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# Annual Report To UTM Academic Affairs Committee

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Vice-Principal, Research & Innovation  
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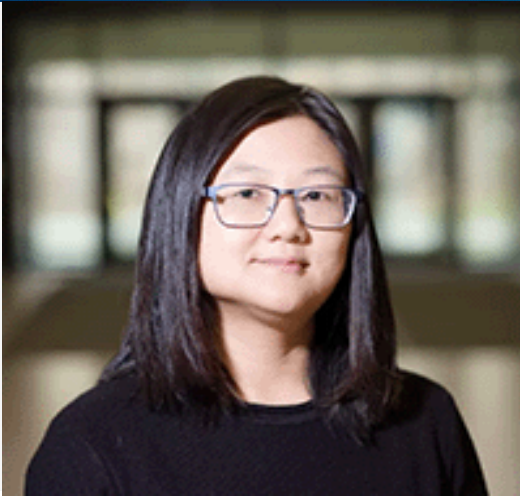


# Recent OVPRI Leadership Team Changes



**France Gagnon**

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**Yuhong He**

Associate VPRI, Facilities



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# SYNERGY

2024 Annual Report



# OVPRI Annual Report Highlights

- Move to the New Science Building
- **Research Tenant Partners (RTP) Launch**
- Ongoing partnerships with private and government sectors (City of Mississauga, Amgen)
- Outreach and knowledge dissemination events (INSPIRE, SURF, Celebration of Books)
- **Research performance indicators**
- Inspiring UTM research spotlight stories!

# Research Tenant Partners (RTP)

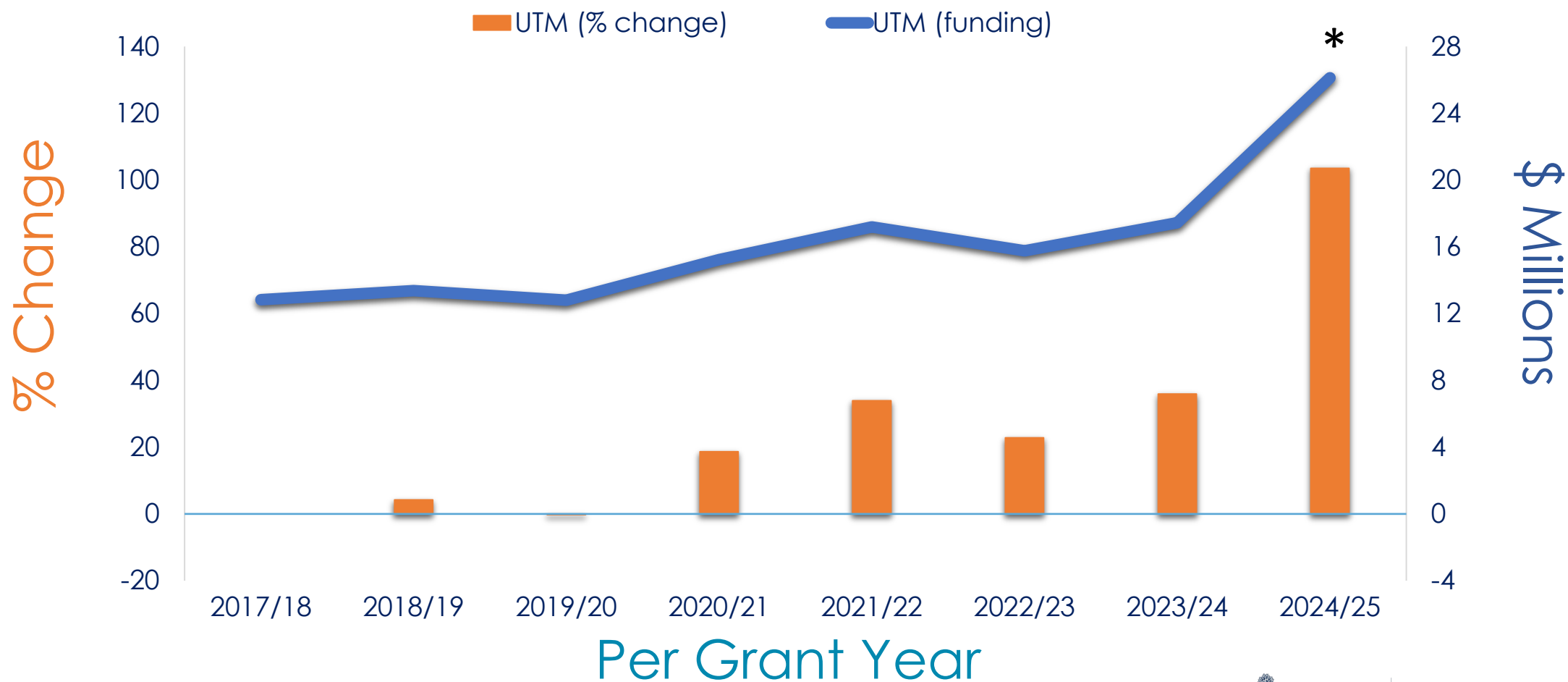
- MoU are in place for a 1-year term
- Academic needs for space will always trump those of RTP
- Space lease at full commercial rates
- + Sponsored research with UTM PIs
- + Co-funding of UTM-led grants (e.g. NSERC Alliance, Mitacs)
- **First RTP Oct. 2024: BIC/Inkbox**
- \$16K/month in cash
- BIC workshops on translating academic research
- 3 BIC-UTM PI partnerships under development
- BIC speaking at UTM student career events



