

# Budget 2026-27

and Long-Range Budget Guidelines  
2026-27 to 2030-31



UNIVERSITY OF  
TORONTO

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- Strong student demand

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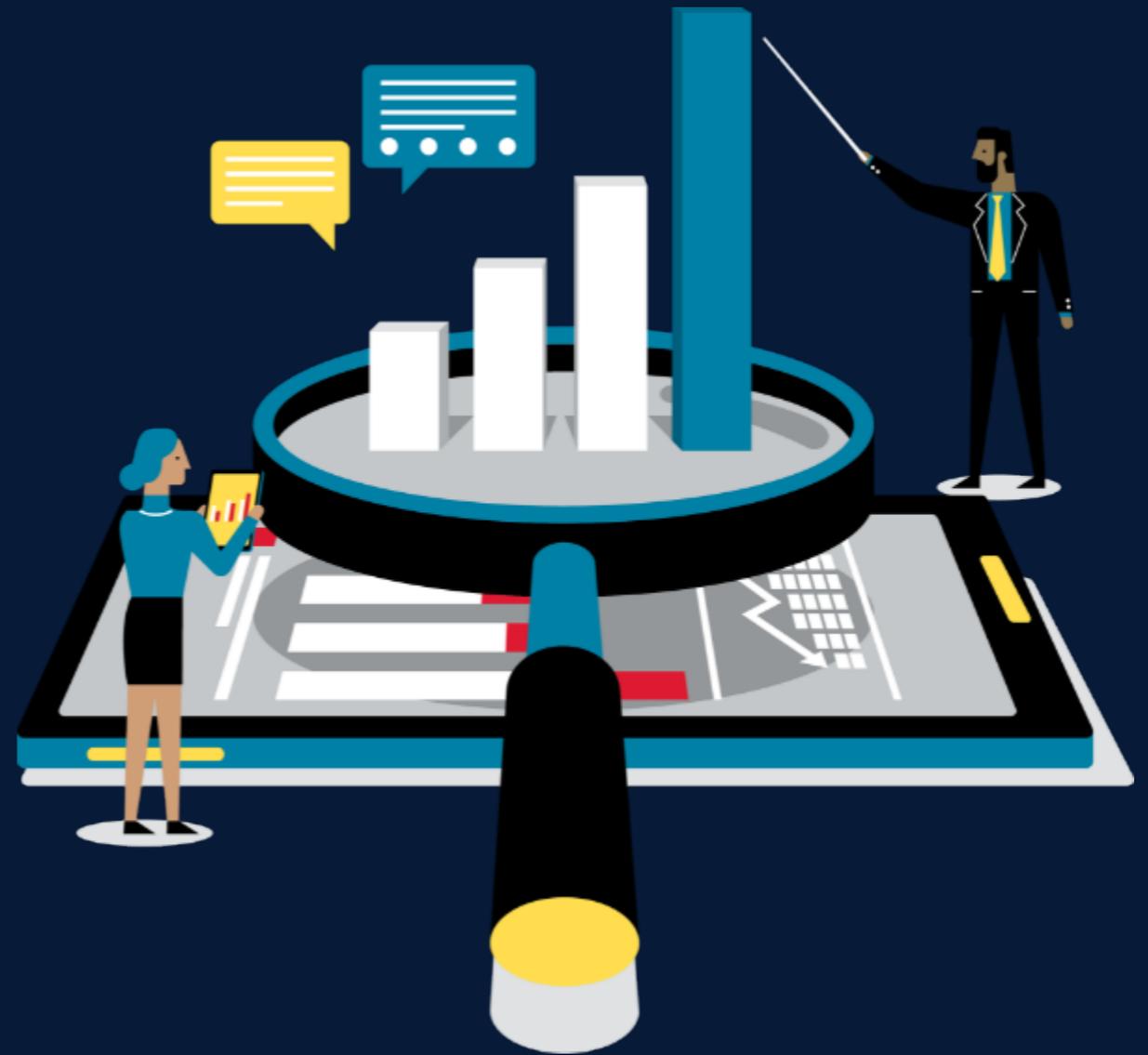
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- Student aid and funding
- Student housing & rsch space
- Digital Strategies & AI

## **OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

- Whole-of-University priority
- Evolve admin operations
- Empower our people and strengthen academic mission

