

Introduction to Toronto Metropolitan University

Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) vision is to be Canada's leading comprehensive innovation university, a 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 Lincoln Alexander School of Law, the Ted Rogers School of Management, the Yeates School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, and the School of Medicine.

Distinctly urban, culturally diverse and inclusive, the university is home to more than 47,000 students, including 3,000 master's and Ph.D. students, over 4,000 faculty and staff and over 273,704 alumni worldwide.

In September 2020, Toronto Metropolitan University opened a new faculty of law, the first new law school to open in Toronto since 1889. In September 2025, the TMU School of Medicine opened its doors to the inaugural cohort of 94 undergraduate learners. It is the first medical school in the GTA in over 100 years. 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.

Scholarly, research and creative (SRC) activities are a core part of TMU's academic mission. In 2024–25, the university attracted a record \$131.4 million in external research funding, demonstrating growth in research intensity and the ability to compete nationally and internationally. This momentum is reflected in TMU's top-five standing among comprehensive universities in six *Research Infosource* categories in its 2025 rankings, including growth in corporate and not-for-profit research income. The 2025–2030 Strategic Research Plan guides the university's continued progress, with priorities focused on excellence, partnership and impact. The university's Strategic Research Plan identifies six strategic themes that highlight where the institution is driving SRC intensity, impact, and excellence. The strategic themes are: Urban Innovation; Justice, Equity and Society; Culture and Creativity; Work, Skills, Industry; Health and Well-Being; and Technology and Intelligent Systems.

A selection of centres and institutes include the Future Skills Centre, the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, 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.

The university is working to reshape the downtown core of Toronto. In the past few years, the university has taken major initiatives to transform the neighbourhood, most recently breaking

ground to build an innovative new Student Wellness Centre, to be named after Nadir Mohamed—a Canadian business leader and city-builder, and a new student residence, both on Bond Street. The area also saw the opening of the Daphne Cockwell Health Sciences Complex on Church Street, bringing together four schools within the Faculty of Community Services and provides state-of-the-art learning spaces including labs and classrooms, as well as a student residence.

Other major construction 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.