



University of Toronto

OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND ASSOCIATE PROVOST

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Memorandum to: AP&P

From: Professor John Challis

For: October 15, 2003 Meeting of AP&P

Agenda Item: 7

Item Identification: Report and Plans of the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost, 2002-2003

Sponsor: Professor John Challis
Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost

Jurisdictional Information:

Policy matters within the Committee's purview include such matters as admissions, awards, grading practices, research and the products of research, and academic services. The Vice-President, Research and Associate Provost is committed to reporting regularly on progress and future prospects.

Previous Action Taken: Earlier reports have been received and accepted

Action Sought: Report for information

Highlights:

- The University of Toronto continues to rank #1 in federal granting council payments, major research prizes and honours, and support from the federal and provincial research and infrastructure programs.
- Overall support for external research funding at the University of Toronto and the affiliated hospitals has continued to grow. We have increased last year's total of \$478 million by \$39 million for a total of \$517 million.
- Over the coming year, key priorities for the portfolio include: ensuring funding programs are comprehensive and cohesive; work to develop and strengthen relations with new leadership at the federal and provincial government levels; plan and launch strategies to increase interdisciplinary research throughout the university; enhance coherence between the Technology Transfer office and the Innovations Foundation; create the new U of T International Office; and plan events to celebrate the 25th anniversaries of NSERC and SSHRC.