# 1 Budget Overview



2026-27

# Balanced Budget

**\$3.66 BILLION**

\$39 million increase  
over 2025-26 Budget

## REVENUES

**65%**  
TUITION & FEES

**20%**  
OPERATING GRANTS

**15%**  
OTHER REVENUE

## EXPENDITURES

**65%**  
FACULTY & STAFF  
COMPENSATION

**11%**  
STUDENT AID

**12%**  
OTHER EXPENSES

**6%**  
CAPITAL & EQUIPMENT

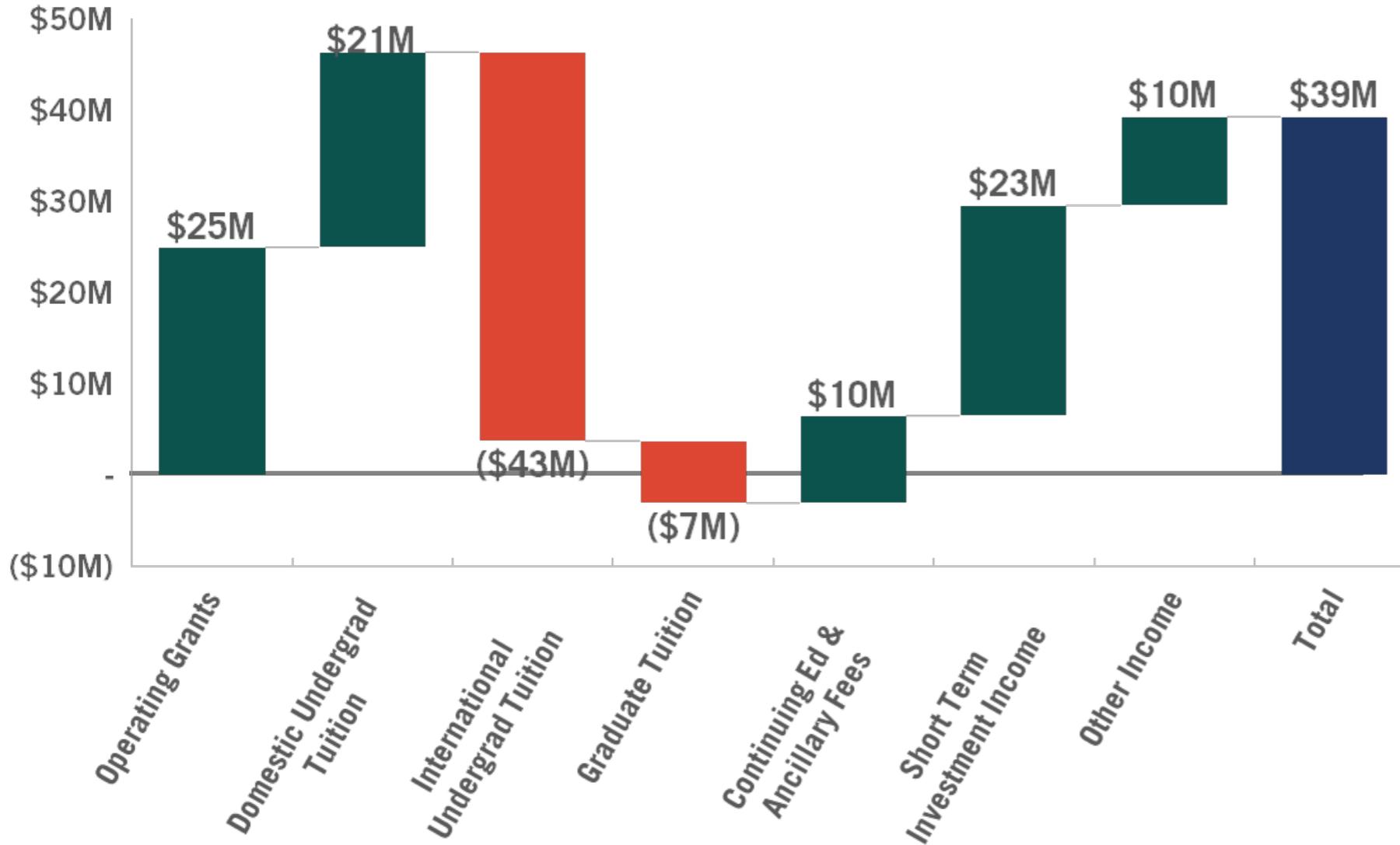
**6%**  
OCCUPANCY COSTS

**1%** PENSION CONTINGENCY

# 2026-27 REVENUE GROWTH BY SOURCE

Planned Growth over 2025-26 Budget

■ Increase ■ Decrease ■ Total



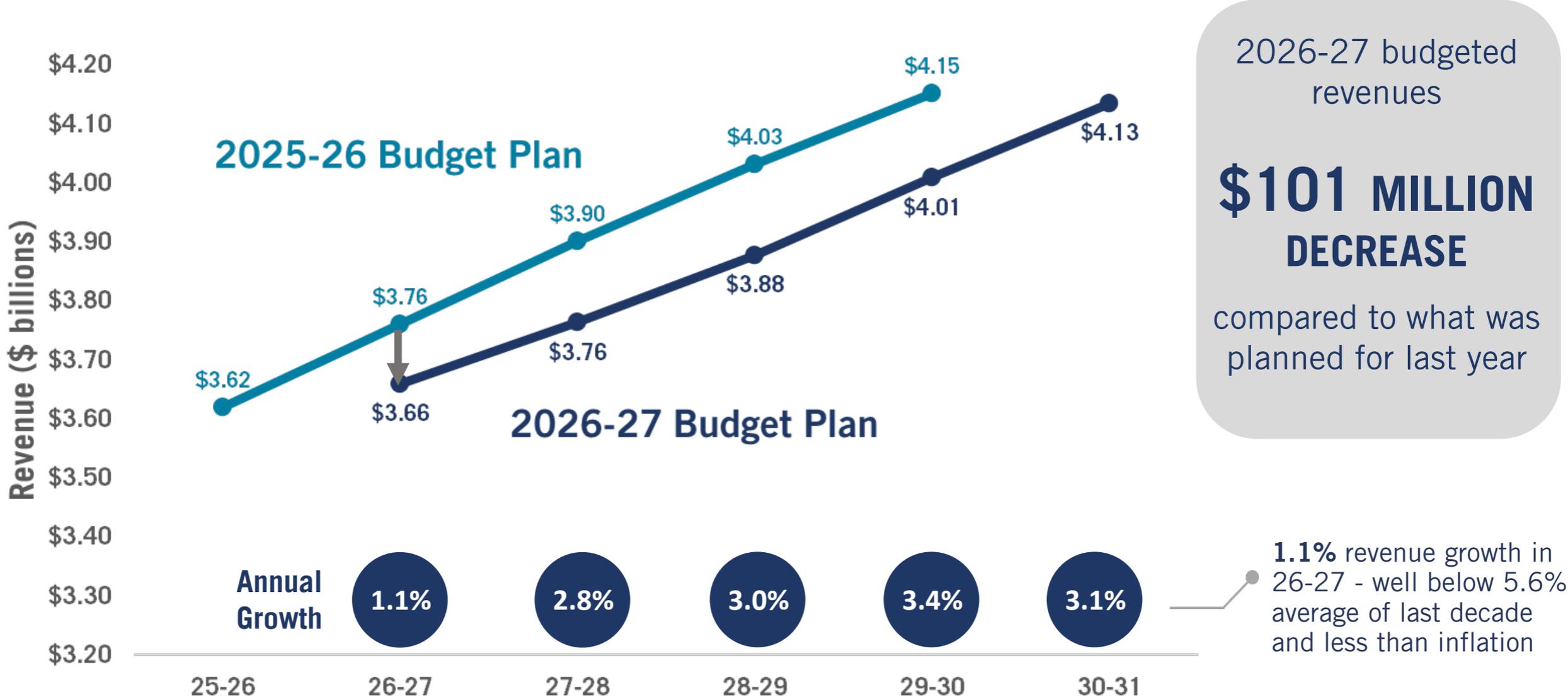
**\$39M**  
**INCREASE**

In budgeted revenues compared to 2025-26

**\$101M**  
**DECREASE**

compared to what was planned for last year

# 2026-27 Five-Year Plan in Context

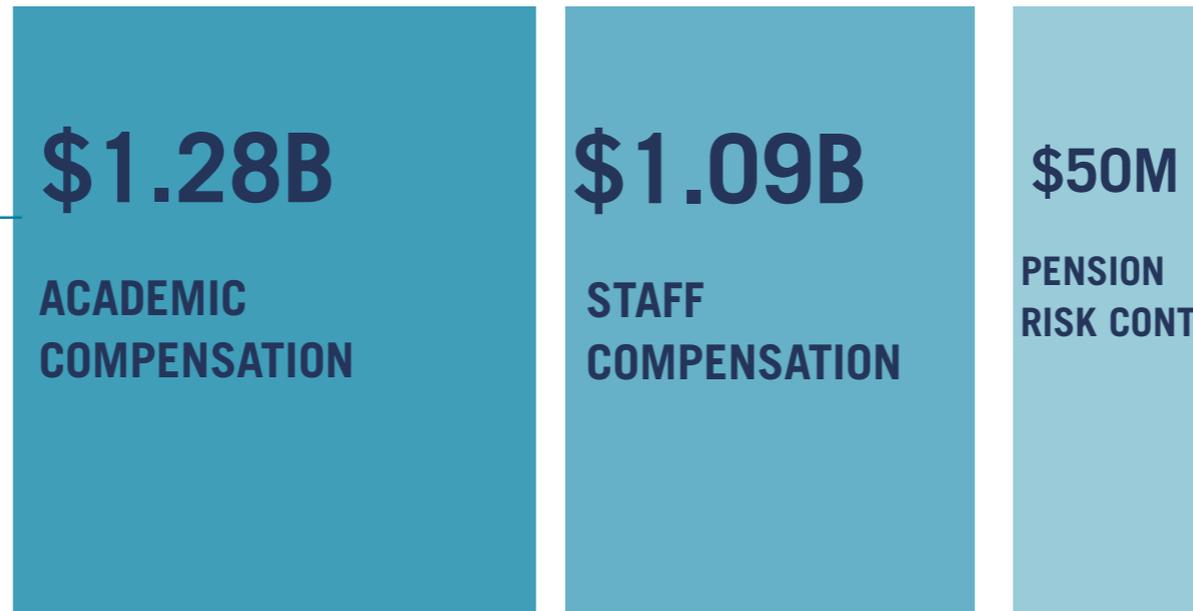


# COMPENSATION

**\$2.43 BILLION (estimated)**  
**2026-27 BUDGET**

## ACADEMIC COMPENSATION

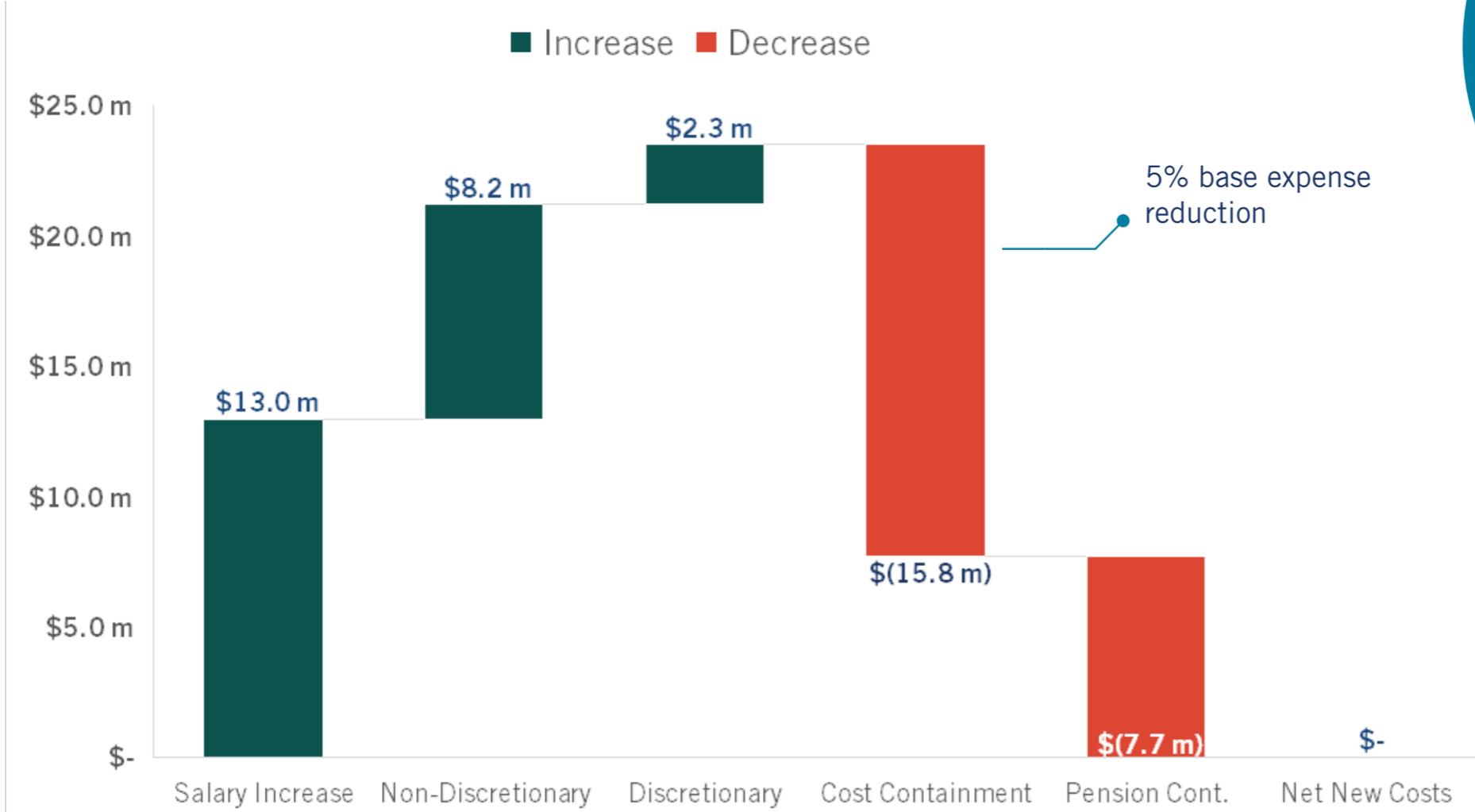
-  \$1,028 MILLION  
FACULTY & LIBRARIANS
-  \$48 MILLION  
SESSIONAL LECTURERS
-  \$112 MILLION  
TEACHING ASSISTANTS
-  \$49 MILLION  
TEACHING STIPENDS
-  \$45 MILLION  
