WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

Congratulations on being admitted to the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Medicine. You’re part of a great school that has been home to physicians and researchers who have changed the practice of medicine. You’re in the company of people like Banting and Best, who discovered insulin, as well as Till and McCulloch, who discovered stem cells. You’re in the same Faculty as Augusta Stowe-Gullen (the first woman to graduate from a Canadian medical school), Anderson Ruffin Abbott (the first Black Canadian licensed as a physician), and Oronhyatekha (the second Indigenous Canadian to earn a medical degree).

As important as the past is, our focus is on the future. And you will help write it. The program you’ve joined will prepare you to practice medicine and be leaders — leaders in your field, as well as in your communities. We expect you work hard for your patients, while finding a work-life balance that protects your own health and wellbeing.

U of T Medicine is only the start of a lifetime of learning for you. In the days, weeks and years that follow, I hope you will always remember what sparked your passion to study medicine. Your goals, ideals and dreams are what will propel you forward on difficult days and make the great days even more meaningful. All of us — the faculty, staff and fellow students in U of T Medicine — are here to support you and see you succeed.

Again, congratulations. I know that in your hands, our future is bright.

Trevor Young, MD, PhD, FRCPC, FCAHS

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-DEAN
UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION

I would like to congratulate you on your admission to the Undergraduate Medical Education program at the University of Toronto. Welcome Class of 2019!

Boasting an innovative and rigorous curriculum, the MD program at UofT will provide you with the knowledge, skills and professional attitudes required of future physicians. You will experience unique and exciting clinical opportunities as members of inter-professional health care teams in both hospital and community settings throughout all 4 years of the MD program. As well, you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of innovative longitudinal research opportunities, leadership programs, and a wide range of community outreach and service learning activities unique to our Faculty. Your curriculum will be supplemented by digitally captured lectures and related curriculum material and cutting edge case simulations, and you will be taught by award-winning teachers supported by
outstanding, student-centred administrative staff.

Helping to balance the demands of academics and non-academic aspects of student life, our Office of Health Professions Student Affairs and the student operated Medical Society (MedSoc) are actively involved and committed to enhancing the student experience both in and out of the classroom in efforts to promote a sense of community within the student body, and providing you with support throughout the program.

Once again, congratulations 1T9’s and I look forward to meeting you!

Jay Rosenfield, MD, MEd, FRCPC

MESSAGE FROM THE MEDICAL SOCIETY PRESIDENT

Congratulations and welcome to U of T Faculty of Medicine! You’ve made it and we are so proud of you! Those sleepless nights you spent thinking about “how to do right” and those sleepy days you spent on the road getting to your next interview have finally paid off. Take a few moments to pause and reflect on the journey that you took to get here. This is an opportunity to thank those who have helped you along the way and maybe even to dance to that new Taylor Swift tune that you have always wanted to!

After all that is done, it is time to get excited about U of T! Studying medicine at U of T is truly boundless, both literally and figuratively. We have the largest hospital network in all of Canada and the most caring faculty who are not only outstanding leaders in their fields but are also truly committed to teaching you, the doctors of the future. Most importantly, we have the most dedicated administrative and support staff who are committed to ensuring that your days as a medical student will be both fruitful and enjoyable.

As a U of T medical student, you will have an abundance of opportunities available to you. Those interested in research will have access to the CREMS program, or if leadership is more your thing maybe the LEAD program is for you. There are also countless other ways to become involved outside the classroom like performing in “Daffydil”, our annual charity musical, or volunteering at IMAGINE, our student-run clinic in the heart of downtown Toronto.

In addition to all those great opportunities, you will spend your time at U of T amongst the most diverse and talented group of students from across Canada. Your upper year mentors, your Medical Society, and your faculty will be with you every step of the way. So take a leap of faith and make that decision to call Toronto or Mississauga your home for the next four years. We cannot wait to meet you in August!

Best Regards,
Roland Xu
President, U of T Medical Society
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Our Curriculum

The Doctor of Medicine program at the University of Toronto is four years in length, culminating in the conferral of the M.D. degree. The four-year curriculum emphasizes student-centered learning.

The first two years of the program are called the Preclerkship. There are two types of courses – Block Courses and Continuity Courses.

