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Annual Report: Recognized Student Groups, University of Toronto Mississauga

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

Section 5.6 of the University Affairs Board *Terms of Reference* states that "The Board receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to multi-campus services and offices, Campus Police, Human Resources and Equity, crisis response, and campus organizations".

Section 5.9 of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee *Terms of Reference* states that "The Committee receives annually, from the appropriate administrators, reports on services within its areas of responsibility, including but not limited to campus police and campus organizations. These reports are submitted to the University Affairs Board for information".

Section III.c of the *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups* states that "All administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition will be reported regularly to the University Affairs Board for information."

GOVERNANCE PATH:

1. UTM Campus Affairs Committee [For Information] (April 29, 2026)
2. **University Affairs Board [For Information] (May 27, 2026)**

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

This annual report was last presented to the University Affairs Board on May 21, 2025.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Many recognized student organizations engage in co-curricular activities that enrich the participation of their members in their own academic programs. Involvement in a student group can also provide significant learning opportunities for students with respect to leadership, civic and community engagement, and organizational capacity. Since many student organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a student group can often provide important opportunities to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. This helps the University provide meaningful opportunities for debate and dissent, and to foster the development of students' understanding of difference. Finally, participation in student groups provides one means by which students integrate and engage with small communities within the University of Toronto Mississauga.

In accordance with the *Policy on Recognition of Student Groups*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for student groups based at UTM for the 2025-26 academic year. There are 254 student groups listed in this report that have been granted recognition and 54 applications under review, for a total of 308 active applications. No student groups were denied recognition and no groups have had recognition withdrawn by the University.

Membership data provided in this report show that the cumulative number of UTM members of all recognized student groups is 16,059 and the average number of UTM members per student group is 63.

In addition to recognized student groups, UTM also recognizes 17 academic societies, associated with academic departments, and 17 affiliated organizations that offer services to students who subsidize them (such as student governments and student-run media, for which membership is automatic and based on students' registration).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications for the University's operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is provided for information.

DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED:

UTM Recognized Student Groups, 2025-26



To: Members of the UTM Campus Affairs Committee
From: Tim Fricker, Interim Dean of Student Experience & Wellbeing
Date: April 20, 2026
Subject: UTM Recognized Student Groups, 2025-26

The size and diversity of the student community at the University of Toronto Mississauga provides an extraordinary number of opportunities for students to participate in a vast array of activities undertaken by student organizations. Participation in these groups forms an integral part of the student experience. Student organizations contribute, in a variety of ways, to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social, and cultural life of the University of Toronto community. For many students, involvement in voluntary student groups is not only a traditional part of campus life; it forms a significant component of their learning while at the University.

Many recognized student organizations engage in co-curricular activities that enrich the participation of their members in their own academic programs. Involvement in a student group can also provide significant learning opportunities for students with respect to leadership, civic and community engagement, and organizational capacity. Since many student organizations address the complex issues of the world around us, engagement in a student group can often provide important opportunities to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. This helps the University provide meaningful opportunities for debate and dissent, and to foster the development of students' understanding of difference. Finally, participation in student groups provides one means by which students integrate and engage with communities within the University of Toronto.

In 2025-26, UTM saw an increase in its recognized student groups, growing to 254, compared to 213 in 2024-25. This growth can be attributed to a number of on-going initiatives that were used to promote and encourage student group participation in on-campus programming, such as the expanding Orientation programming to include student groups with the opportunity to lead events at UTM's Orientation, which took place in September 2025. The Centre for Student Engagement (CSE) worked closely on promoting and encouraging student groups to host and co-host events to welcome new students to campus and promote ways for students to find community amongst peers through student groups. Recognition through the Student Organization Portal launched on July 31 in 2025, as opposed to previous years when it occurred in August, which encouraged groups to re-apply early and avoid any barriers of large numbers of applications the CSE typically experienced in September. This early recognition also ensured they were able to participate in Orientation programming and tabling.

The CSE continues to support on-campus space booking privileges to recognized student groups and student group funding with the goal of providing easy and student-led ways for groups to engage with the UTM community and have access to financial supports with hosting events and

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providing engagement to the campus community. These efforts have also been important in driving students to create student groups and retention of student groups year over year, as the increase of space usage and funding applications mirrored the rise in the number of recognized student groups.

