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**From:** Professor Meric Gertler, President  
Professor Trevor Young, Vice-President and Provost

**Date:** June 25, 2025

**Re:** **Extension of the Appointment of Alexandra Gillespie as Vice-President,  
University of Toronto and Principal, University of Toronto Mississauga**

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We are pleased to announce that the Governing Council has approved a two-year extension of Professor Alexandra Gillespie's first term as Vice-President, University of Toronto, concurrent with the extension of her appointment as Principal, University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), which was approved by the Agenda Committee. Professor Gillespie's extended first term runs until December 31, 2027.

Professor Gillespie [began in her role](#) on July 1, 2020. From the outset, she demonstrated a deep commitment to UTM's place-based strength. Under her leadership UTM played a major role in hosting a mass vaccination clinic during the COVID-19 pandemic, engaged in close co-operation with public health organizations, and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Mississauga. The campus also created its first *Strategic Framework*, broke ground on a new 400-bed student residence, opened the student services hub and new science building, launched SpinUp, the University's first wet lab accelerator, built special library collections connected to innovative new curricula, increased research funding by 35%, and raised \$51M towards UTM's ambitious *Defy Gravity* campaign goals. Professor Gillespie is widely recognized for her leadership in promoting inclusion and belonging for all members of the UTM community, which has deepened U of T's commitments to inclusive excellence and truth and reconciliation.

As the timing of the conclusion of Professor Gillespie's first term coincides with the transition to a new President, in keeping with established practice, we determined that a two-year extension to Professor Gillespie's first term was the appropriate course of action. Given her achievements, the University is grateful to Professor Gillespie for accepting a two-year extension, following which she will be eligible for a second term.

Finally, we would like to thank the members of the [Advisory Committee](#) for the engagement in this important process and for their thoughtful advice and guidance.