

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRINCIPAL, RESEARCH & INNOVATION

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.

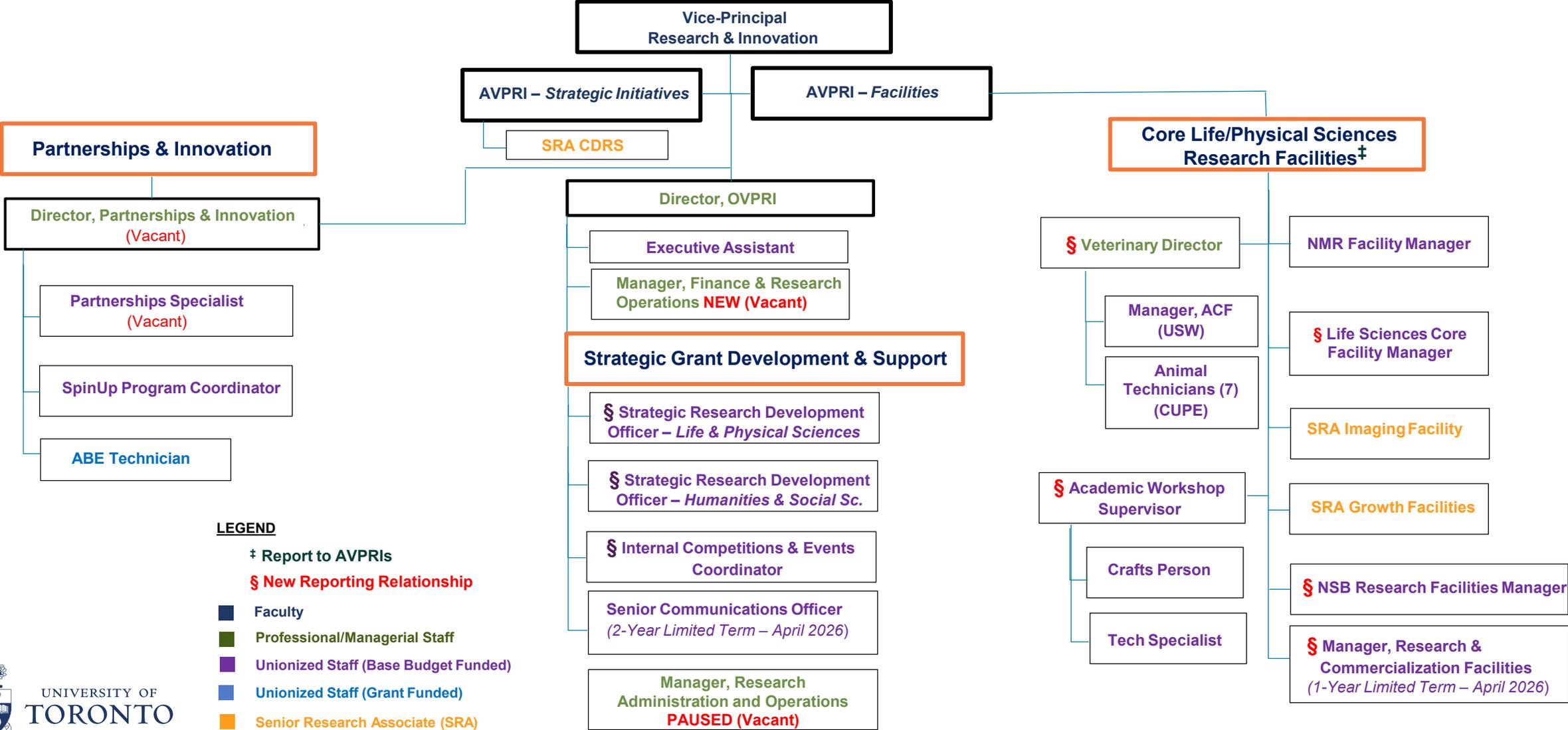
PRESENTED BY:

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UTM Office of the Vice-Principal, Research and Innovation (OVPRI)

- The OVPRI supports and promotes excellence in research, scholarship and creative activity of UTM faculty and continually seeks to enhance the research and innovation ecosystem at UTM.
- The OVPRI is organized in 3 pillars of research and innovation services & support:
 1. Strategic research grant development & support
 2. Core research facilities, and
 3. Partnerships and innovation/commercialization

OVPRI Organizational Chart, 2025-2026



LEGEND

- † Report to AVPRIs
- § New Reporting Relationship
- Faculty
- Professional/Managerial Staff
- Unionized Staff (Base Budget Funded)
- Unionized Staff (Grant Funded)
- Senior Research Associate (SRA)



Support/Resources for UTM Faculty



Research grant development support (e.g. funding opportunity searches, grant scaffolding strategy consultation, copy-editing, expert knowledge of Tri-Council programs, contact for all research-related questions)