Block courses occupy most of the time during each week of the Preclerkship, and include a mixture of lectures, case-based seminars, laboratory sessions, and/or problem-based learning (PBL) tutorials. Students are also introduced in the first term to integrative learning, medical education research, and reflective practice. The aim of these courses is to provide a clinically relevant, scientific and humanistic foundation for the theory and practice of medicine, together with a comprehensive introduction to all aspects of clinical medicine. Courses in the 2014-2015 academic year included:

**Year 1:**
- Structure & Function (STF, 16 weeks)
- Metabolism & Nutrition (MNU, 10 weeks)
- Brain & Behaviour (BRB, 10 weeks), including a two-week general Pharmacology unit

**Year 2:**
- Mechanisms, Manifestations & Management of Disease (MMMD, 36 weeks)

Continuity courses are each assigned a number of half-day blocks and features a variety of instructional methods. In the 2014-2015 academic year this included:

**Years 1 and 2:**
- The Art and Science of Clinical Medicine (ASCM-1 and ASCM-2) covers history-taking and physical examination mainly through small group teaching in clinical settings.

**Year 1 only:**
- Community Population and Public Health-1 (CPPH). CPPH (which has replaced DOCH-1 in the previous curriculum) will facilitate students’ understanding of the social determinants of health that affect individuals living within communities. The course will also assist students in developing skills needed to work with community organizations to best serve individual patients and the community as a whole.

**Year 2 only:**
- Family Medicine Longitudinal Experience (FMLE) provides students with a community-based experience with family physicians.
- Determinants of Community Health (DOCH-2) addresses community health through tutorials, and an independent research project.

There are abundant opportunities for students to pursue clinical enrichment activities during the Preclerkship, including longitudinal programs in family medicine and pediatrics, as well as new programs in internal medicine and surgery. Students are also able to pursue various research activities.

The Clerkship (years three and four) begins early in the third year. During the clerkship, learning occurs on the wards and in ambulatory care units of the affiliated teaching hospitals in addition to community hospitals and physician offices. Students complete specific core clinical rotations in third year (Internal
Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Family and Community Medicine, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology, Psychiatry, Emergency Medicine, Dermatology, and Anaesthesia). Students also have 12 weeks of elective time plus 2 weeks of vacation time in fourth year (immediately following the year three core rotations), which can be used for career sampling and exploration, and can be spent away from Toronto. A large variety of clinical electives are available to students, including rural and community placements. A strong International Health Program affords students many opportunities to explore global health programs ([intlhealth.med.utoronto.ca](http://intlhealth.med.utoronto.ca)). The remainder of fourth year, entitled “Transition to Residency,” consists of additional selective experiences plus a community experience available in all major specialties with a focus on health systems, health equity and community health, concluding with a 2-week “Fusion” period intended to serve as preparation for the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination ([MCCQE Part I Examination](http://www.intlhealth.med.utoronto.ca)).

**Grading Policy**

U of T, along with the majority of Canadian medical schools, uses a two-interval (pass/fail) grading system. All course grades are transcripted as Credit/No Credit. Since medical education focuses more on a competency-based model of education, a two-interval system is seen as a more appropriate way to acknowledge if a competency has been achieved. Students do receive specific feedback on their performance, and awards for academic excellence are given.

For more information on grading regulations, review the UME Student Handbook. The 2015-2016 Student Handbook will be available online in July. [www.md.utoronto.ca/handbook.htm](http://www.md.utoronto.ca/handbook.htm)

**Distributed Medical Education Model**

The Doctor of Medicine Program is offered on two campuses of the University of Toronto – on the St. George campus in downtown Toronto, and on the U of T Mississauga (UTM) campus in Mississauga. All lectures in the pre-clerkship will be shared via video-conferencing, with approximately 80% of the lectures originating at St. George and 20% originating at UTM. For the first several weeks of medical school, Mississauga students will be bussed back and forth from UTM to St. George, as all anatomy labs will occur in the Medical Sciences Building. There are, however, prosections available in the new Health Sciences Building at UTM for student study purposes.

Our program provides access to a wide variety of clinical and community health facilities for student placements in all years of the medical program. Placements, including core clerkship placements, are not limited to the major teaching hospital sites in Toronto and Mississauga and will extend into the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), including Peel, York and Durham regions.

All students will be required to travel outside of areas served by local transit or hospital and University shuttle services in order to complete their studies.

