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TO: Academic Board

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JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION: In general, the Board is concerned with matters affecting the teaching, learning and research functions of the University, the establishment of University objectives and priorities, the development of long-term and short-term plans and the effective use of resources in the course of these pursuits.

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
- 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.
- U of T has the highest number of ISI Highly-Cited Researchers in Canada – one of the best indicators of research influence, and its faculty are among the most highly-cited in the world

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS: None

ACTION SOUGHT: Report for Information