Access Programs at U of T

Vision of Access at UofT
The University of Toronto seeks to improve the number of students from communities that are currently underrepresented in post-secondary education and at the U of T. It is the hope that they see and experience the University as a place where they belong and can thrive.

Access Goals
- Support the development of knowledge and skills through our various outreach and access programs.
- Builds education capacity and opportunities for students.
- Provide accessible pathways for students to enter the University of Toronto, who may not otherwise consider post-secondary institution as a viable option.
- Provide supports for students at the University of Toronto to ensure their success.
BAEE@UTM

Black Access to Educational Excellence

The BAEE@UTM initiative provides prospective Black high school students with supports at UTM to assist them in their university decision-making process. Prospective Black students will be personally introduced to current UTM Black students, faculty, and a robust network of resources, dedicated to continually supporting them throughout their post-secondary studies.

What We Offer:

▪ **BAEE@UTM Newsletter:** A quarterly newsletter for students, counsellors, and parents with updates about the BAEE@UTM initiative, useful resources, and other important information.

▪ **Presentations:** These can be 1:1 meetings or in facilitated groups, and could cover: Admissions; Financial Aid; Student Life; Campus Support

▪ **Events & Opportunities:** Parent Nights, Fall Campus Week, March Break Black Mentorship, UTM Black Ambassador, Admissions Advising, etc.

Visit: uoft.me/utmbaee
UTM BRIDGING PATHWAY

- Offers Mature Students the opportunity to be admitted to UTM when they do not meet minimum requirements
- Students are enrolled in select and reduced courses over the fall and winter semesters
- Goal is to support in their academic pursuits and help them to build competencies and skills to transition to full-time studies and to be academically successful
- Paired with a past successful UTMBP upper year student for mentoring and community building

Visit: utm.utoronto.ca/future-students/bridging
Student Experiences

- **64%**
  - BIPOC students are coming to UTM with no friends

- **16%**
  - Black students choose UTM as third or lower ranked choice

- **60%**
  - Black & NBPOC students did not participate in High Impact Practices in their first year

- **82%**
  - Saw an increase in knowledge of PSE resources and entry

- **70%**
  - are likely to pursue post-secondary as a result of participation
Moving Forward with Access

Benefits for Prospective Students

- Learn and develop skills required to be successful at university
- Be introduced to the UTM campus and available resources
- Receive mentorship from a current UTM student
- Develop confidence in their abilities to pursue post-secondary education

Benefits for UTM Students as Access Mentors

- Learn and develop skills to support others in access and transition
- Increase their knowledge of UTM resources through training and supervision
- Earn a CCR notation for their engagement in the program
Questions?

Presentation for Academic Affairs

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