OTHER ACADEMIC



Planned 2% savings in staff compensation through vacancy management and workforce planning

2025-26 BUDGET  
**\$2.36 BILLION**  
+  
SALARY INCREASE  
**\$105 MILLION**  
-  
COMPLEMENT REDUCTION  
**(\$20 MILLION)**  
-  
PENSION RISK CONT. REDUCTION  
**(\$15 MILLION)**  
=  
**NET GROWTH \$69 MILLION**

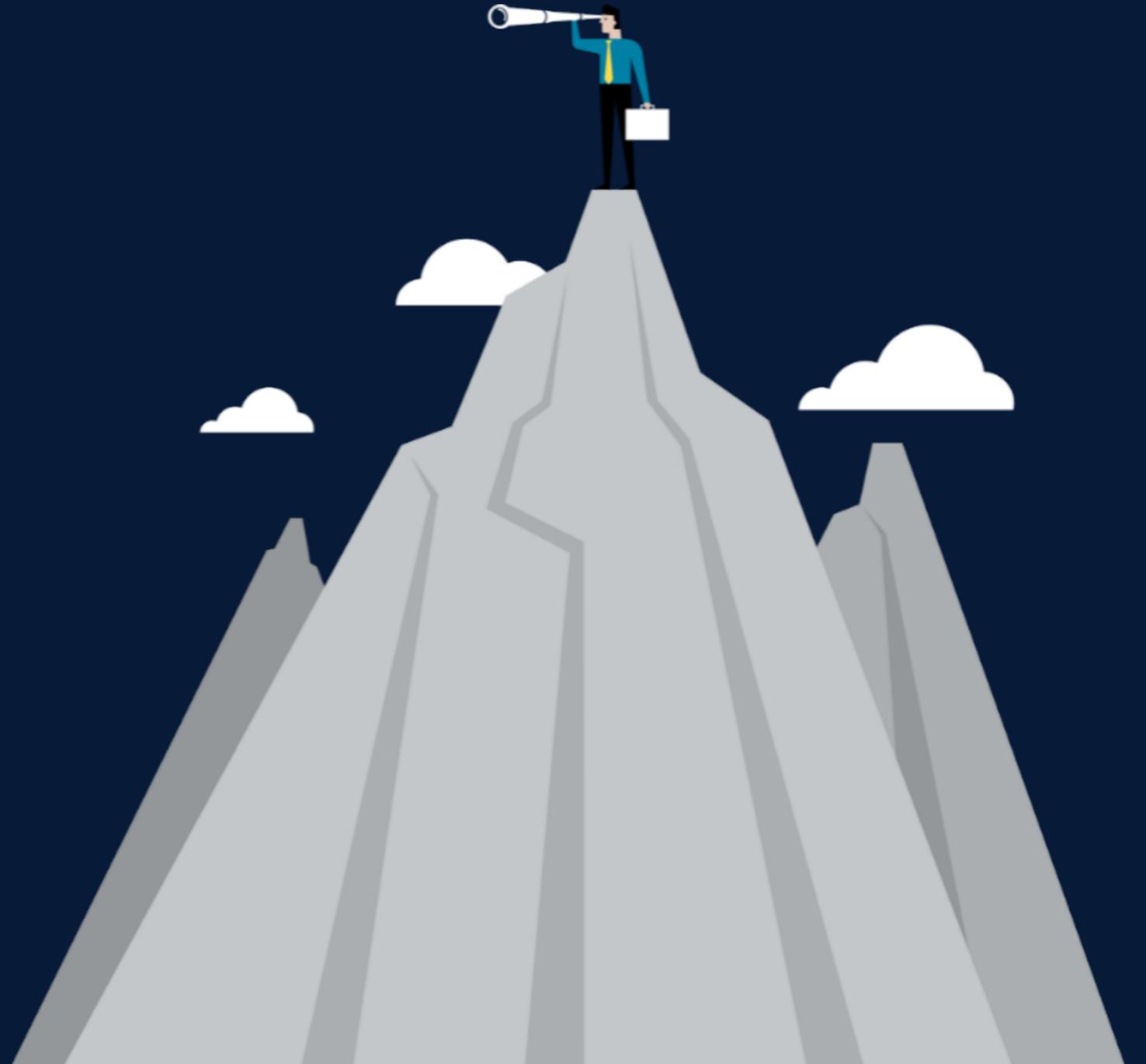
# UNIVERSITY WIDE COSTS



2026-27 UWC has  
**\$0**  
 GROWTH  
 over last year  
 at \$749.5m

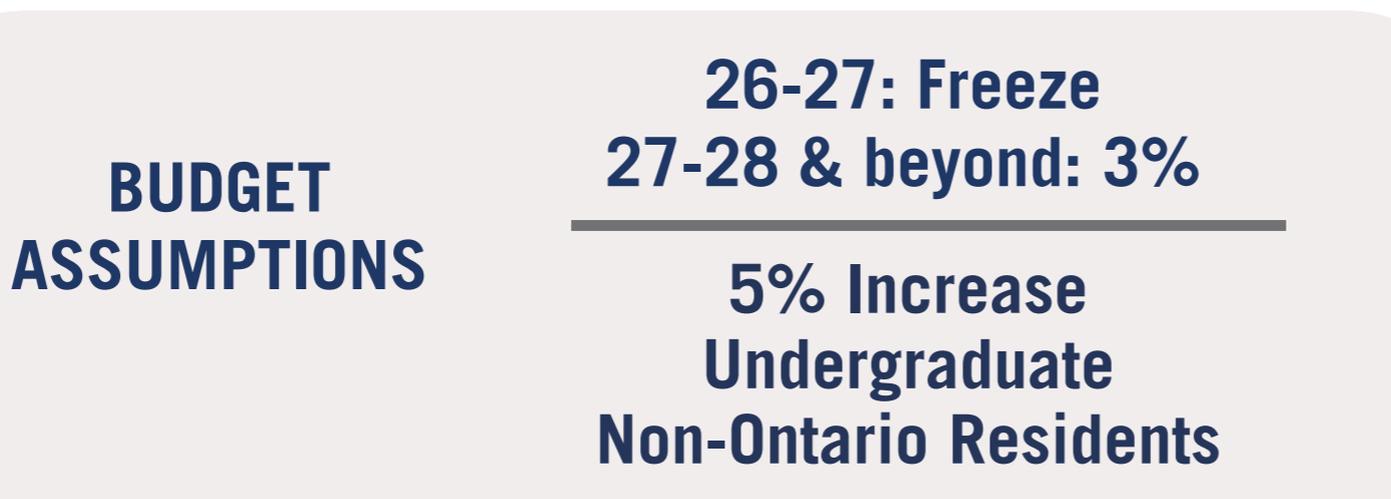
  
 UTM & UTSC also have  
**\$163.9m**  
 in campus costs that are  
**planned to remain flat**

# 2 Changing Financial Landscape



# PROVINCIAL TUITION FEE FRAMEWORK

**\*\*NEW\*\*** Province will permit up to 2% fee increases to domestic tuition fee starting 2026-27



Current fees are 27% lower than 2018-19 when adjusted for inflation

The University is committed to student affordability, and continues to increase its student aid budget to help support students with financial need



Incoming tuition for MA & MSc will increase 3.1% and MScAC will increase by 7.5% under Government's anomaly adjustment program.