In accordance with the University's *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups (the Policy)*, this is a report on administrative decisions to grant, deny, or withdraw recognition for student groups based at UTM for the 2025-26 academic year. The student groups listed below have been granted recognition until July 31, 2026.

Recognition of student groups by the University provides several benefits and opportunities:

1. the right to use the name of the University in the name of the group and in conjunction with group activities;
2. eligibility to use University facilities and meeting spaces at no cost or at a lower cost compared to external organizations;
3. eligibility to apply for temporary office space;
4. listings in select University directories as a University-recognized student group;
5. verification letters confirming recognition status (sometimes required by banks and other external organizations); and
6. access to other University services and resources made available from time to time.

A student organization seeking recognition must submit an annual application to the Centre for Student Engagement along with a copy of the group's constitution. The constitution outlines the group's purpose, objectives, and procedures. It addresses organizational structure, membership, meetings, the election or appointment of members in leadership positions, amendments to the constitution, and rules of conduct. A commitment to democracy and accountability to members should also be reflected.

Full membership in a recognized student group (including eligibility to vote and serve in a leadership position) must be open to any currently registered University of Toronto student from any division. While discriminatory membership practices are not allowed, it is acknowledged that certain groups could well be homogeneous in nature without being discriminatory. Status as non-voting members may be extended to other University community members or interested persons from outside the University.

Groups seeking recognition by the University must be genuine student organizations and generally non-profit in nature. A recognized student group cannot be controlled by any external body. However, many organizations are affiliated with provincial, national, or international bodies and other external groups.

Under the terms of the *Policy*, the University will not attempt to censor, control or interfere with any group on the basis of its philosophy, beliefs, interests or opinions expressed unless and until these lead to activities which are illegal or which infringe the rights and freedoms of others within the community. By the same token, recognition as a student group implies neither endorsement of a group's beliefs or philosophy, nor the assumption of legal liability for the group's activities.

Please note that, pursuant to the *Policy*, the recognition of student groups which draw their membership from only one academic division is delegated to the governance body of that division.

It is important to note that there are hundreds of additional clubs, many athletics and recreation activities, Hart House clubs and committees, as well as recognized student groups based on other campuses which, while not listed here, add significantly to the educational, intellectual, recreational, social, and cultural life of the U of T community. In addition, many students are involved in student governments, college and faculty student societies, academic societies, course unions, and departmental student associations.

Recognition Granted

As of March 15, 2026, recognition has been granted by the Centre for Student Engagement to the following organizations for the 2025-26 academic year. More information about these organizations is available online at sop.utoronto.ca:

1. ACE UTM
2. Actuarial Science and Developers Club (ASDC)
3. Afghan Student's Association
4. African Students Association
5. After6 Social Club
6. Against Dragons
7. Ahmadiyya Muslim Women Students Association (AMWSA)
8. American Students' Association (ASA)
9. Animal Science Club
10. Armenian Students Association
11. Association of Palestinian Students (APS)
12. Assyrian Chaldean Syriac Student Association (ACSSA)
13. Astronomy Association
14. Avad Adventist Christian Fellowship
15. Balkan Student Association (BSA)
16. Bangladeshi Students' Association
17. Baptist Student Ministries UTM
18. Because I am a Girl – UTM Chapter
19. Believer's LoveWorld UTM (BLWUTM)
20. Best Buddies UTM Chapter
21. BioStart
22. Black Future Lawyer's Club (BFL UTM)
23. Black In STEM UTM (BIS)
24. Black Literature and Arts Club
25. Bridging Generations Society (BGS)
26. Campus Conservatives
27. Canadian Asian Student Society
28. Cancer Awareness Student Organization (CASO)
29. Caribbean Connections
30. Champions of Change UTM
31. Channel6ix Film Studio
32. Chemical and Physical Sciences Graduate Student Association (CPS GSA)
33. Chinese Students and Scholars Association the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTMCSSA)
34. Chinese Undergraduate Student Association at the University of Toronto Mississauga (CUAUTM)
35. Christian Orthodox Campus-Ministry Association
36. Circle of Fifths (COF)
37. Club Italia
38. Computer Science Student Community (CSSC)
39. Cura AI
40. Cytology and Radiation Education UTM (CARE)
41. Desi Student Association (DSA)
42. Digital Enterprise Management Association (DEMA)
43. ECUTM
44. Egyptian Student Association (ESA)
45. ENACTUS UTM
46. Erindale Gaming Organization (EGO)

