TMU Health & Technology Symposium Program

Event Program

8:00 a.m.	**Registration and breakfast**
8:30 a.m.	**Welcome** Dr. Karen Soldatic, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Health Equity and Community Wellbeing and Professor of Disability Studies, Faculty of Community Services, TMU
8:40 a.m.	**Opening remarks from the VPRI** Dr. Steven N. Liss, Vice-President, Research and Innovation, TMU
9:00 a.m.	**Keynote talk by Dr. Kris Alexander** Professor of Media Production, RTA School of Media, Creative School, TMU **What the Health? Beyond Technology** **Introduction:** Dr. Jessica Mudry, Professor of Professional Communication, Creative School, TMU

Date

Friday, November 28, 2025

Format

In-person Symposium (half day)

Location

7th Floor, 55 Dundas St W, Toronto

Room

TRS 1-148 and 1-150
(TRSM Commons), Ted Rogers School of Management

Time

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Networking lunch (optional)

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Event Program (continued)

10:00 a.m.	**Panel 1: Human-centered approaches in healthcare and health systems innovation** **Moderator:** Dr. Preeti Raman, Professor of Computer Science, Faculty of Science, TMU **Panellists:** • Dr. Jessica Mudry, Professor of Professional Communication, Creative School, TMU • Dr. Patrick Neumann, Professor of Mechanical, Industrial, and Mechatronics Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, TMU • Dr. Frank Russo, Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, TMU • Dr. Josephine Pui-Hing Wong, Professor of Nursing, Faculty of Community Services, TMU
10:45 a.m.	**Break**
11:00 a.m.	**Panel 2: Mapping health through data, technology and new governance frameworks** **Moderator:** Dr. Samantha Biglieri, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Faculty of Community Services, TMU **Panellists:** • Dr. Uchechukwu Ngwaba, Professor of Law, Lincoln Alexander School of Law, TMU • Dr. M. Natasha Rajah, Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Sex, Gender and Diversity in Brain Health, Memory and Aging and Professor of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, TMU • Dr. Karen Soldatic, Canada Excellence Research Chair in Health Equity and Community Wellbeing and Professor of Disability Studies, Faculty of Community Services, TMU • Dr. Lu Wang, Professor of Geography, Faculty of Arts, TMU
11:45 a.m.	**Break**
11:50 a.m.	**Panel 3: From improved diagnostics to innovative treatment solutions for health** **Moderator:** Dr. Michael Kolios, Professor of Physics, Faculty of Science, TMU **Panellists:** • Dr. April Khademi, Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in AI for Medical Imaging and Professor of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, TMU • Dr. Naimul Khan, Professor of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, TMU • Dr. Darius Rackus, Professor of Chemistry and Biology, Faculty of Science, TMU • Dr. Ali Tavallaei, Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Systems and Devices for Cardiovascular Interventions and Professor of Electrical, Computer, and Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, TMU
12:45 p.m.	**Wrap-up and thank you**
1:00 p.m.	**OPTIONAL: Networking lunch (ending at 3:00 p.m.)**