# STRATEGIC MANDATE AGREEMENT (SMA4)

2025-26 to 2029-30

No major changes from SMA3. Performance metrics reduced to 8 from 10

25% of funding tied to metrics, growing to 40% by Year 5

40%  
Research

Total Sponsored Research Funding

Economic Impact (Start-ups)

60%  
Teaching

Community Impact (dom only)

Employment in a Related Field (dom only)

Institutional Focus (dom only)

5% of funding tied to reporting deadlines, research security attestations, and new metric development

Enrolment corridor remains in place with no material change

UG Graduation Rate

Experiential Learning (dom only)

Graduate Earnings (dom only)



**UofT met or exceeded SMA3 targets in all five years of the agreement.**

# GOVERNMENT FUNDING MODEL CHANGES

**\*\*NEW\*\* February 12, 2026: Government announced major investments and changes to Provincial operating funding for 2026-27. Changes are not captured in 26-27 Budget.**

- **Increase SMA4 Corridor midpoint** to capture actual enrolment in 2024-25; health programs moved into separate new corridor; funded expansion added to base.
- **Adjustment of per-student (WGU) funding levels** to standardize across institutions and roll existing Sustainability Funding into base over 26-27 and 27-28.
- **Increases to Program funding weights** across select STEM and health science programs with net new investments and roll-in of clinical education funding
- **Funded Expansion** in select STEM, health, education and trades programs; 40,000 seats allocated across universities and colleges on a competitive basis subject to Ministry review

NET POSITIVE

NET NEGATIVE

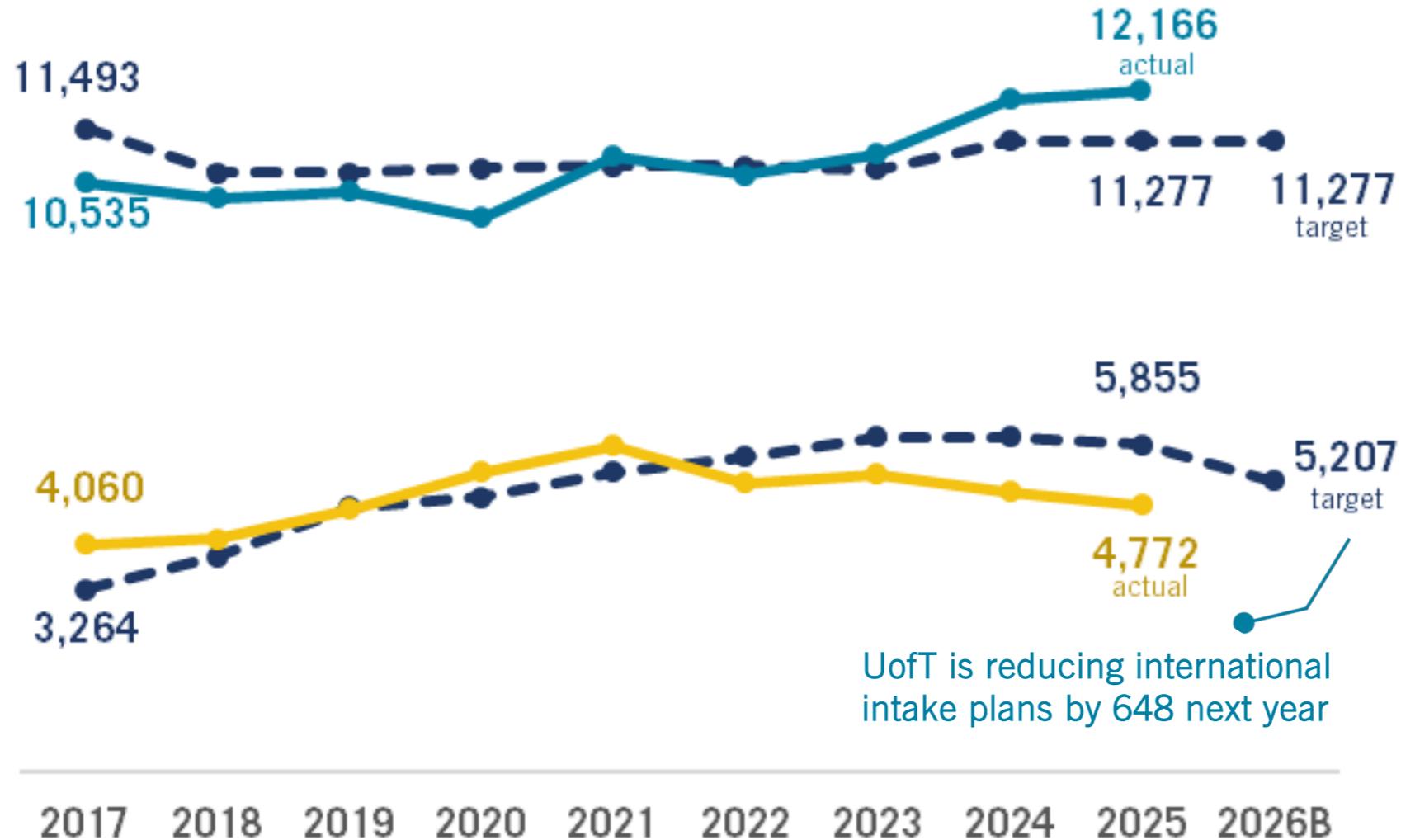
NET POSITIVE

OPPORTUNITY

# 3 Students: Affordability, Access & Outcomes



# UNDERGRADUATE DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAM INTAKE



## DOMESTIC

student intake  
+889 to target  
(1.3% over 2024)

## INTL

student intake  
-1,083 to target  
(4.8% below 2024)

# UNDERGRADUATE ENROLMENT RESULTS



FALL 2025 FTEs

44,647 ● — **ST. GEORGE** — ● 44,933

13,655 ● — **UTM** — ● 14,072

12,969 ● — **UTSC** — ● 12,576

**TOTAL UNDERGRADUATE ENROLMENT 2025-26**

**71,581**

**VARIANCE TO PLAN**  
**+1,159 (+1.6%)** 

1,146 growth over 2024-25



International undergraduate student FTEs 20,507

**2025-26**

International students have reduced by 1,120 (from 31.1% share) since 2023-24



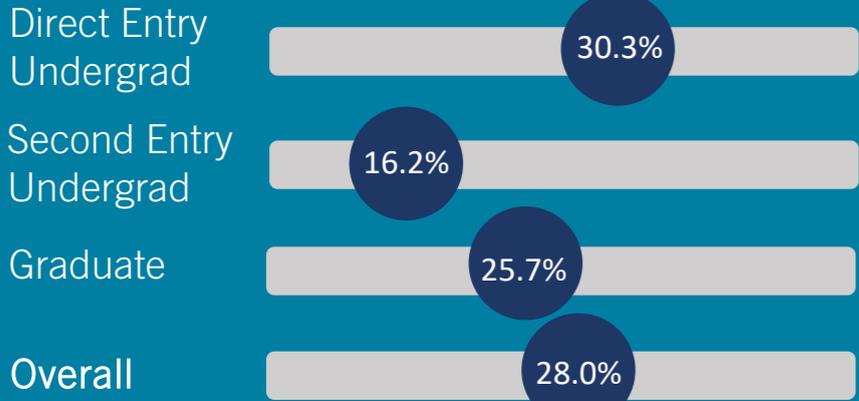
International undergraduate student FTEs will increase to **21,218** (711 growth)

**2030-31**

UofT is reducing domestic students by 990 over this period to return to funded levels