**The Academies**

The academies provide a clinical “home” for medical students – a network of academic hospitals, with access to support staff, a community of clinical faculty teachers, research supervisors and educational resources. Academy Directors and their staff provide both academic and personal support to students.
At the St. George campus, students will be assigned to one of three academies: the Wightman-Berris, FitzGerald, or Peters-Boyd. At the UTM campus there is one academy, the Mississauga Academy (MAM). Each academy is associated with community sites to which students commute in order to learn clinical skills and enhance their exposure to a comprehensive variety of clinical environments.

Academy assignment is for the full four years of the medical program. Students in the pre-clerkship years have their clinical experiences and small group learning within their academy and associated clinical sites.

Students in the clerkship years are expected to attend rotations within the academic hospitals, community affiliated teaching sites, urban and rural settings. There is ample opportunity to make connections with faculty at hospitals and sites outside of your academy assignment, particularly in the fourth year, which is comprised primarily of elective and selective experiences.

All students also have access to the full resources of the University of Toronto (on all three campuses), including computing facilities and campus libraries.

Our Faculty

The Faculty is part of a network of nine fully affiliated and nineteen partially affiliated teaching hospitals and health-care sites, as well as a myriad of community-based health units. With a catchment population of close to five million people, these offer students access to a broad spectrum of educational experience, and an extraordinary environment for clinical care, research, and education.

The faculty who teach medical students are drawn from the Science, Community Health, Rehabilitation Science, and Clinical Sectors. They have a broad range of expertise in clinical and research areas. The University of Toronto runs 76 accredited postgraduate programs, ensuring medical students access to academic programs in virtually any area of interest.

Residency

During the final year of the undergraduate medical program, students apply for post-graduate residency training in the specialty of their choice. Residency applications are handled by a centralised, national body, the Canadian Residency Matching Service (CaRMS). Over the past few years, 95-97% of University of Toronto graduates have successfully matched to a residency position in the first round of CaRMS, with 90-94% matching to their first choice discipline in that first round. Our graduates match to residency programs across the country in the full range of disciplines. Approximately 1/3 of our medical class has chosen a career in family medicine over the last few years. We also have graduates choosing to train in the United States who successfully match to positions south of the border.

Research Opportunities

The University of Toronto is highly regarded as having a medical school program that encourages its students to engage in research projects. The Comprehensive Research Experience for Medical Students (CREMS) program provides a unique set of research opportunities for interested medical students to gain extracurricular research experience in various structured programs.

CREMS programs consist of four distinct summer programs and a longitudinal program (20 months) unique in Canada, established so participants can experience a continuum of research training from beginning to
end, working on a specific project for which they receive formal recognition for successful completion. The objectives of these programs are to meet the needs of medical students to explore research and gain valuable research experience, to prepare medical students for a career as a physician with a good research foundation and understanding of biomedical research, and to engage and encourage students to consider a career as a clinician scientist.

Students who participate in the CREMS programs also have the opportunity to present their research at the annual University of Toronto Medical Student Research Day and to compete in the Annual Canadian National Medical Student Symposium held in Winnipeg. Applications will be sent to all eligible medical students as they become available each year. Students are not restricted to their own academy when applying for these research opportunities.

www.md.utoronto.ca/program/research/crems.htm

Libraries

The University of Toronto Libraries system is the largest academic library in Canada and is ranked third among peer institutions in North America, including Harvard, Yale and Columbia. The main library used by medical students on the St. George campus is the Gerstein Science Information Centre, located just steps from the Medical Sciences Building. Gerstein is fully integrated with Academy and Hospital sites, and has the largest health sciences collection in Canada, much of which is available online. These electronic resources are available with 24/7 access for all of our students. At Mississauga, the $34-million Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre provides a modern and spacious study and learning space.

www.library.utoronto.ca

NON-ACADEMIC LIFE

U of T Medicine is not all about the classroom and the wards and long hours at the library. Our students lead vibrant and active lives outside the academic sphere as well. This section will provide some insights into the supports and services available to you as a U of T Medical student, as well as information on what life is like outside the classroom, with a small sampling of activities that our students are involved in.