*Supported by the OVPRI Partnership & Innovation team led by Director Raquel De Souza*

# Benchmarking

# Total UTM External Research Funding



\*Data Extracted from UofT Research Dashboards, April 2025



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# Year-Over-Year Change in Total External Funding

By UofT top Divisions/Faculties\*\*

 Funding decrease  Funding increase

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25*
D1	\$128.1M	\$134.4M	\$127.3M	\$139.5M	\$124.1M	\$113.0M	\$115.9M	\$166.6M
D2	\$85.8M	\$85.3M	\$91.8M	\$93.9M	\$91.1M	\$114.2M	\$89.2M	\$139.1M
D3	\$79.6M	\$101.1M	\$95.6M	\$94.5M	\$101.8M	\$96.2M	\$101.4M	\$85.9M
UTM	\$12.8M	\$13.4M	\$12.8M	\$15.2M	\$17.2M	\$15.8M	\$17.4M	\$26.1M
D5	\$16.2M	\$17.6M	\$22.0M	\$26.9M	\$29.4M	\$30.3M	\$26.2M	\$24.7M
D6	\$11.5M	\$13.2M	\$14.3M	\$15.9M	\$15.3M	\$17.0M	\$19.5M	\$22.0M

\*\* 5 out of the 6 top divisions are multidepartment divisions

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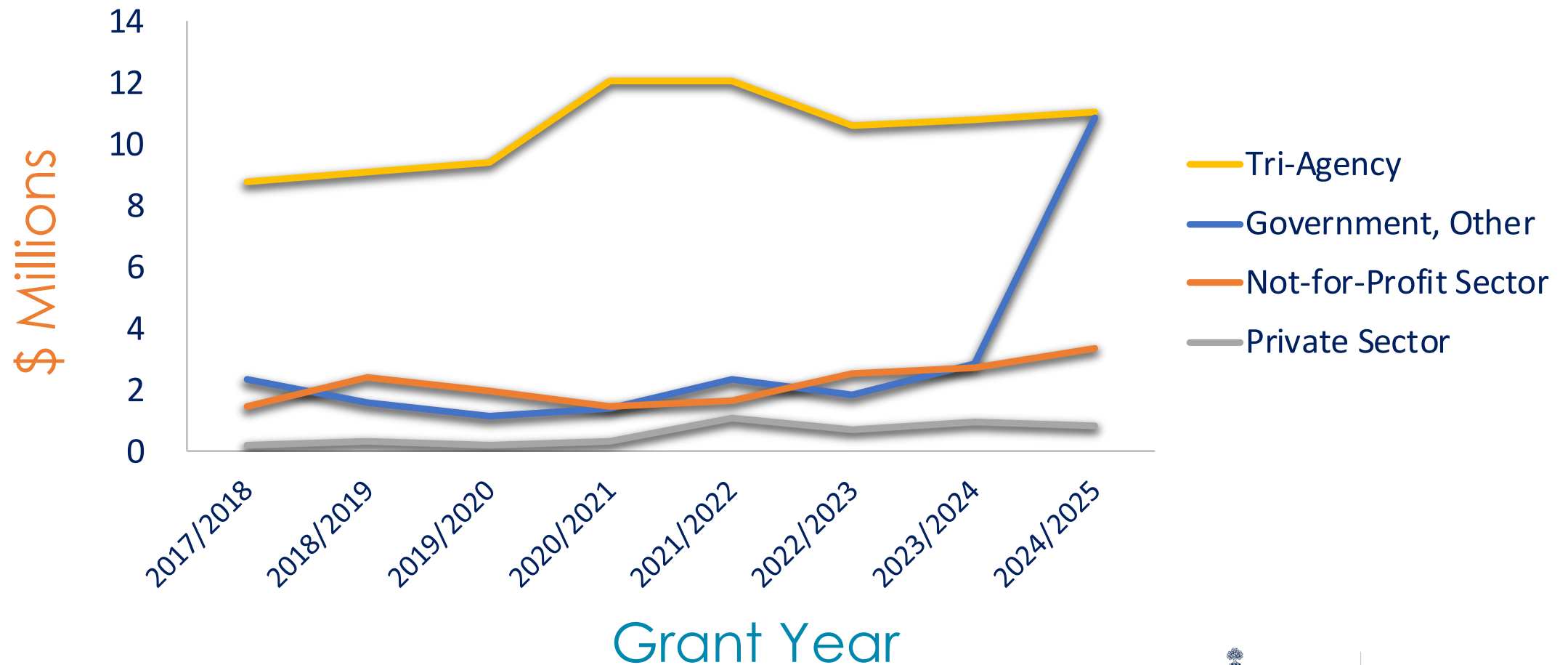