47. Erindale Music Theatre Productions (EMTP)
48. Erindale Punjabi Association (EPA)
49. Étudiants Francophones de UTM
50. EVOLVERE Mental Health UTM Student Chapter
51. EXCEL1ENCE (X1)
52. Feed the Future UTM
53. Filipino Student Association
54. Fintech Association (UTMFA)
55. First Year Connect (FYC)
56. Fostering Interest in Species and Habitats (FISH)
57. Global Affairs Student Association
58. Google Developer Groups University of Toronto Mississauga (GDG UTM)
59. Ground-up Startups UTM
60. Harmonix Music Club (HMC)
61. Healing Hearts Initiative (HHI)
62. Health, Law and Business Association at UTM
63. Hearts-To-Hearts Association (HTH)
64. Hemoglobal UTM Chapter
65. Her Campus at UTM (HCUTM)
66. Hope 4 Tomorrow
67. Human Concern International (HCI UTM)
68. Humanities and Social Sciences Research Initiative at UTM (UTM HSSRI)
69. Humanity First UTM
70. Indian Students Association
71. Indonesian Student Association (ISA UTM)
72. Indus Hospital UTM (IH UTM)
73. Integrated Brain Research Club
74. Introverts Club
75. Iraqi Student Community at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTMISC)
76. Islamic Relief at UTM (IR UTM)
77. Japanese Association at Mississauga
78. Jewish Student Association
79. Katalyze.ca
80. Latin American Students' Association (LASA)
81. Lebanese Student Association
82. LIFT Church UTM
83. Little Lights
84. Luxe Ladies
85. Mandarin International Student Christian Fellowship (MICF)
86. Mazaaq Raat
87. Men's Wellness Group (MWG)
88. Menstruation REDefined UTM (MRed UTM)
89. Middle Eastern Students' Association
90. Mizzle of Rain
91. Muslim Students' Association
92. Muslims in Academia UTM: Student Chapter
93. Muslims in Law at UTM (MLUTM)
94. North African Student Association (NASA)
95. Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy (OS&OT) Student Association
96. Operation Smile UTM
97. Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs Network Youth Toronto - University of Toronto Mississauga Chapter (OPEN Youth Toronto - UTM Chapter)
98. Pakistan Student Association UTM (PSAUTM)
99. Pakistani Drama Club (PDC)
100. Pakistani Professionals Association (PPA)
101. Panda Link at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTMPL)
102. Paws For A Cause (PFAC)
103. Penny Appeal Advocates
104. Persian Students Association (PSA)
105. Pet the Pets (PTP)
106. Queer Society at UTM (QSU)
107. Runiversity
108. Seasoned n' Served
109. Sikh Students' Association SSA UTM
110. Singaporean Malaysian Student Association (SMSA)
111. Social Justice Club
112. Somali Student Association (SSA)

113. South Indian Student Association (SISA)
114. Sports Debate Club
115. Sports Learning Club (SLC)
116. Start2Finish UTM (S2FUTM)
117. STEM Collaboration for Outreach, Progress, and Engagement (SCOPE)
118. Student Diabetes Awareness (SDA)
119. Student Snack Shack (SSS)
120. Students for Health Humanities UTM (SHH UTM)
121. Studio X
122. Sudanese Students' Union (SSU)
123. Taiwanese (R.O.C.) Student Association at the University of Toronto Mississauga ROCSAUT (ROCSAUT)
124. TEDxUofTMississauga
125. Thaḡalayn Muslim Association UTM
126. The Association for Growth and Peer Experiences (AGAPĒ)
127. The Citizens Foundation UTM
128. The Clinical Lens
129. The Design Hub
130. The Kurdish Students' Association at University of Toronto Mississauga
131. The Longevity Society at UTM
132. The Makers Space
133. The Mural Dream
134. The University of Toronto Mississauga Academic Trivia Club (UTMATC)
135. The University of Toronto Mississauga Chess Club
136. Ukrainian Club UTM
137. University of Toronto Card Game Club (UOFTCGC)
138. University of Toronto Editors Guild
139. University of Toronto Erindale Hong Kong Students' Association (UTEHKSA)
140. University of Toronto Finance and Economics Association (UTCFEA)
141. University of Toronto Mississauga Neuroscience Club (UTMNC)
142. University of Toronto Mississauga Badminton Association
143. University of Toronto Mississauga Black Students Association (UTM BSA or BSA)
144. University of Toronto Mississauga Brain Injury Association of Peel & Halton (UTM BIAPH) Chapter
145. University of Toronto Mississauga Chemistry Club (UTMCC)
146. University of Toronto Mississauga Finance Careers Club (UTMFCC)
147. University of Toronto Mississauga First Year Experience (UTM FYE)
148. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades
149. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Brigades Business Consulting (UTMGB)
150. University of Toronto Mississauga Global Health Organization (UTMGHO)
151. University of Toronto Mississauga Henna Club
152. University of Toronto Mississauga Korean Students' Association (UTMKRSA)
153. University of Toronto Mississauga Mental Health Student Association (UTM MHSA)
154. University of Toronto Mississauga Mock Trial Club
155. University of Toronto Mississauga Neuropsychology Club (UTM NPC)
156. University of Toronto Mississauga Optometry & Ophthalmology Club
157. University of Toronto Mississauga Physics Club (UTMPC)
158. University of Toronto Mississauga Pre-Medical Club
159. University of Toronto Mississauga Quantum Computing Club (UTMQC)
160. University of Toronto Mississauga Serbian Students' Association (UTMSSA)
161. University of Toronto Mississauga Snowboard & Ski Club (UTMSS)