STUDENT SERVICES

Office of Health Professions Student Affairs

The Office of Health Professions Student Affairs (OHPSA) is committed to supporting student wellness and success through a wide range of services, programs and initiatives. These services include personal, career, and academic/study counselling. Student Affairs also supports many community-based service learning opportunities and provides support and advice to students organizing events, student clubs, and community outreach projects. All counselling services are confidential and after-hour appointments are available. Services are provided on both campuses.

http://www.ohpsa.utoronto.ca/
The Medical Society

The Medical Society (MedSoc) is the elected governing body of undergraduate Medical Students and represents the student body to the Faculty of Medicine, the Alumni, and other faculties at the university, the medical profession, and the community at large. MedSoc advocates for both pre-clerks and clerks on matters of academic and non-academic concern. Students are actively involved in educational programming, and are represented on all Faculty committees.

The Medical Society also runs a diverse range of clubs and community affairs organizations that allow students to be involved in their areas of interest. Students can learn to suture and intubate in medical interest groups ranging from surgery to psychiatry; can join sports teams or write for the University of Toronto Medical Journal; and can flex their artistic muscle in a rock band, a choir, or U of T Meds annual musical production, Daffydil. For students who want to give back to the community, MedSoc runs outreach programs that teach high-school students about science, about healthy sexuality, and about healthy living. Other programs provide eye and ear care to underserviced children, provide visits to isolated seniors, or provide meals for homeless shelters. We even have our own multi-disciplinary student-run clinic, Imagine. This is only a sampling of the amazing programs MedSoc has for students – be sure to check out the website (below) for the complete list.

For students who want to be involved in the running of the Medical Society itself, elections will occur within the first month of the fall. First year students can be elected to their own class council, or to the MedSoc executive council. Both of these councils include many positions that allow students to take a leadership role in developing educational and non-educational programming for their classmates. Check out the MedSoc info during Orientation Week, talk to a second year student, and attend the Fall General Meeting to get all the details about elected positions. http://uoftmeds.com/

University of Toronto Students’ Union and Health Insurance

Medical students are also members of the University of Toronto Students’ Union (UTSU). This is the elected governing body for all undergraduate students at the University of Toronto. UTSU manages the student health and dental plans. The cost of these plans is included in your incidental fees. If you are already covered by another plan, you can opt-out of the student plan by contacting the UTSU. The deadline for opt-out is usually in early October. www.utsu.ca

Accessibility Services

As part of our commitment to the success of our students, the Faculty, in cooperation with all Faculties of Medicine in Ontario, has developed a policy to provide appropriate accommodations to those students with special requirements related to disability.

Students requiring accommodations should contact the Office of Health Professions Student Affairs or the Accessibility Services Office on their campus for advice and information. Students are not obligated to disclose a documented disability to the University; however, disclosure and/or assessment are required in order to receive academic accommodation.

St. George: www.accessibility.utoronto.ca
Mississauga: www.utm.utoronto.ca/accessability
Family Care Office

The Family Care Office (FCO) assists individuals who are navigating the challenges of balancing family responsibilities with education and/or work. They provide free, confidential information, guidance, referrals and advocacy for students, staff, faculty and their families. You can take advantage of free workshops, support groups and seminars. In addition, the FCO Resource Centre contains practical information on a broad range of family care issues, from pregnancy and infant care to lesbian and gay parenting, from special needs children to caring for elderly family members. Information on child care options is also available. The Family Care Office has always emphasized an inclusive definition of family. Referrals are offered to a wide array of resources including those that have a specific faith or cultural perspective. www.familycare.utoronto.ca

Office of Indigenous Medical Education

The Office of Indigenous Medical Education is home to Faculty of Medicine curricular co-leads in Indigenous Health Education, an Elder and the Indigenous Peoples' Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) Program Coordinator. This office provides a culturally safe space within UME and is working to advance Indigenous community engagement and supports. The office is also working to incorporate Indigenous teachings regarding medicine for all students to improve the discourse in Indigenous Medical Education. The Indigenous Peoples' Program Coordinator, Rochelle Allan, is working to develop a comprehensive Aboriginal community outreach program, provide support to current Indigenous medical students and other students within the faculty who are looking to learn more about Indigenous people and Indigenous concepts of health and healing. www.md.utoronto.ca/program/Office_of_Indigenous_Medical_Education.htm

First Nations House

First Nations House is a dynamic place where Aboriginal students from many Nations across Canada can seek culturally appropriate services. It provides Aboriginal students in all U of T programs the opportunity to create a space where Aboriginal people from across Canada and the United States can work and grow in a community environment, which reflects the distinctive cultures of Aboriginal Nations. It also provides a link to Toronto's Aboriginal community, allowing others in the university to learn and network.

