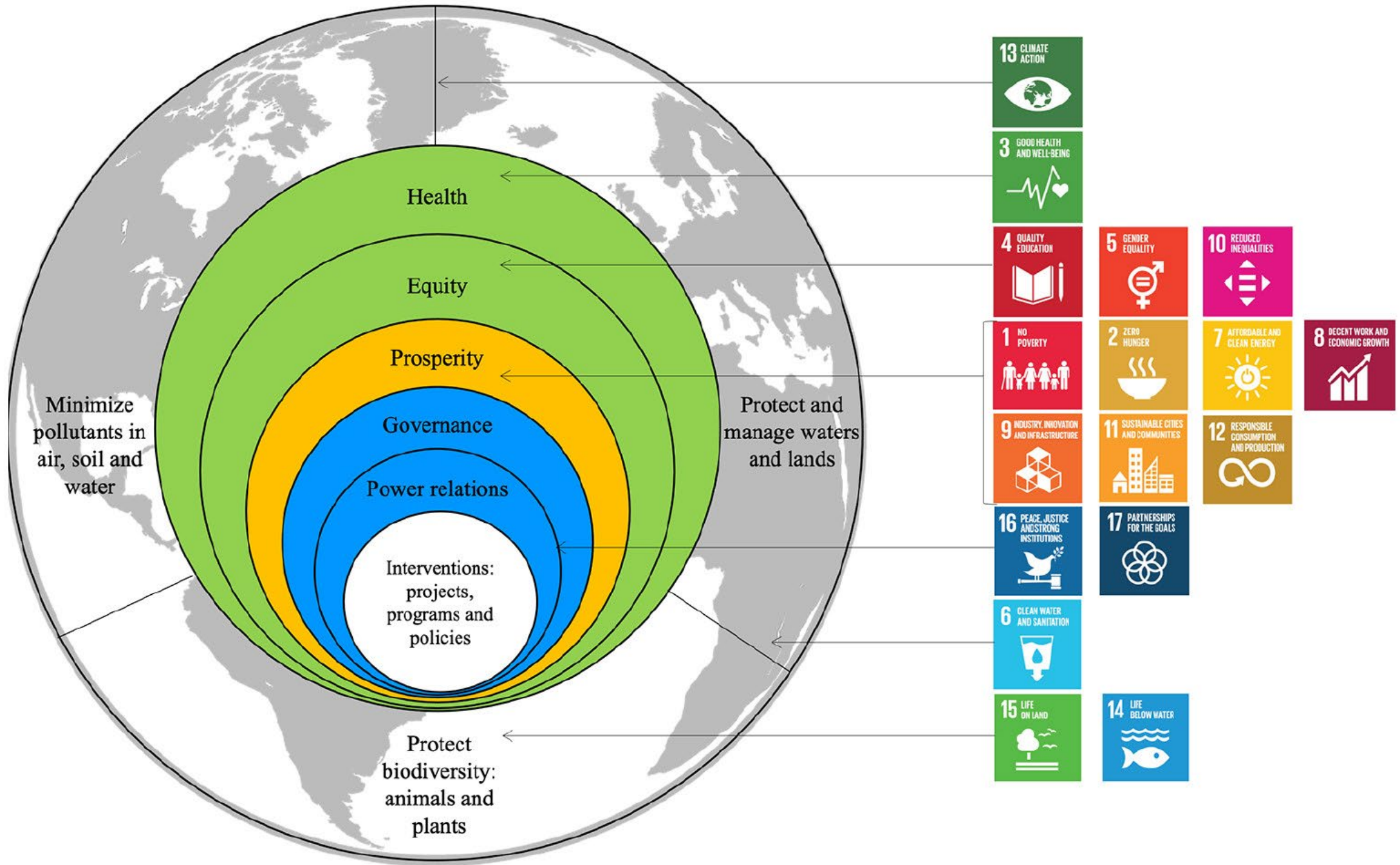
Convergence research is transdisciplinary research that shows deep integration across disciplines and is driven by a specific and compelling problem, whether that problem arises from deep scientific questions or pressing societal needs.

US National Science Foundation [NSF]

Planetary Health

Safeguarding both human health
and the natural systems that
underpin it





***iRISE*'s SDGs Scholars Academy
share research goals.**

iRISE goals

Produce knowledge throughout the disciplinary spectrum.

