

University of Toronto Mississauga Vision Statement

Mission

The University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) is an exceptional academic institution, based in the western Greater Toronto Area, which champions the teaching, creation, dissemination, preservation and mobilization of knowledge. It is one of the three campuses of the University of Toronto system and a major contributor to its reputation as a premier international research university with undergraduate, graduate and professional programs that meet the highest standards of excellence. UTM combines the opportunities afforded by strong connections to a large urban university with the benefits of a naturally beautiful and more intimate location, and its exceptional range of creative academic and cultural programs.

Vision

Through the combined efforts of its motivated and talented faculty, librarians and staff, the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) provides an outstanding educational environment for all students. UTM strives to develop thoughtful and empathetic global citizens capable of reflecting critically on the world and committed to the values of integrity, democracy, equity and diversity.

The principles that underlie this vision include:

1. Well-educated university graduates, with both wide-ranging and focused knowledge, and the ability to interpret, innovate and communicate, which are critical to all aspects of Canadian society. UTM seeks to create and maintain an exceptional educational experience for our students, one that promotes learning and accomplishment both inside and outside the classroom.
2. An internationally acclaimed research institution must bring together the best scholars from around the world to pursue path-breaking research in their disciplines and beyond. UTM is committed to diversity in scholarship and to supporting world-class research that both enriches and bridges disciplines. In the pursuit of this goal, establishing productive national and international partnerships plays a key role.
3. Knowledge and education are powerful forces in improving the wellbeing of communities, particularly those under-represented in the public sphere. UTM will increase and strengthen its collaborations locally and internationally with government and non-governmental organizations to the betterment of society.
4. Equity and diversity are core values and we recognize that the cultivation of these values is vital to our increasingly connected global society. We interpret the meaning of equity and diversity broadly; UTM faculty, librarians, staff and students work to create an accessible and intellectually creative space for all members of the university community including, in particular, the Indigenous Peoples of Canada and recent immigrant populations.

Identity

Implementing a vision for UTM also involves creating a shared identity built on a set of distinctive attributes of the campus. UTM's attributes include:

A campus that embraces its **Community**

- The history and growth of UTM, the City of Mississauga, and the Peel Region are intimately connected. The relationship is a wonderful example of the mutual benefit for cities and the universities they host. UTM is an intellectual community developed and sustained through the many and varied connections made by its dedicated employees, students and alumni.

An institution that values and encourages **Creativity**

- UTM aims to foster creative and critical thought through all its programs in the humanities, sciences and social sciences. It is at the forefront of developing exceptional models of academic programming, research, active and experiential education and artistic inquiry.

A scholarly community that prioritizes **Communication**

- UTM believes that the development of its students into more capable and confident communicators is of highest priority. We recognize that communication as a pedagogical focus offers rich opportunities for pioneering cross-disciplinary initiatives.

Faculty, librarians, staff and students who lead through **Innovation**

- UTM defines innovation as the process whereby complex challenges are met with novel ideas and concrete responses. Faculty contribute to innovation through myriad endeavors in their research and teaching, and staff engage in innovative practices as they work to enhance UTM's quality of life.

An institution that values and promotes **Sustainability**

- The natural beauty of our campus is much admired. We are mindful that environmental awareness should guide our physical planning and be reflected in our pedagogy and scholarship. UTM recognizes that the environmental challenges facing the planet cannot be solved in isolation but require collaborations across all areas of research. We are cognizant that global environmental change is not simply a technical challenge but includes scientific, political, cultural, economic and social aspects as well.