First Nations House provides a number of academic and personal support services, including access to financial counselling and bursary information, as well as an Aboriginal focused resource library. First Nations House is especially honoured to have elders provide support, guidance and traditional teaching to students, staff and faculty. Elders also perform ceremonies in varied academic settings, allowing students to maintain balance and cultural practices. www.fnh.utoronto.ca

Multi-Faith Centre

The purpose of the Multi-Faith Centre is to support the spiritual well-being of students, staff and faculty and to increase our understanding of and respect for religious beliefs and practices. It does so by providing opportunities for members of the community to reflect, worship, contemplate, teach and learn, read and study, celebrate, mourn, engage in dialogue and interact on a daily basis, while also encouraging interfaith dialogue and spiritual development as part of the learning experience for all students. Space is available for worship, quiet meditation, or group events. The Centre houses the University Chaplains and hosts many faith-based events and activities throughout the year. www.multifaith.utoronto.ca
UTM Multi-Faith Association

The UTM Multi-Faith Association is an organization that reflects and supports the multi-faith traditions and experiences of the UTM community. Spiritual leaders help students make connections between an intellectual understanding of spirituality and the living reality of faith. The Association is also here to provide opportunities for prayer and worship. We encourage and support those who wish to explore issues of faith, ethics, or spirituality.

http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/student-life/multi-faith

UTM Office of Student Affairs and Services

UTM’s Division of Student Affairs and Services strives to enhance students’ quality of life and their learning experiences beyond the traditional classroom. They work with individual students, student organizations and leaders, campus departments, and community organizations to explore and develop opportunities to engage students, staff and faculty in active collaboration to enrich students’ university experiences. A variety of services and personal supports are provided, some in conjunction with centralised services on the St. George Campus. Please visit their website for a full listing of their offerings.

www.utm.utoronto.ca/sas

WHERE TO LIVE

In addition to resources offered by the University’s Housing Offices, our medical students also maintain a discussion board for housing issues. This is a great place to visit to find a room-mate or sub-let:

http://uoftmeds.com/public-classifieds

St. George Campus

The majority of our St. George medical students reside off-campus in any of the many apartment and condominium buildings near campus and the University Avenue hospitals, or in rental units in residential neighbourhoods around campus. There are also a limited number of on-campus housing spaces available, in Graduate House (reserved for graduate and professional students) or in the undergraduate residences. For more on this see: http://www.housing.utoronto.ca/graduate/Residence/The-Residences.htm

Information concerning on-campus and off-campus housing is available through the University of Toronto’s Student Housing Service. Access to the Service’s Off-Campus Housing listings is restricted to current students. If you wish to receive guest access to this service immediately, please contact Student Housing Services for details. http://www.housing.utoronto.ca/Graduate-%281%29/UTSG-Grad.htm

Mississauga Campus

Incoming medical students at Mississauga may choose to live off-campus, or in residence on the UTM Campus. On-campus housing is available in the McGrath Valley residences. These are shared, two-bedroom, furnished townhouses for graduate and medical students. For more information on how to apply for housing at MAM please see: http://utm.utoronto.ca/housing/applying/medical

Family housing options are also available on-campus. The Housing Office at UTM can also help with securing off-campus accommodations in the Mississauga area.
WHERE TO PLAY

Campus Life is vibrant at U of T. Opportunities for involvement in athletics, arts, clubs, and community endeavours abound, whether through the many opportunities available within the Faculty of Medicine, or through the broader U of T community.

For information on extracurricular life, you can browse through listings on the Ulife website. Ulife is a one-stop website listing a large and diverse collection of student clubs, organizations, activities and opportunities on all three campuses. The thousands of entries include film appreciation clubs, debating societies, sports teams, social activism, drop-in classes, and research opportunities and awards.
ulife.utoronto.ca

Athletics, Arts and Drama

St. George Campus
All St. George medical students are members of the Athletic Centre, Varsity Centre, and Hart House and are encouraged to take advantage of the myriad programs available.