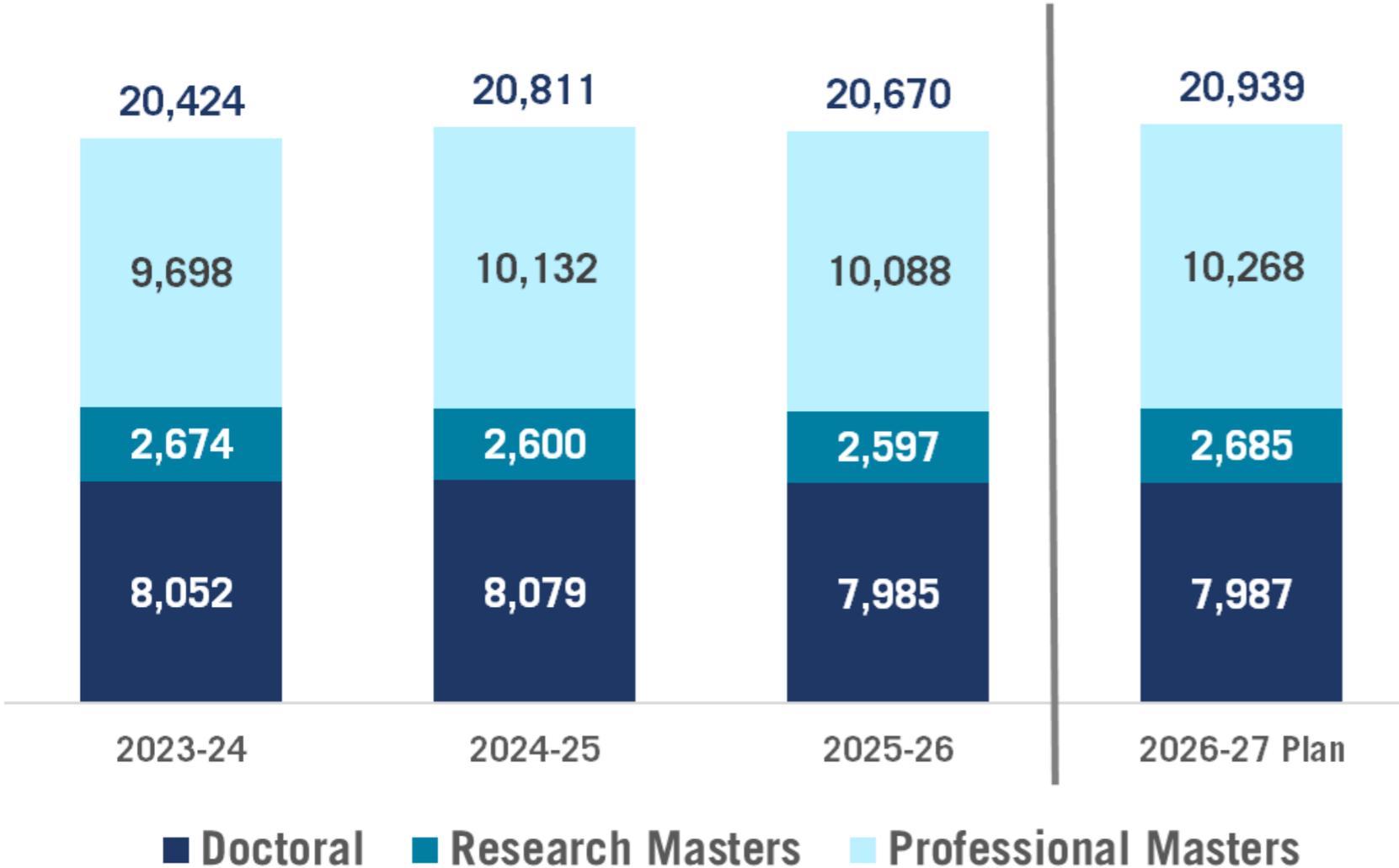


**% INTERNATIONAL BY LEVEL 2025-26:**



# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

## Graduate FTE Enrolment



**Minimum \$40,000  
base funding  
commitment for  
doctoral students**

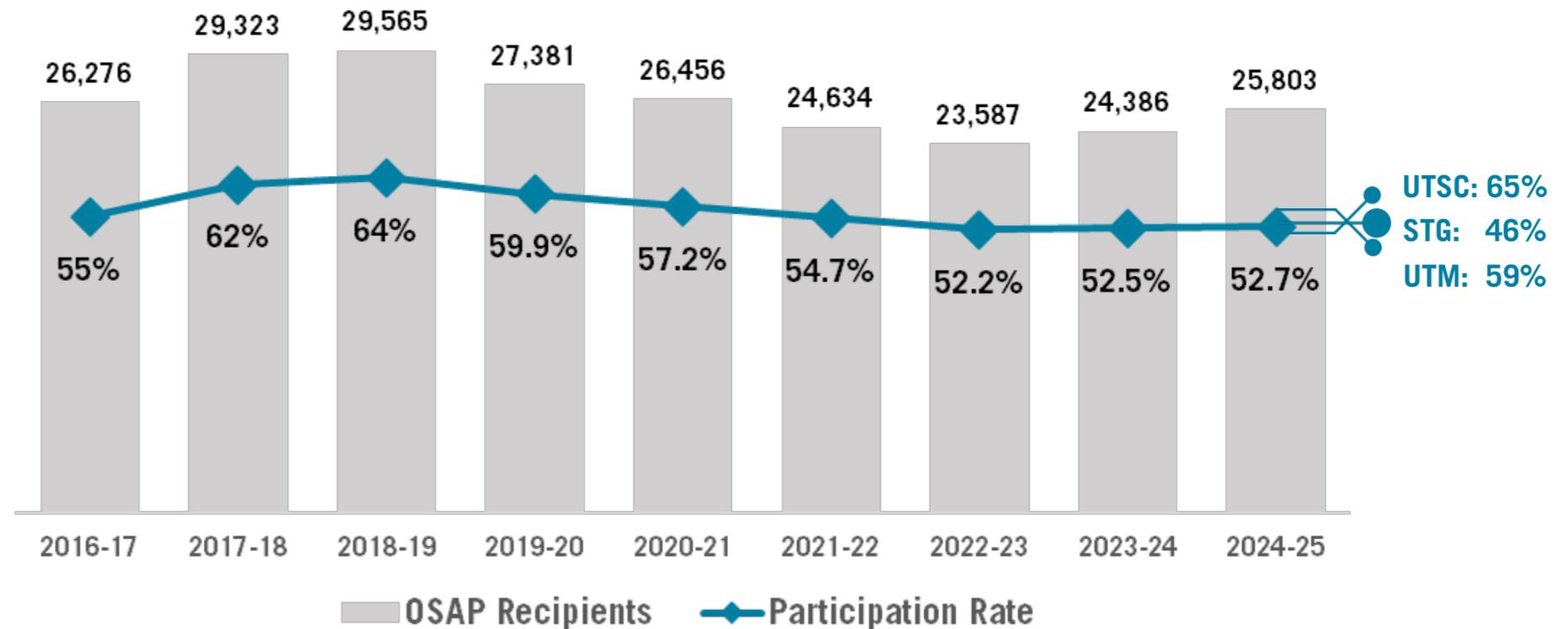
 26% of graduate students are international in 2025-26

# OSAP CHANGES AND PARTICIPATION

**OSAP** is targeted at lower-income families, those with no parental support, and students living away from home. All recipients receive at least 10% of their award as a repayable loan.

Our **UTAPS** program assesses student need independent of OSAP, recognizing higher living costs and providing additional bursaries for unmet need.