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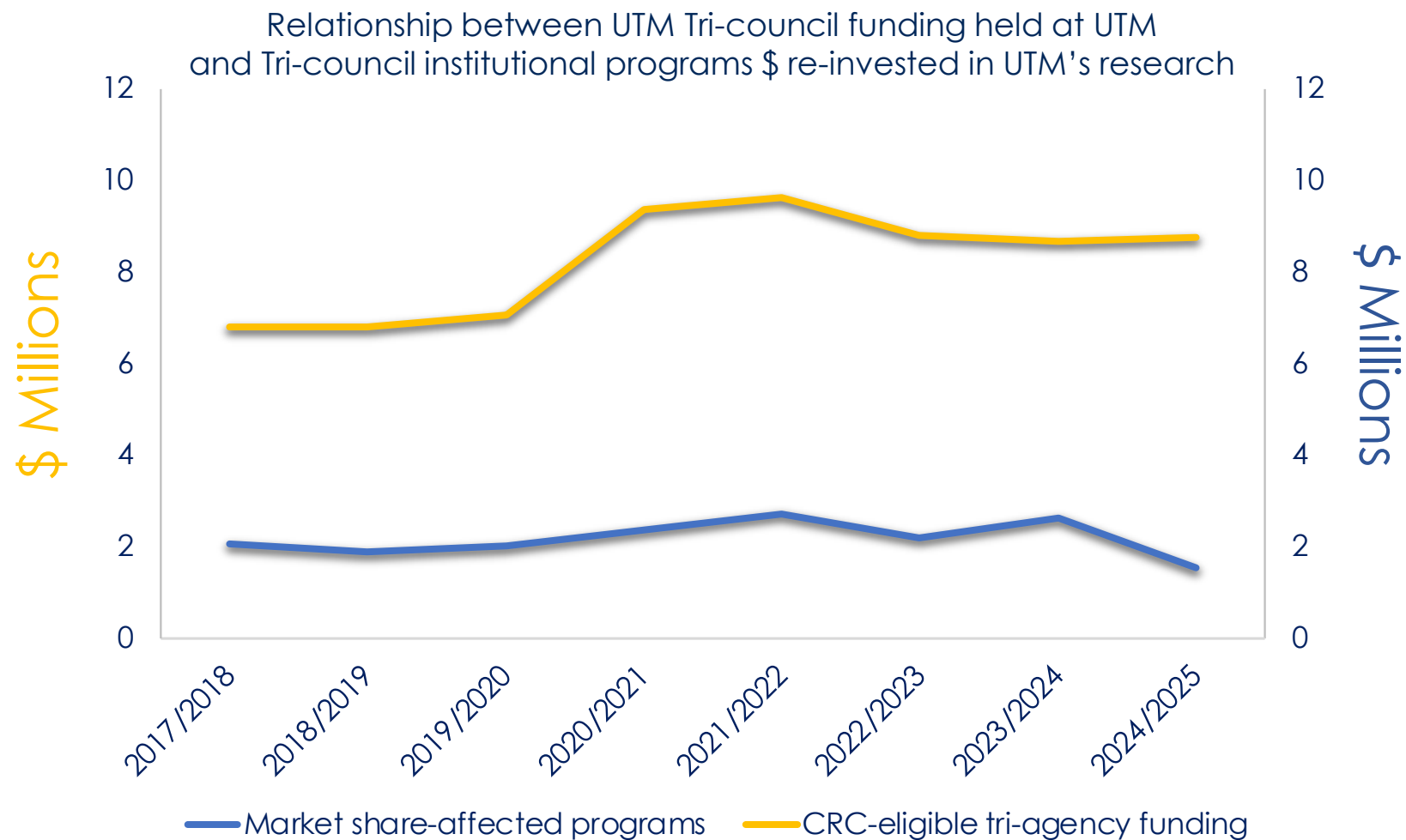
## by Sector Type by Year



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# Tri-Council Funding: *Why It Matters*



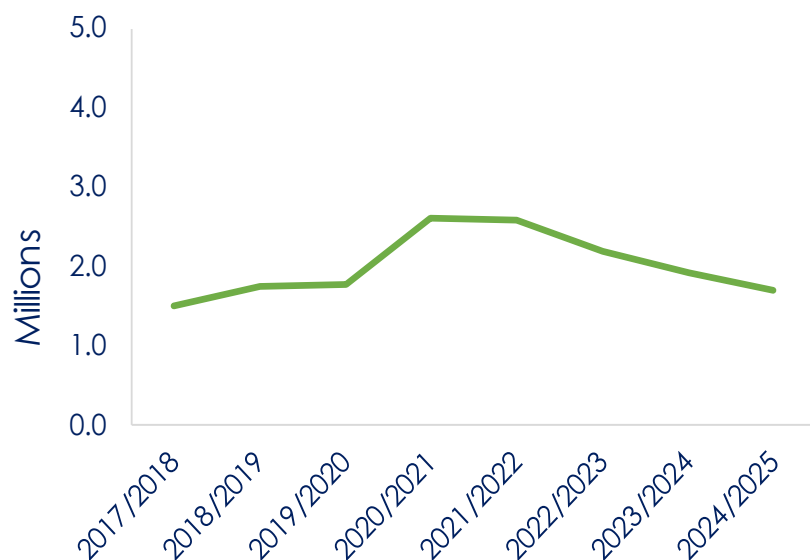
More Tri-council \$ at UTM =

- from 10 CRC slots in 2018 to 16 CRC slots in 2025
- from \$442K CFI-JELF in 2018 to \$880K in 2024