The Athletic Centre offers fitness and aquatic facilities, drop-in or registered activities, as well as intramural sports teams, which cover pretty much any athletic activity you can imagine. www.physical.utoronto.ca

The Goldring Centre for High Performance Sport is a multi-storey sport and exercise facility housing a 2,000-seat, internationally-rated field house for basketball, volleyball and other court sports, a state-of-the-art strength and conditioning centre, fitness studio, sport medicine clinic and research and teaching laboratories. The Centre opened in 2014 and will play host to the Toronto Pam Am and Parapan Games this coming July.
http://physical.utoronto.ca/FacilitiesAndMemberships/goldring-centre-for-high-performance-sport.aspx

The Varsity Centre includes a 5,000-seat stadium, 400m eight-lane track, state-of-the-art artificial turf field and a dome for winter use (including an indoor driving range for the golf enthusiast). From competitive athletes to students aiming to learn a new sport or simply go for a jog on a fabulous outdoor track, Varsity Centre creates an environment that welcomes and encourages all levels of physical activity.
www.varsitycentre.ca

Hart House offers a fitness centre, squash courts, and a pool as well. But it is also home to a busy theatre, hosting many performances throughout the year, plus a dance festival and film festival. It is home to more than 30 clubs and committees covering a huge spectrum of interest areas, and houses both a casual café (Sammy’s Student Exchange) and an upscale restaurant (Gallery Grill). The Hart House building was given to the University by the Massey family in 1919, and it provides a beautiful setting and many places to find a quiet moment or meet up with friends. www.harthouse.utoronto.ca

Mississauga Campus
All Mississauga medical students are members of the RAWC – the Recreation, Athletics and Wellness Centre. This facility opened in 2006 and boasts a 25 metre, 8 lane pool, 12 person hot pool, double gymnasium with seating for 880 spectators, dance studio, indoor running track and a sports medicine clinic. The fitness centre was designed with a section that can be visually isolated to allow for female only fitness hours. In
addition, the RAWC has 1 North American and 2 international squash courts. Outdoor facilities include 2 multi-sport fields, beach volleyball courts, and 2 tennis courts. Both registered, including children’s programming, and drop-in activities are available. Female only recreational and instructional swimming times are offered.

Intramural and extramural sports teams are supported and UTM students are eligible to try out for the Varsity teams operating from St. George Campus. [https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/athletics/our-facilities](https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/athletics/our-facilities)

*Theatre Erindale* is the production company of UTM’s Theatre and Drama Studies program, and presents a full season of student acted and produced plays in the intimate, state-of-the-art [Erindale Studio Theatre](https://www.utm.utoronto.ca/athletics/our-facilities) each year. In addition, Theatre Erindale sponsors one or more Independent Student Productions during the year. An active Drama Club open to all students and the area’s busy Community Theatre companies provide additional opportunities. [www.utm.utoronto.ca/academic/theatre](http://www.utm.utoronto.ca/academic/theatre)

**UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ENROLMENT SERVICES OFFICE**

The Undergraduate Medical Education Enrolment Services Office (UME-ES) will officially open in June 2015. This office combines the former Office of Admissions and Student Financial Services and the Office of the Faculty Registrar.

Some of the services provided by our office include letter of enrolment for students wishing to secure a line of credit with a financial institution, and declarations of attendance at school or university for observerships, summer studentships, or conferences. Our office also assists students with the CaRMS process, applying for the Medical Council Examination, and obtaining your educational license.

In addition, the office provides credentialing services to graduates of the MD program by completing and/or endorsing documentation relating to confirmation of education, confirmation of degree or Dean’s letters of support.

If you have any questions or concerns about policies, procedures or regulations please do not hesitate to contact us. You can find us in the Medical Sciences Building, Room 2124. We look forward to assisting you over the next four years and welcome you to the Faculty of Medicine at U of T.

**REGISTRATION PAPERWORK**

**Immunization Requirements**

Students are required to be fully immunized before they enter the clinical setting. These requirements must be fulfilled in order to meet the Health Standards set forth in the Public Hospitals Act, Section 4.2, Ontario Regulation 518/88. Documentary proof of current immunization against specific diseases must be provided prior to registration in the first year of the program.
Please have a physician complete the provided immunization record. This completed record must be received in the UME Enrolment Services Office no later than August 1, 2015.