### Undergraduate OSAP Recipients & Participation Rate

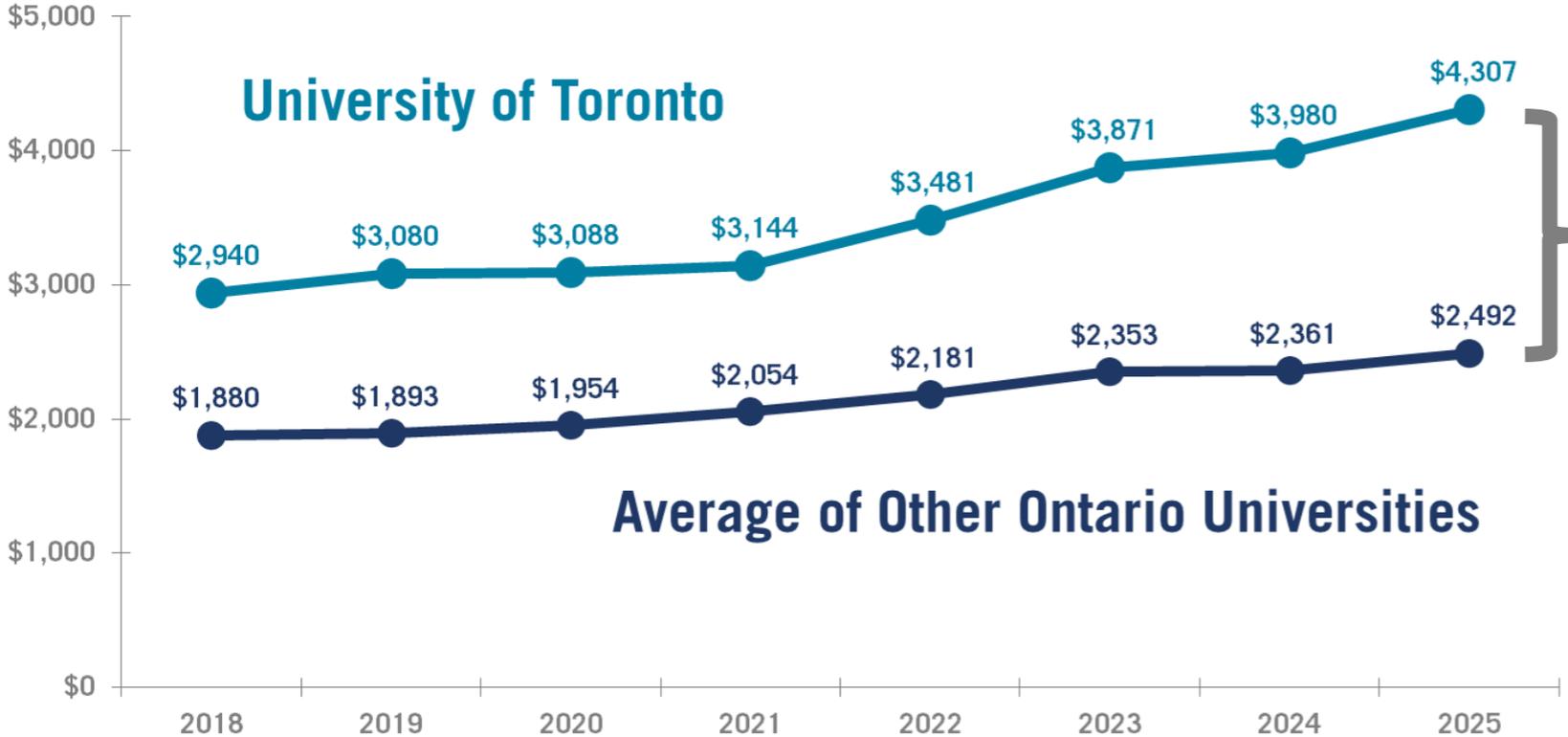


# STUDENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

\$1.7B Endowed Funds for Student Support

(43% of total Endowment)

Financial Support per Full-Time Equivalent Student

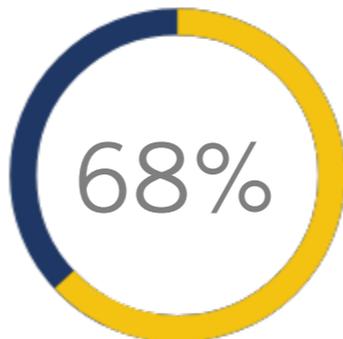
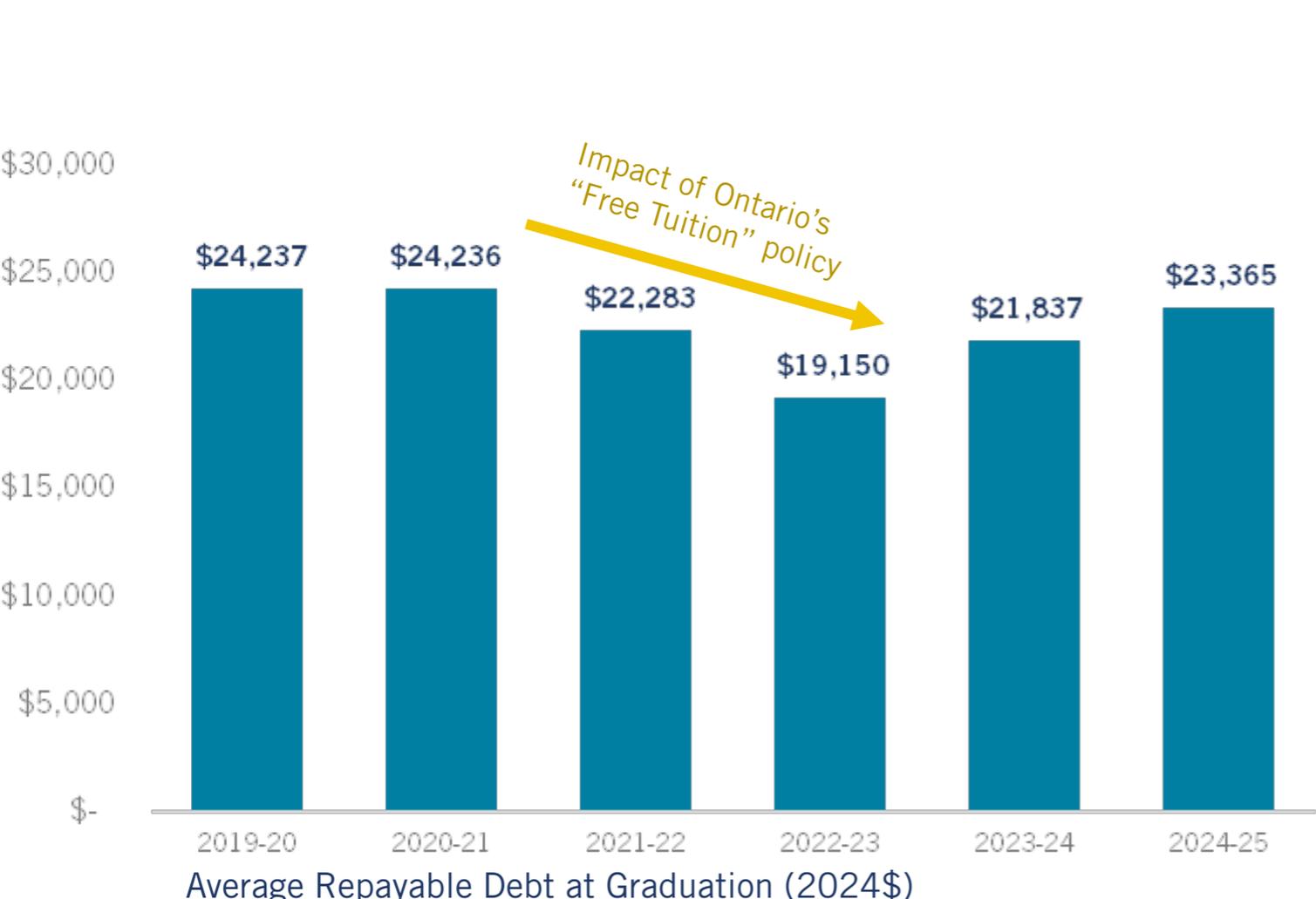


+73%

**\$408 MILLION**  
Financial Aid Budget  
2026-27

# STUDENT DEBT LOAD 2018 - 2023

(OF THOSE WITH OSAP DEBT)

