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OFFICE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH

**Item 7**

**TO: Business Board**

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**ITEM IDENTIFICATION: 2006-07 Annual Report of the Vice-President, Research**

**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:** Research matters are within the purview of the Committee on Academic Programs and the Academic Board. The Business Board has, however, traditionally been interested in the research enterprise. Having been previously responsible for the University of Toronto Innovations Foundation, the Board has taken a particular interest in the work of the University's Innovations Group.

**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'.

- U of T consistently leads all other Canadian universities in investment from federal granting agencies, Canada Foundation for Innovation and Canada Research Chairs
- U of T, with partner hospitals, leads all Ontario universities in funding from the Ministry of Research and Innovation
- U of T is among North America's leaders in creating spin-off companies
- U of T researchers publish more than all but two other universities in the world
- Our researchers are among the most highly-cited in the world

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:** None

**ACTION SOUGHT:** Report for Information