Students who do not submit records are suspended from clinical training until proper documentation is submitted to the UME Enrolment Services Office.

**First Aid and CPR**

Students must have completed a course in “Standard First Aid” and a CPR Level C “Basic Rescuer Course,” and must produce valid certificates to document this before enrolment in the medical program. The agency used to provide the training must be recognized by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. If in doubt, please contact one of these agencies to determine the status of the provider.

This record must be received in the UME Enrolment Services Office no later than August 1, 2015.

**Vulnerable Persons Criminal Record Check**

As all medical students undertake significant portions of their education in settings with exposure to vulnerable populations, students are required to complete and submit the results of a Vulnerable Persons Criminal Record Check. This process must be initiated through your local police service and must be completed prior to registration in the program. Costs incurred will be at the student’s own expense.

Police forces may use slightly different language to describe the various levels of Records Checks available. Please be sure that the check you undergo includes at least a check of local records, as well as the RCMP’s CPIC, and the register of pardoned sexual offences. This high level of check is the one required by volunteer and other agencies who serve children and other vulnerable populations. *As these checks can take several weeks, we recommend that you begin the process as soon as possible to ensure compliance with our deadline.*

You must forward *two original reports, no later than August 1, 2015,* to the UME Enrolment Services Office.

The majority of students will have checks resulting in a “clear” report, indicating that no police record was found. A very few students may receive a “not clear” report. There are many circumstances that could lead to this finding, and each such case will be considered individually by a confidential committee of the Faculty of Medicine. The Faculty of Medicine reserves the right to revoke an offer of admission or cancel registration based on a review of this Report.

If you have ever been convicted of a criminal offence for which you have not received a pardon, you are strongly urged to consult with your provincial College of Physicians and Surgeons, as medical graduates with criminal records may not be eligible to receive licensure to practise medicine.

*Individuals who will be using Toronto Police Services to obtain this record check must contact the Office of the Registrar for further details on the process before contacting the Police.*
Please note that the Toronto Police Services Vulnerable Sector Screening process takes 8-12 weeks to complete.

Final Transcripts

If your offer of admission indicates you need to submit a final transcript showing degree conferral, this document must be requested from your university to be sent to OMSAS. Your transcript will not be considered final until the degree conferral note has been added. This will not occur until after your convocation ceremony, so please wait until that time to request the transcript. If you have concerns about meeting the conditions of your offer or the deadlines stated for these conditions, please contact the Admissions team in the UME Enrolment Services Office.

International Students

International students who are not Canadian Citizens or Landed Immigrants are strongly encouraged to contact the Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS), as they may be ineligible for matching to a post-graduate residency position in Canada. Currently, to be eligible for the CaRMS match international students will require landed immigrant status.

International students will require a study permit for the duration of their medical program in Canada. For information on obtaining the study permit, please visit Citizenship and Immigration Canada. On campus, the U of T’s Centre for International Experience provides many services specific to international student needs, including pre-arrival information and mandatory health insurance (UHIP).

FINANCES

University of Toronto Policy on Student Financial Support

The fundamental principle of the “University of Toronto Policy on Student Financial Support” states that no student offered admission to our programs will be unable to enter or to complete the program due to a lack of financial means.

For most students, it will be necessary to incur some debt, through access to government student assistance programs and a private Line of Credit with a financial institution.

Using current living and tuition expenses, the cost of attendance over the four years of the MD program is estimated to be approximately $160,000.00. You need to ensure that you have an appropriate financial plan in place. Taking some time now to do some planning can help to avoid financial difficulties in the future.

HOW CAN WE HELP?
The UME Enrolment Services Office can assist you with:

- confidential 1:1 counseling regarding your individual financial circumstances
- information on accessing bank Line of Credit
- government student loan information
- budgeting information
Over the course of the summer and early fall, we will be inviting all newly admitted students to attend a financial counseling meeting. You may also contact us at any time with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Fees - 2015/2016 Academic Year**

Each student enrolled in the medical course and proceeding to the degree of Doctor of Medicine must pay annual fees to the Student Accounts office according to the following schedules. The schedule below outlines fees for the 2015/2016 academic year and is subject to change.

