

Introduction to Toronto Metropolitan University

Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) vision is to be Canada's leading comprehensive innovation university, a global leader in high-quality, career-related education fostering innovation and entrepreneurship. With a mission to serve societal need, and a long-standing commitment to engaging its community, TMU offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in the Faculties of Arts, Community Services, The Creative School, Engineering and Architectural Science, Science, the Ted Rogers School of Management, the Lincoln Alexander School of Law, the Yeates School of Graduate Studies, and the School of Medicine.

Distinctly urban, culturally diverse and inclusive, the University is home to more than 48,000 students, including over 3,000 master's and Ph.D. students, more than 4,000 faculty and staff and over 230,000 alumni worldwide.

TMU's School of Medicine in Brampton - the 18th accredited medical school in Canada - is designed from the ground up with a community-first model and a commitment to culturally respectful care. The School of Medicine welcomed its first cohort of postgraduate learners in July 2025, with undergraduate MD students set to begin their studies in September 2025.

In September 2020, Toronto Metropolitan University opened a new faculty of law, the first new law school to open in Toronto since 1889. The Lincoln Alexander School of Law achieved global recognition in the 2025 Times Higher Education rankings, debuting among the top 250 law schools globally and placing third in Canada for research quality in law. More than 70 career-oriented graduate programs, including 19 at the doctorate level, are being offered through the Yeates School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Research at Toronto Metropolitan University is on a trajectory of success and growth. In 2023–24, research revenue grew by 5.3% to \$95.82 million, driven by a 41.5% increase in Tri-Agency funding. TMU ranks in the top five comprehensive universities in Canada for research funding per graduate student and for corporate research income. Scholarly, Research and Creative (SRC) activity is central to the university's mission. TMU's new Strategic Research Plan (2025–2030) identifies seven strategic themes that guide SRC intensity, impact, and excellence: Health and Wellbeing; Transformative Technology; Resilient, Inclusive Communities; Climate, Environment, and Sustainability; Future of Work; Democracy, Justice and Governance; and Arts, Culture, and Creativity.

TMU is home to two Canada Excellence Research Chairs (in Migration and Integration and in Health Equity and Community Wellbeing), two Tier I Canada Research Chairs, and 17 Tier II Canada Research Chairs. A selection of centres and institutes includes the Future Skills Centre, the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, the Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship, the Centre for Immigration and Settlement, the Centre for Urban Energy (CUE), the Institute for

Biomedical Engineering, the Centre for Urban Research and Land Development (CUR), iBEST, Urban Water, and the Yellowhead Institute. TMU also broke ground in 2024 on the Smart Campus Integration and Testing Hub (SCITHub), which will open in 2025 as the world's first fully digitally enabled building dedicated to advancing research in sustainable construction, smart infrastructure, and human-building interaction.

The university is working to reshape the downtown core of Toronto. In the past few years, TMU has taken major initiatives to transform the neighbourhood, including the opening of the Daphne Cockwell Health Sciences Complex on Church Street, which brings together four schools within the Faculty of Community Services and provides state-of-the-art learning spaces and a student residence.

In 2025, TMU broke ground on the new Student Wellbeing Centre, a purpose-built hub that will consolidate mental health and wellbeing services for students. Construction is expected to be complete in 2026. TMU has also acquired 4.5 floors at 2 Queen Street East – adjacent to St. Michael's Hospital – for research and administrative space, and is pursuing plans for new residence towers to accommodate approximately 1,350 students.

Other major projects have included the Image Centre, the Mattamy Athletic Centre (formerly Maple Leaf Gardens), the Student Learning Centre, and the Centre for Urban Innovation, which houses a research, incubation and commercialization hub focused on alternative energy, water management, food production and data analytics.

Guided by its Academic Plan (Transforming Futures), TMU is focused on enhancing student success, creating local and global impact through SRC excellence, supporting people and community, advancing Truth and Reconciliation, and ensuring future readiness. This plan is complemented by the university's Strategic Research Plan, International Plan, and Sustainability Action Plan. Together, these plans drive TMU's efforts to meet the evolving needs of society and deliver on its bold Strategic Vision for 2020–2030.