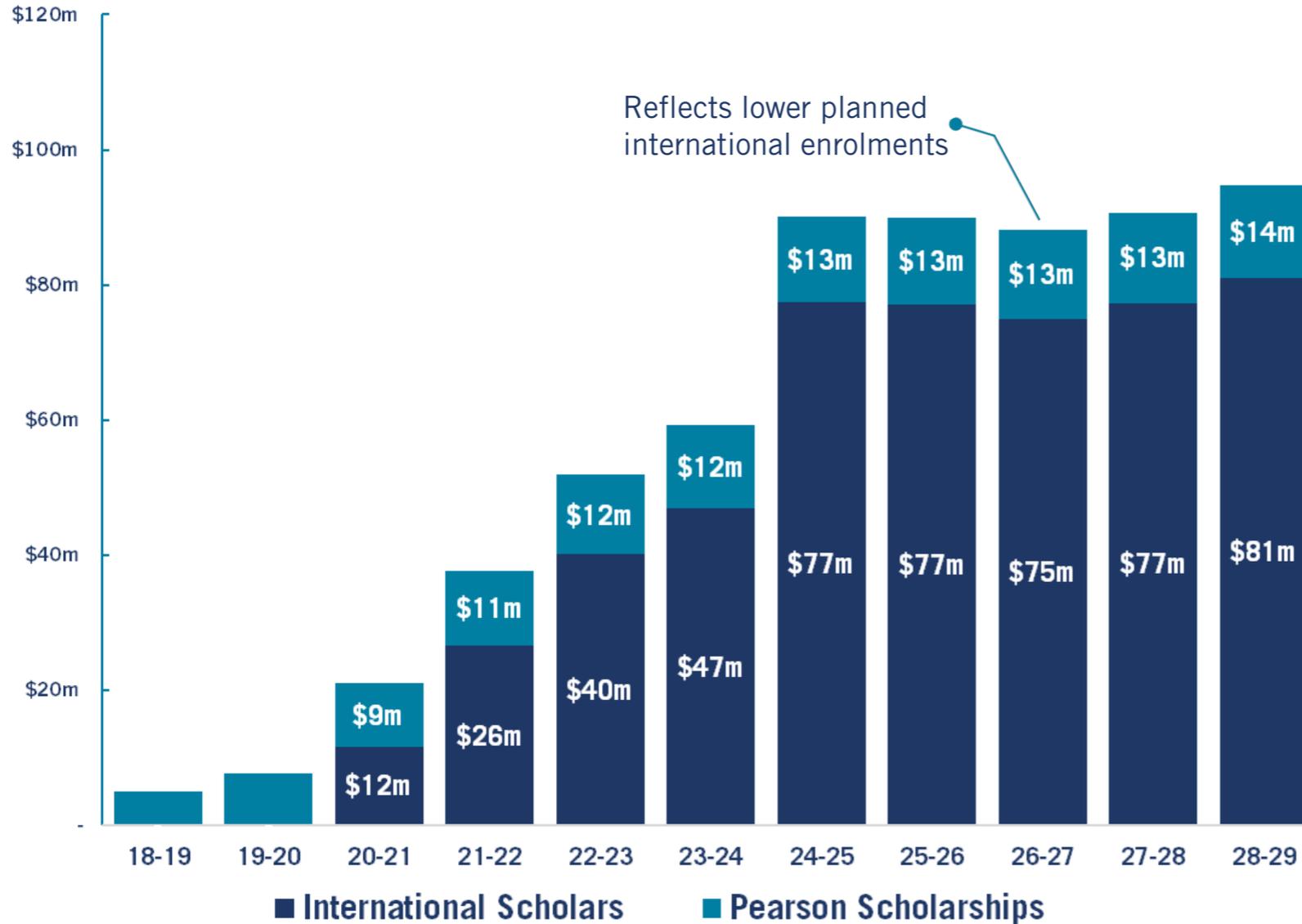


of direct entry domestic undergraduate students have no OSAP debt at graduation - improved from 50% a decade ago



RATE OF DEFAULT ON OSAP LOANS VERSUS 1.9% FOR OTHER ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

# INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS



**\$88  
MILLION**

2026-27 Budget plan for  
International Scholars and  
Pearson Scholarship  
programs

**+ Additional funding from reserves**

# GLOBAL RANKINGS - GRADUATE EMPLOYABILITY



**20th**

OVERALL IN  
THE WORLD



**2nd**

OUT OF ALL  
PUBLICLY FUNDED  
INSTITUTIONS IN  
NORTH AMERICA



**13th**

OUT OF ALL  
PUBLICLY FUNDED  
INSTITUTIONS  
GLOBALLY

\*based on Times Higher Education Rankings (2025)

# 4 Budget Initiatives



# OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The University is launching a multi-year effort focused on operational excellence to evolve administrative operations. We are enhancing systems, developing new capabilities, and empowering our people so students, faculty, and staff can focus more time and talent on teaching, research, and student success

## Some examples and opportunities

### ENHANCED COLLABORATION

- Admin Service Hubs
- Re-alignment of IT, communications, and events staff across Vice-Presidential portfolios

### MODERNIZING TECHNOLOGY

- Employee Central HR system upgrade
- IT Technology Alignment Task Force
- AI Adoption Table

### PROCESS STREAMLINING

- Travel & Expense
- Procurement and Invoicing
- LEAN process reviews
- Online forms & workflows

### LEVERAGING DATA

- Identity management to facilitate system access
- Vendor data cleanup
- Administrative Reporting & Analytics

# UNIVERSITY FUND ALLOCATION

**\$4.1M**

**Support Emerging  
Talent**



- Salary support for global talent recruitment
- Support postdoctoral recruitment and diversification

**\$0.9M**

**Research &  
Innovation**



- Top-up funds for research networks
- Federal defence funding strategy

**\$4.2M**

**Investing in  
Divisional Priorities**



- UofT Coop expansion
- Support to divisions for their priorities
- New Operating Agreement with Federated Universities

The University Fund also continues to provide \$1.0 million annually to support our Operational Excellence program that ensures administrative resources and services are optimally aligned to support our teaching & research missions

# ACADEMIC DIVISIONAL INITIATIVES

## Strategic Enrolment Management



- Outreach & recruitment
- Academic advising and data-driven retention strategies
- Scholarships to attract top global talent
- Summer strategies to reach new students and give flexibility to current students

## Operational Excellence



- Improved administrative processes
- New budget models to empower local decision-makers
- Shared service hubs
- Strategic course planning
- Leveraging non-operating dollars

## Partnerships



- Cross-divisional research initiatives and academic programs
- Industry partnerships for research and professional learning
- Experiential learning and expanding co-op opportunities

## Program Innovations



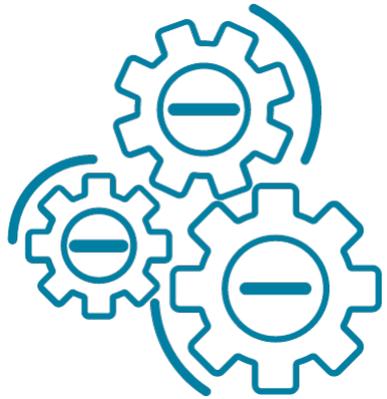
- Innovative management grad programs (M.Mgt)
- Flexible delivery models to expand student access
- New academic programs in emerging areas and to respond to student demand

# BUDGET INITIATIVES: SHARED SERVICES



Shared service costs are held flat, with operational efficiencies used to offset inflationary increases in compensation, utilities, software licenses, and service contracts

Discretionary spending was limited to the highest priorities



New  
Employee  
Central HR  
System

Library  
Acquisitions  
Funding

Enterprise  
Risk  
Management  
Leadership

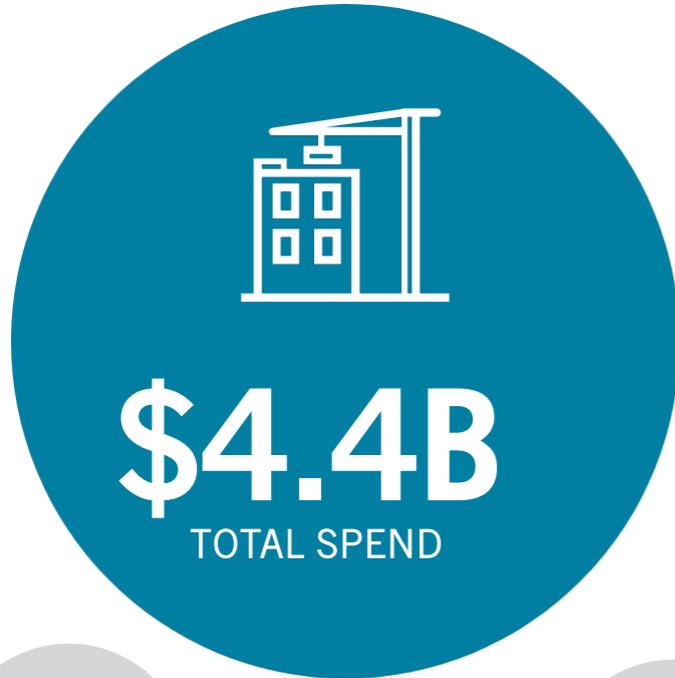
Communications  
initiatives to help  
student and talent  
recruitment



The University is also investing \$15m to advance institutional digital strategy and advance responsible AI adoption and expertise.

# CAPITAL PROJECTS & PLANNED INVESTMENTS

5 YEAR PROJECTION



**ACADEMIC &  
INSTITUTIONAL**



**FOUR CORNERS**

- 15% | Cash Reserves**
- 30% | Future Cash Contributions**
- 30% | Donations, Gov't, Partnerships**
- 25% | Debt**

The 26-27 Budget assumes divisions will contribute \$69M to capital renewal projects and set aside \$63M for future capital projects.

