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**JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:** The Academic Board is one of the three Boards of the Governing Council. It is responsible for 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:**

University of Toronto researchers cannot predict the future. But through the collective force of 5,000 of the world's brightest scholars, we are working on the knowledge it will take to deal with the future.

We asked 16 of our professors who are in the early stages of their careers to talk about the future by way of their disciplines. Their focus is the near future – specifically, 2027, when the University of Toronto marks its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The University of Toronto embarked on the Boundless Campaign in 2011. This initiative, the largest of its kind at a university in Canada, focused completely on our university's future – and its ability to create a positive impact on what we – scholars, researchers, staff and students – can do to help global society to move forward.

As part of this honourable endeavour, I present you with Life in 2027 and the thoughts of our remarkable next generation of scholars.

**FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

For Information