



TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION: The Committee is responsible for monitoring academic matters as may be required by general policy, as specified herein or by resolution of the Academic Board, the Executive Committee or the Governing Council. The Committee receives annual reports on matters within its purview, including reports on Research.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Vice-President, Research has taken the opportunity this year to develop an Annual Report format comprised of two parts. Together they provide the same information as previous versions, however, the information is now separated into profiles of excellence, innovation and leadership in research at the University of Toronto and highlights distinguished scholars. The second brochure presents excellence in research ‘by the numbers’.

- 43% of U of T research involves collaboration with researchers outside Canada – a number that has increased steadily and has kept well ahead of other Canadian universities. *Source: Observatoire des Sciences et Technologies based on indices compiled by Thomson Scientific*
- U of T researchers publish more than all but two other universities in the world. *Source: Academic Rankings of World Universities 2007, Institute of Higher Education, Shanghai Jiao Tong University*
- U of T has the highest number of ISI Highly-Cited Researchers in Canada – one of the best indicators of research influence. *Source: <http://isihighlycited.com>, May 2007*
- U of T consistently leads all other Canadian universities in investment from federal granting agencies. *Councils’ statistical tables*
- U of T, with partner hospitals, leads all Ontario universities in funding from the Ministry of Research and Innovation. *Source: Main competitive programs results per MRI, Jan. 10 2008*
- U of T is among North America’s leaders in creating spin-off companies. *Source: AUTM Survey FY 2005, 2004, 2003. Data received directly from partner hospitals for Toronto if not reporting to AUTM*

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information