Capital plans are reviewed annually through the academic budget review process and divisions will reduce their capital commitments to fit within their budget.

# 5 Risk



# UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

## RISKS

- Geopolitical tensions
  - Changing Immigration Policies
  - Provincial Attestation Letters (PALs)
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## STRATEGIES

- ✓ Engaged recruitment activities in local markets
- ✓ Diversification
- ✓ International Scholars
- ✓ Melt reduction strategies
- ✓ Advocacy for Recognized Institutions Framework

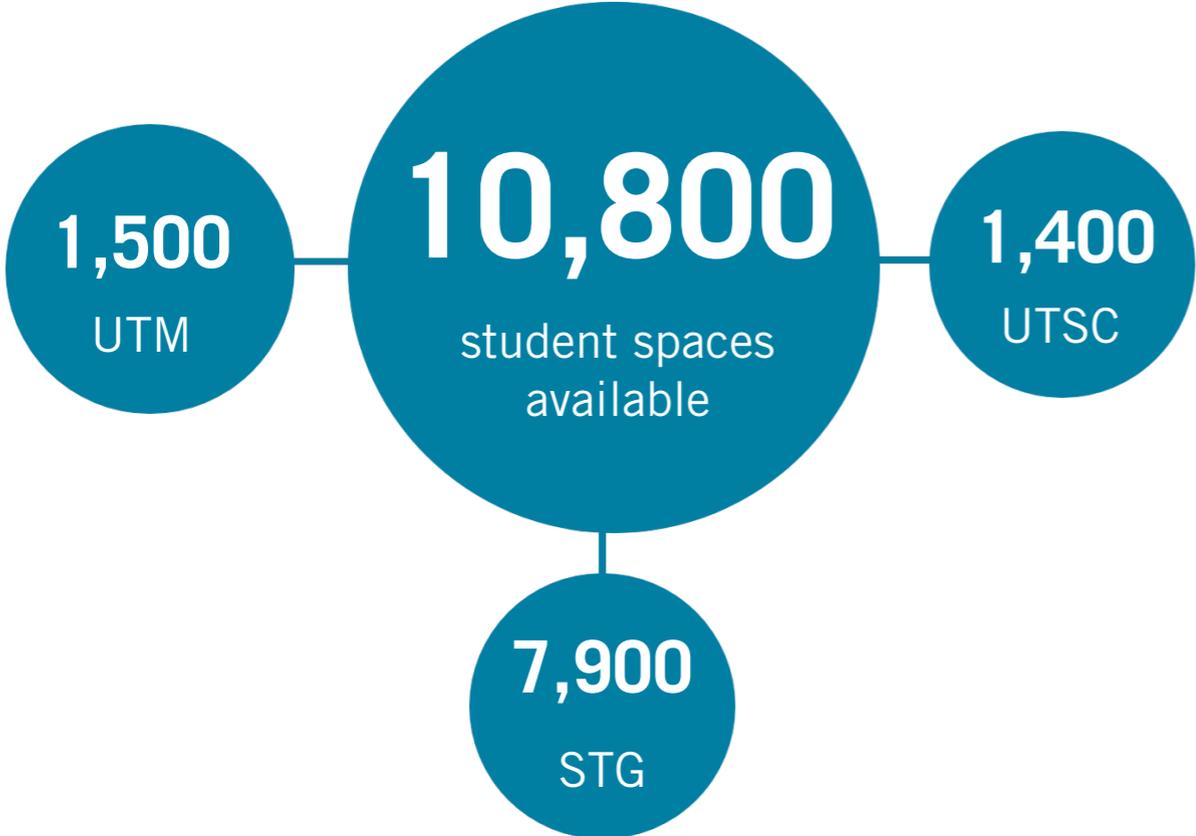
Budget plan includes international intake growth of 435 students over 2025

**\$29M RISK**



In Fall 2025, UofT registered 40+ new students from 15 separate countries; and no single country greater than 50%

# STUDENT HOUSING



+750 beds under construction



New Residence UTM



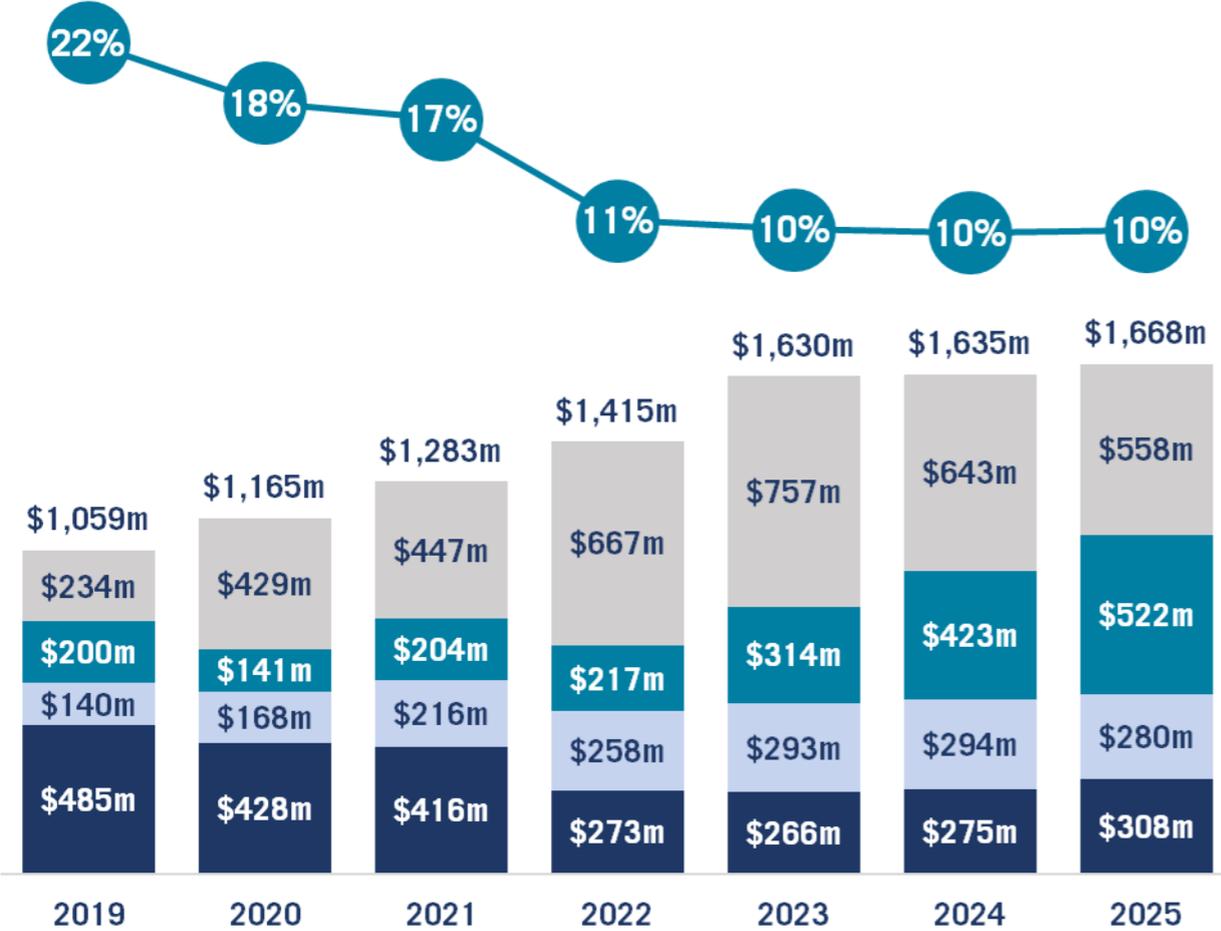
Lawson Centre for Sustainability Trinity

**Build More Housing Initiative** to meet demand for up to 5,500 additional beds. Two initial on-campus sites under planning (~1,200 beds)



# OPERATING RESERVES

Operating Reserves with Divisional Reserves % of Budget  
for the year ending April 30



## Reserves for major capital projects:

- Rotman Commerce building
- Climate Positive Campus Renewal Plan
- new data sciences building
- UTM campus heart renewal
- UTSC arts & media building
- OISE student spaces renewal
- Temerty Building (MSB west wing)
- and other projects

Investment Smoothing, Priority Initiatives, Matching, and Other Reserves

Principal Investigator operating accounts

Divisional Reserves

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