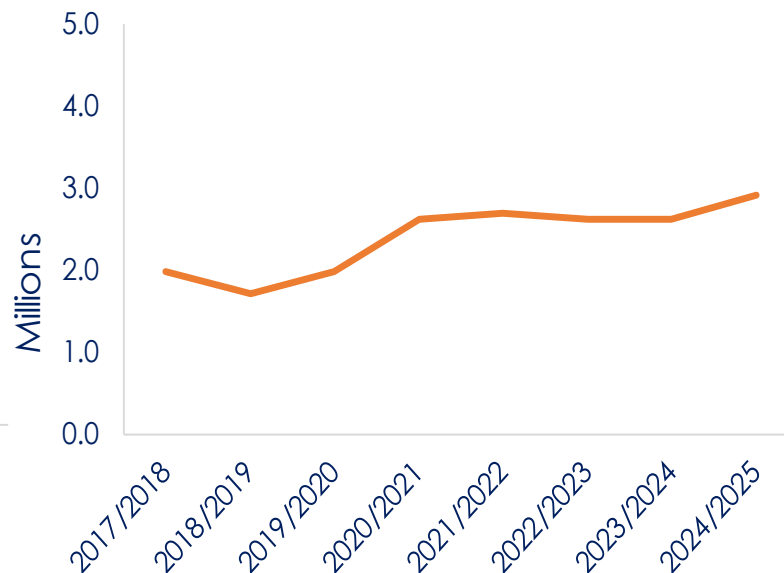
- Also factor into Federal Government allocations of **graduate student funding** – Canada Research Training Awards Suite
- And factors into Ontario's performance-based funding formula for allocating **operating grants to universities**

