

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRINCIPAL, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Annual Report to UTM Academic Affairs Committee

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We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

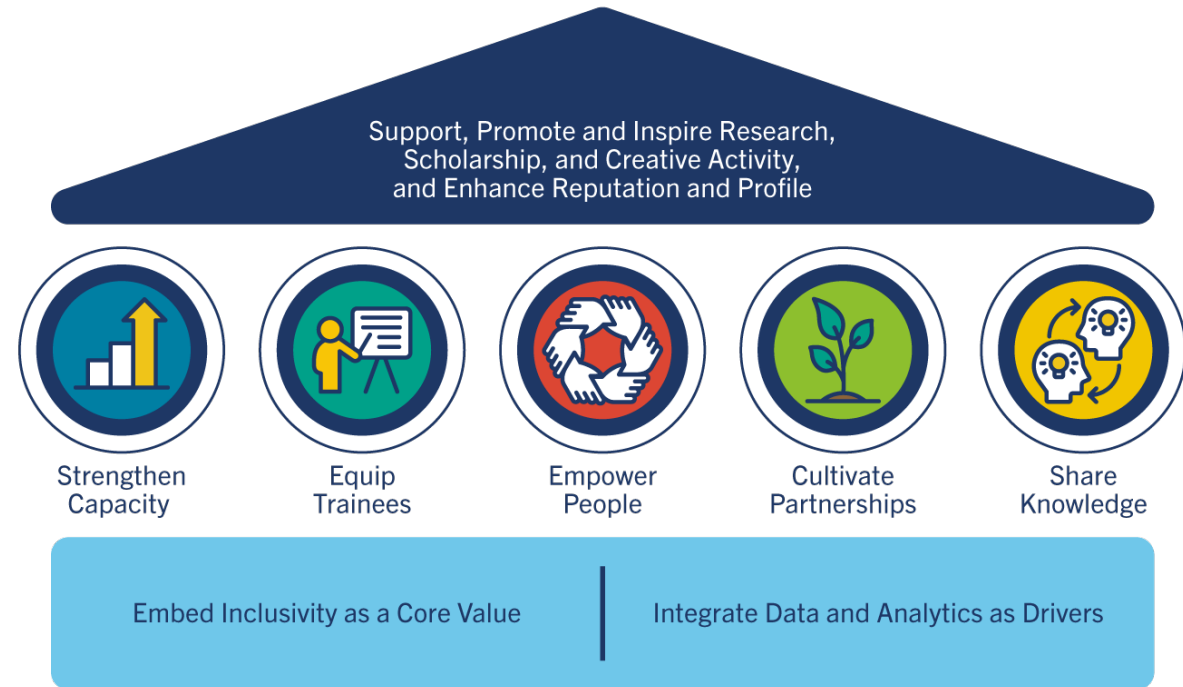


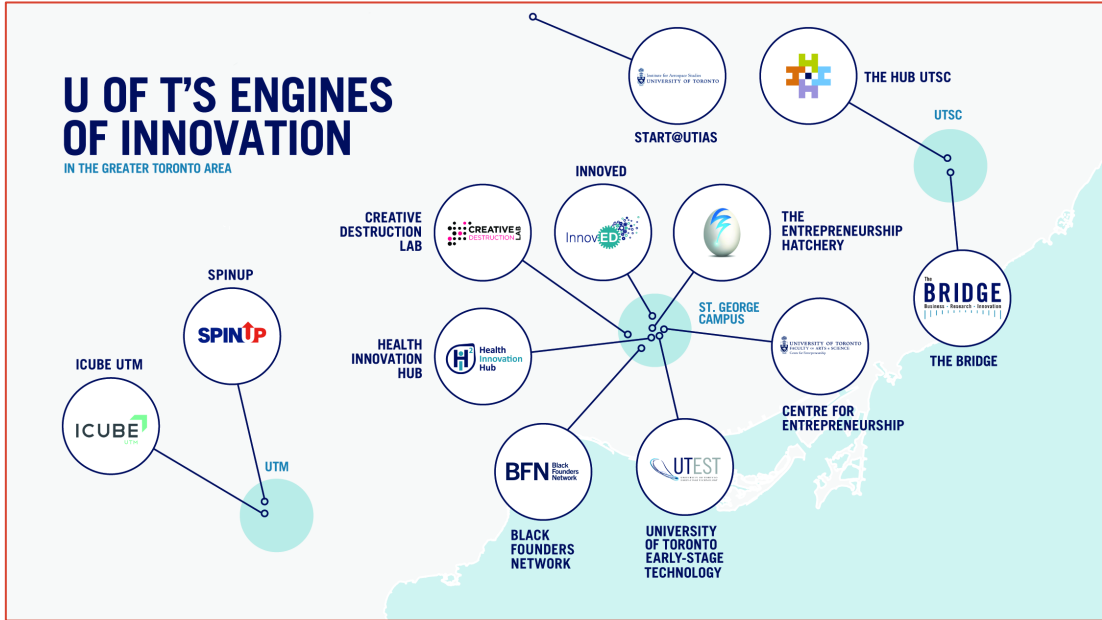
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Launched Strategic Research Framework

- UTM's first such guide
- Developed over 1 year period, including 20+ stakeholder engagements
- Framework is built on 5 pillars, with defined goals for each, actions to support each goal and outcomes to track progress of the actions
- Two strategic enablers steer our decision-making:
 - 1) Inclusivity as a core value and 2) Data & analytics as drivers
- Designed to be structured and agile, the framework enables adaptation as research practices and the needs of the community evolve





SOME OF OUR PARTNERS:



VISION: Address translation gap for **early-stage** life science startups

MISSION: Drive early-stage life science innovation through **affordable wet lab space**, access to equipment, expertise, talent, and entrepreneurship programming



Other Highlights

- Hired senior staff member to support administrative operations and research initiatives such as EDU-Cs, and other programs like Novo Nordisk Network for Healthy Populations
- OVPR renamed to Office of the Vice-Principal, Research and Innovation in January 2024. Rebranding to take place by June 2024.
- Continue work to operationalize NSB research spaces including hiring Research Facilities Manager
- Ran a number of successful events, including: INSPIRE, SURF, Celebration of Books
- Will launch second annual research report in May 2024.
- 15.9M+ research funds from external sources, of which \$10M+ was from Tri-Agency. Over 600 peer-reviewed publications. 20+ faculty awards. \$1.1M+ of internal funding support from the OVPRI.
 - In addition two CFI Innovation Funds (IFs) awarded to UTM, totaling \$14M+ over 5 years, taking into effect later in the year (100% application success rate for UTM)