Create spaces enabling convergence dialogues and encouraging the envisioning of alternative futures.

Embrace diverse epistemologies and methodologies of different disciplines to generate transformative solutions to problems.

Build sustainable collaborations and partnerships that engage diverse stakeholders to co-create knowledge infused with social concerns and values.

Train scholars and leaders dedicated to creating inclusive, sustainable, and just and equitable societies.

Mobilize and *translate* knowledge into public policy and practice.



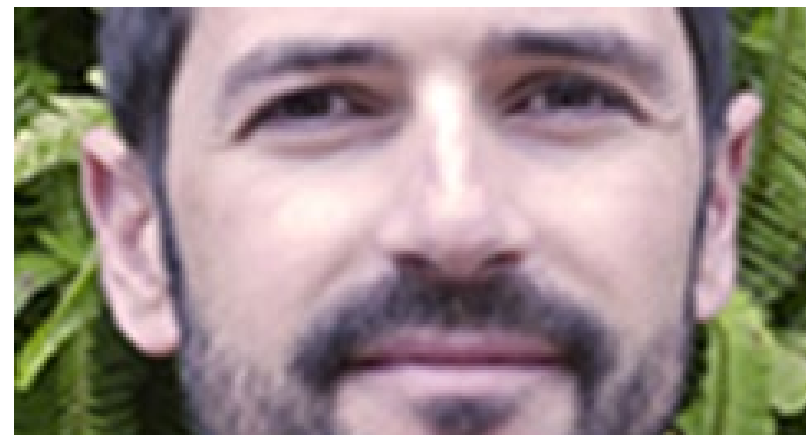
SDGs Scholars Academy

**Establish
transition
pathways to
achieve the
SDGs**

**Measure
progress
towards
achieving the
SDGs**

**Design
instruments
and
interventions
to rethink
the SDGs**

**Explore
tensions and
synergies
among the
SDGs**



iRISE Targets:

IECS:

- Exploring consequences of climate change and developing mitigation and adaptation strategies.

IIHWB:

- Exploring the “wider determinants of health” of people living in the Anthropocene.

IIESL:

- Exploring, imagining and sharing of alternative economic futures from unique perspectives.

iRISE research programs:

Visiting scholar/leader *residencies*.

Visiting scholar/leader *fellowships* for for scholars from domestic/foreign universities as well as public/private sector, to work on campus.

University *faculty fellowships* to dedicate 20% of their regular workload to an *iRISE* priority.

Innovation tables and *design studios*.

International *workshops and symposia*.

Distinguished speaker series featuring experts from academic, private, and public sectors in Canada and internationally.

iRISE training programs:

- *Practitioner stipends.*
- *Postdoctoral fellowships.*
- *International doctoral clusters.*
- *Undergraduate and graduate research assistantships.*
- *Entrepreneurial and experiential learning opportunities.*
- *Summer camps for high school students.*
- *Global classrooms/design studios.*
- *Training in convergence knowledge co-production and co-mobilization methods.*
- *Local and global hackathons.*

***i*RISE COMMITTED TO
EQUITY-DIVERSITY-INCLUSION,
INDIGENIZATION,
AND SUSTAINABILITY**

***iRISE* fits within the
campus and university strategic plans.**

Inspiring Inclusive Excellence

A strategic vision for
the University of Toronto
Scarborough



***i*RISE Consultations**

Origin story for *i*RISE begins in the strategic planning process for UTSC's strategic plan, during which time **1,100** people were consulted at that time.

Since January 1, 2023, **1,812** unique interactions; we assume that some people engaged through more than one mechanism and so these are not necessarily 1,812 people.

100 1:1 faculty meetings

50 faculty zoom cafes

160 public forums

270 town halls

934 website

118 SDGs@UofT

100 people at CAD, RAB

9 Executives

71 Academic Affairs

iRISE Current Membership:

- 97 UofT faculty members
- 60 (62%) UTSC faculty members
- Plus 35 external members

... and growing

iRISE Financial Sustainability:

Base funding plus:

- competitive research grants
- corporation funding
- donor and sponsorship funding
- fees for training programs/certifications
- fees for participating in design studios
- consultancy

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