162. University of Toronto Mississauga Soccer Club (UTMSC)
163. University of Toronto Mississauga Student Anime Network (UTM-SAN)
164. University of Toronto Mississauga Young Liberals
165. University of Toronto Pure Boxing (UTMPB)
166. University of Toronto Social Science Student Association
167. UofT AI Agents (AIA)
168. UofT Bollywood Club
169. UofT Competitive Programming Club (UofTCPC)
170. UofT Genetic Engineering Club
171. UofT Hoyoverse Club (UTHC)
172. UofT Peer Pathways
173. UofT Software Engineering Club
174. UofT Undergraduate Research Students' Association (UTM)
175. Urbanism Club (UC)
176. UTM Accounting Society (UTM AS)
177. UTM Advocacy and Litigation Team
178. UTM ALBANIAN ASSOCIATION (UTMAA)
179. UTM Archery
180. UTM Art Club (UTAC)
181. UTM Association of Graduate Student (UTMAGS)
182. UTM Baking Club
183. UTM Barbell
184. UTM Billiards Club (UTMBC)
185. UTM Bioinnovation Network
186. UTM Book Discovery Club (UTMBD)
187. UTM Campus Christian Fellowship (UTMCCF)
188. UTM Campus Connections
189. UTM Capital (UTMCAP)
190. UTM Catholic Students Club
191. UTM Charity Fashion Show
192. UTM Climbing Club (UTMCC)
193. UTM Computational Linguistics Society (UTMCLS)
194. UTM Conservative Club
195. UTM Consulting Association
196. UTM Cricket Club
197. UTM Criminal Minds Society (CMS)
198. UTM Crochet Club (UTMCC)
199. UTM Dance Team
200. UTM Debate Club
201. UTM Esports
202. UTM Film Club
203. UTM for the Cure
204. UTM Geology Club
205. UTM Geospatial Club
206. UTM Hedge (UTMH)
207. UTM Ignite!
208. UTM KPOP + SYNIX
209. UTM Martial Arts
210. UTM MedLife
211. UTM Miscarriages of Justice (UTMMJ)
212. UTM Model Parliament
213. UTM Model United Nations (MUN)
214. UTM Moot Court Team (UTM MCT)
215. UTM Naacho
216. UTM New Democrats
217. UTM NextGen Lifeline
218. UTM Numismatic Society
219. UTM Outdoors Club
220. UTM Padel
221. UTM Paleontology Club (UPC)
222. UTM Peerminds
223. UTM Poetry Club (UTMPC)
224. UTM Poker
225. UTM Pre Law Organization (UTMPLO)
226. UTM Pre-Dental Club (utmpdc)
227. UTM Pre-Pharmacy Club
228. UTM Real Estate Club (UTMREC)
229. UTM Regenerative Medicine Club
230. UTM REGIONAL DIVERSITY ROUNDTABLE
231. UTM Robotics Club
232. UTM Rotaract Club
233. UTM Slavic Student Association (UTMSSA)
234. UTM Social Media Club (SMC)
235. UTM Society of Algorithmic Modelling (UTMSAM)