Core research facilities



Partnership development & Innovation support



Funding application and awards repository



OVPRI funding programs

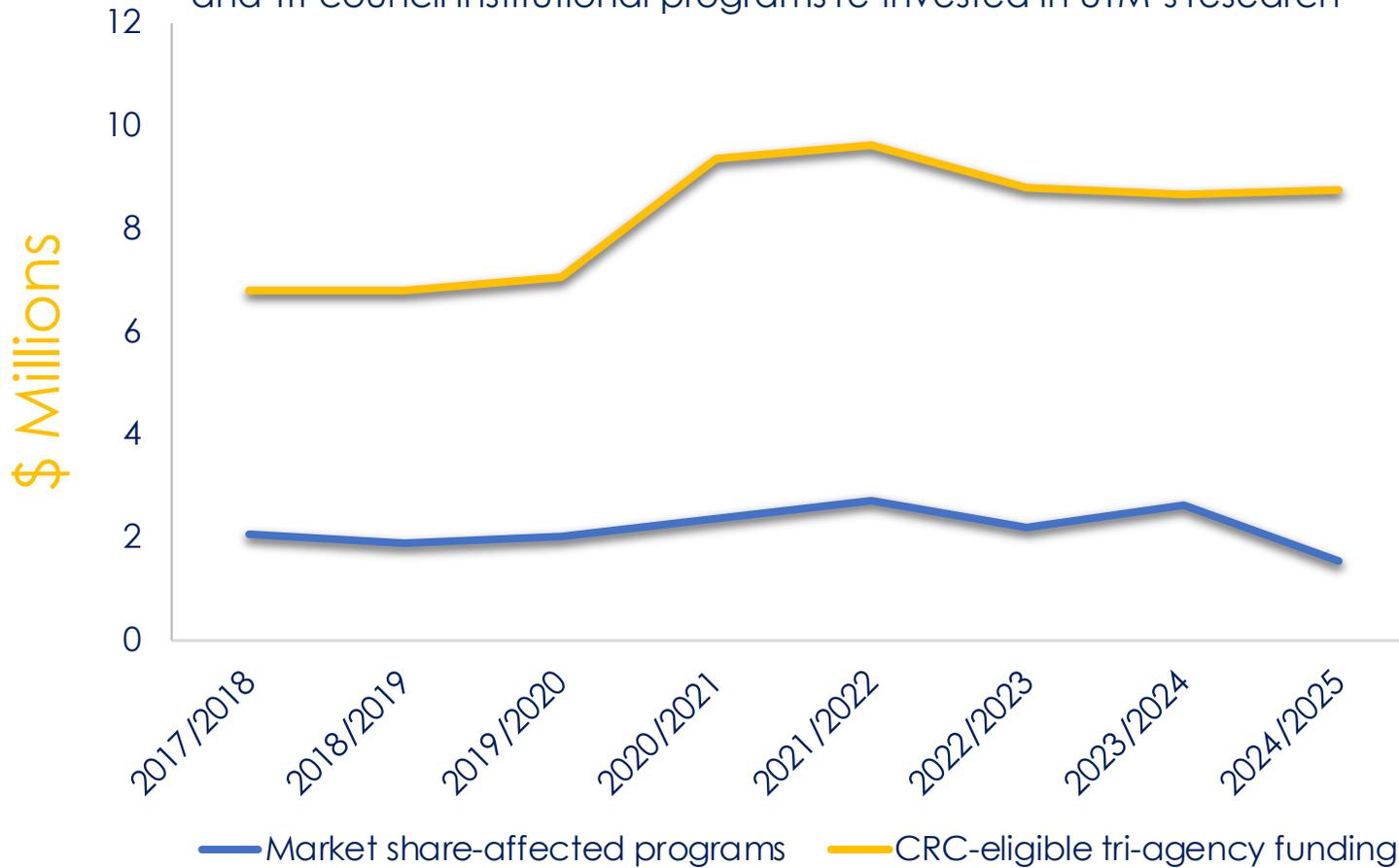
OVPRI 2025-2026 RESEARCH & INNOVATION PRIORITIES

1. Identify and remove barriers facing humanists and social scientists in applying for SSHRC grants
2. Increase support to the physical and life scientists for pursuing high-value NSERC Alliance and CIHR project grant applications
3. Align our internal funding programs with our strategic priorities
4. Leverage relationships built through SpinUp and the Partnerships pillar of OVPRI to increase Industry/NFP/Government-funded research and partnerships

Aiming for excellence in our services as a cross-cutting theme

Tri-Council Funding “Talk of the town”: *Why It Matters?*

Relationship between UTM Tri-council funding held at UTM and Tri-council institutional programs re-invested in UTM's research



Tri-council \$ also factor into:

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

More Tri-council \$ at UTM = More \$ for UTM

Less Tri-council \$ at UTM = Less \$ for UTM