# CRC-Eligible UTM Tri-Council Funding By Grant Year

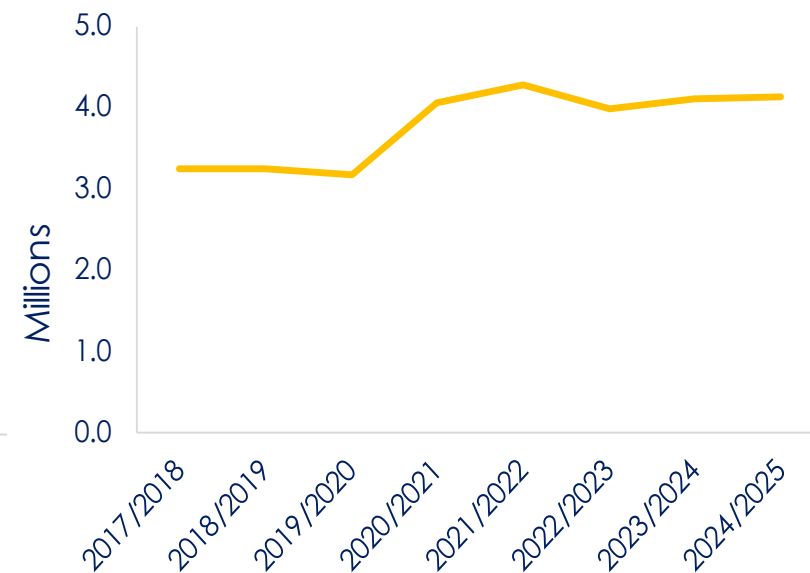
## CIHR



## SSHRC



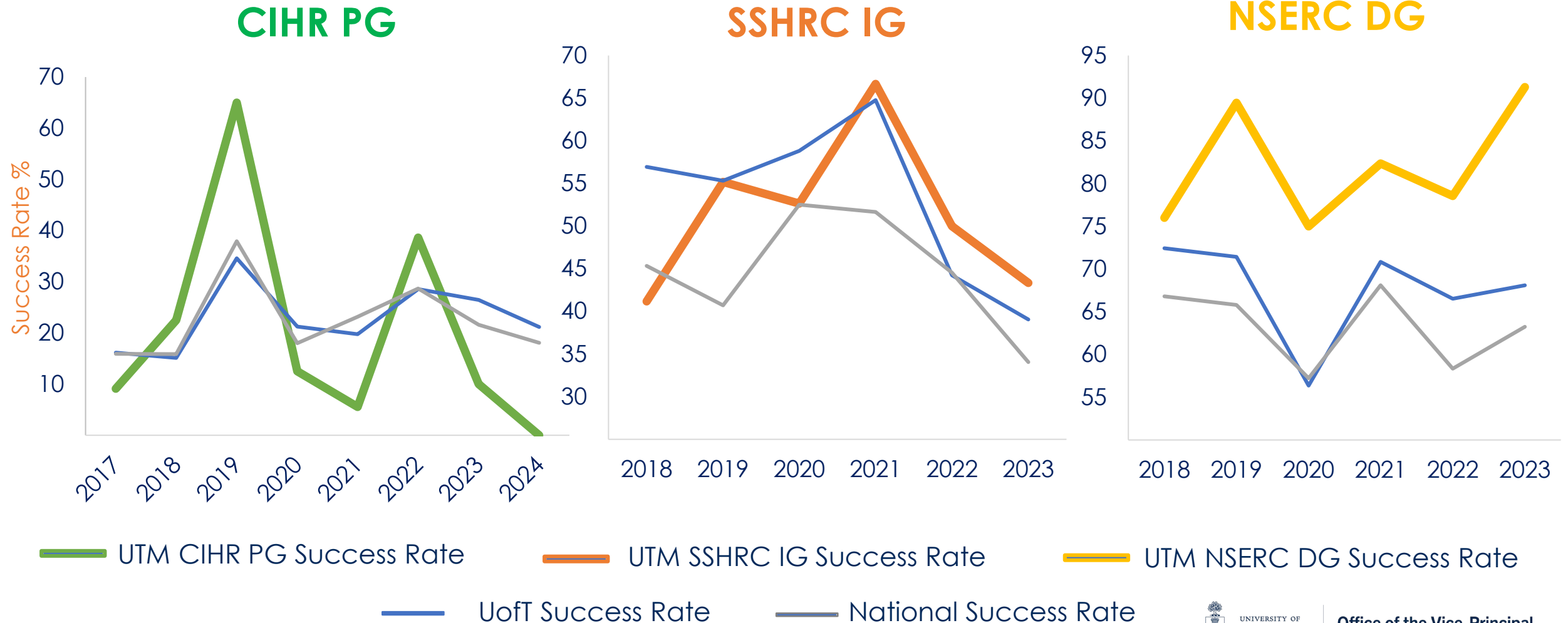
## NSERC



Grant Year

**\*National success rates on operating grants: CIHR ~15-20%, SSHRC ~45-80% NSERC ~55-75%**

# Tri-Council Operating Grants Success Rates



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# Key learning from the research metrics data

- UTM is on an upward trend in terms of external research revenues
- UTM ranked 4th/5th since 2017 among UofT 5 multidepartment divisions
- The main driver for the 2024 spike in research revenues is due to one large grant
- UTM success rates for the tri-council operating grant programs are generally better than UofT and National averages in recent years
- ***UTM's share of Tri-council funding is used to allocate additional resources that are critical to UTM's bottom line***



# Coming up next fall to the AAC:

1. Research performance metrics showing UTM's opportunities to attract more resources to UTM  
e.g. CRC, CFI JELF, Research Support Fund, graduate student funding
2. Strategies to leverage UTM's research opportunities