- 236. UTM South Asians In Law
- 237. UTM STATISTICS CLUB (utmstac)
- 238. UTM Stem Cell Club (UTMSCC)
- 239. UTM STEM Fellowship
- 240. UTM Strength & Lifting Society
- 241. UTM Students for Liberty (UTM SFL)
- 242. UTM Students for SickKids (SFS)
- 243. UTM Vietnamese Student Association
- 244. UTM Volleyball Club (UVC)
- 245. UTM Wildlife and Ornithology Club (UTWO)
- 246. UTM Women Student Association (UTM WSA)
- 247. UTM Women's Health & Wellness Hub (UTM WHWH)
- 248. UTM-HOSA
- 249. UTMSU Salsa and Bachata (UTMSUSALBAC)
- 250. Uzbek Students' Association at the University of Toronto (UofT UZ)
- 251. Winter Activities Club
- 252. Women in Law Association (WILA)
- 253. Women in Leadership (WIL)
- 254. Women in Science and Computing

Recognition Denied

As of March 15, 2026, no student groups have been denied recognition.

Recognition Withdrawn

As of March 15, 2026, no student groups have had recognition withdrawn.

Recognition Statistics for UTM (as of March 15, 2026)

Summary of the applications for recognition received this year:

Total number of applications: 308

Recognition granted: 254

Recognition withdrawn: 0

Recognition denied: 0

Applications withdrawn by the student group: 0

Applications terminated by the University: 0

Applications under review: 54¹

Membership Data²:

Cumulative total number of members of all UTM recognized student groups: 16,059

Average number of members per UTM recognized student group: 63

Number of UTM groups with fewer than 20 members: 107

Number of UTM groups with 20 to 100 members: 101

Number of UTM groups with greater than 100 members: 46

¹ Applications under review are contacted twice for completion during their initial application period. After this, outstanding applications are contacted again, once in early November and/or once in early January and/or once in mid-March to complete their application.

² Membership figures are provided by the groups at the time of application and are not verified. Membership numbers include U of T students, staff, faculty, and alumni, and external community members. Student membership numbers are not reported separately.

Other Campus Student Organizations

UTM has additional student organizations that are not required to renew each year. The organizations are academic in nature, uniting students within a specific program of study. Though these organizations do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups*, they are student run, with collaboration between the academic department and the elected student leaders.

All students are represented by each of the academic societies, depending on their program(s) of study. The list of all academic societies is provided below:

1. Department of Visual Studies and Student Society
2. English & Drama Students Society
3. Erindale Biology Society
4. Erindale Society of Chemical & Physical Sciences
5. Forensics Society
6. Historical Studies Society at UTM
7. ICCIT Council
8. Innovative Business Association (IBA)
9. Language Studies Academic Society
10. Mathematical and Computational Sciences Society (MCSS)
11. Philosophy Academic Society
12. Political Science Student Association (PSSA)
13. Psychology Association of Undergrad Students at Erindale (PAUSE)
14. Sociology & Criminology Society (SCS)
15. Student Association of Geography and Environment (SAGE)
16. Undergraduate Economics Council (UEC)
17. UTM Anthropology Society (UTMAS)

Total number of academic societies: 17

Recognized UTM Affiliates

UTM affiliates are organizations, subsidized by students, which offer a campus service. Many students participate actively or passively with many of the services during their studies at UTM. Though these organizations do not fall within the purview of the *Policy on the Recognition of Student Groups*, they do offer a vital service to students and the broader UTM community. Members, staff, and volunteers of these organizations are students (though some professional staff are hired within the organizations as well).

The list of all UTM affiliates is provided below:

1. BikeShare
2. Blue Sky Solar
3. CFRE Radio 91.9M
4. Downtown Legal Services (DLS)
5. Erindale College Special Response Team (ECSpeRT)
6. HOUSE Canada
7. Medical Society
8. Regenesiis
9. Sexual Education Centre
10. Students for Barrier Free Access (SBA)
11. The Medium
12. UTERN
13. UTM Athletic Council (UTMAC)
14. UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)
15. UTM Residence Council (UTMRC)
16. UTM Students' Union (UTMSU)
17. UTM Women and Gender Equity Centre

Total number of UTM affiliates: 17