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<td>Tuition Fee (Year 1)</td>
<td>$22,180.00</td>
<td>$66,070.50</td>
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<td>Incidental Fees*</td>
<td>$1,750.50</td>
<td>$2,434.50</td>
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<td>University Health Insurance Premium</td>
<td>$648.00</td>
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<td>Total Fee Payable (Year 1)**</td>
<td>$23,930.50</td>
<td>$69,153.00</td>
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*Incidental fee shown is the 2015/2016 fee for the St George Campus and is subject to change. The incidental fee for St. George campus and University of Toronto Mississauga campus may vary slightly.

A detailed breakdown of current fees for the 2015/2016 academic session can be found on our website: [http://www.md.utoronto.ca/admissions/finance/Current_Fees.htm](http://www.md.utoronto.ca/admissions/finance/Current_Fees.htm)

**Typical First Year MD Student Expenses (Domestic Student - Estimated)*

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<td>$23,930.50</td>
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<td>Books &amp; Equipment</td>
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<td>Rent and Food costs</td>
<td>$9,580.00</td>
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<td>Other Living Expenses</td>
<td>$7,160.00</td>
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<td>TOTAL COSTS</td>
<td>$42,370.50</td>
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*The budget outlined above reflects the rent, food and living expenses recognized by the Ontario Student Assistance Program. Individual budgets may vary dependent upon living situation and personal spending habits.

**Scholarships and Awards**

The Faculty of Medicine offers a number of academic scholarships, awards and summer research opportunities. A complete listing of awards and scholarships can be found online at: [http://www.md.utoronto.ca/admissions/finance/awards.htm](http://www.md.utoronto.ca/admissions/finance/awards.htm)

**Financial Aid Opportunities**

There are a number of financial aid opportunities available to U of T medical students who require assistance. These include:

- Federal and Provincial Student Assistance
Faculty of Medicine Student Grants
Enhanced Bursary Program
Personal Line of Credit
More information can be found on our website: http://www.md.utoronto.ca/financialaid.htm

Deferral of Fee Payment

At the University of Toronto, fees are due to be paid in a single installment prior to the beginning of classes. However, students granted provincial loan assistance may be eligible to defer fee payment until later in the fall term. By submitting your provincial loan application no later than June 15, 2015, you will be eligible to defer your fee payments (with the exception of the $1,000 deposit required upon acceptance of your admissions offer). The deadline to pay your minimum required fee or to defer this is August 31st, 2015. You must qualify for government student loan funding in order to be eligible to defer your fee payment. The deferral of fee payment is completed online. Additional information will be sent to you during the summer with detailed instructions on how to complete the fee deferral process.

CONTACT US

We look forward to connecting with you over the coming months as you prepare to begin your first year here in medicine at U of T! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Office of Admissions* – for all admissions related matters
Phone: 416-978-7928
Email: md.applicants@utoronto.ca

Office of the Registrar* – for all registration requirements and related matters
Phone: 416-946-8720
Email: registrar.medicine@utoronto.ca

Student Financial Services* – Bill Gregg (Associate Registrar, Student Financial Services)
Phone: 416-946-0739
Email: bill.gregg@utoronto.ca

Enrolment Services Office, Undergraduate Medical Education (opening June 2015)
Medical Science Building, Room 2124
1 King’s College Circle
Toronto, ON, M5S 1A8
*NOTE: This new office will house the Office of Admissions, the Office of the Registrar and the Student Financial Services team.

Office of Health Professions and Student Affairs (OHPSA) – for accessibility and counseling services
Phone: 416-978-2764
Email: ohpsa.reception@utoronto.ca

MD/PhD Program Office – for MD/PhD program-specific questions
Phone: 416-978-3277
Email: mdpdhd.program@utoronto.ca
## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

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<td>May 26, 2015</td>
<td>Last day for response to May 12 offers of admissions. Signed offers must be received in the Office of the Registrar by this date, along with a certified cheque or money order. For those who receive an offer after May 12, consult with your offer letter for the appropriate deadlines.</td>
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<td>June 30, 2015</td>
<td>Final transcripts due. This must include date of degree conferral.</td>
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<td>August 1, 2015</td>
<td>The following documentation must be submitted to the Enrolment Services Office:</td>
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<td>2. Vulnerable Persons Criminal Record Check</td>
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<td>3. Standard First Aid and CPR C Training</td>
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<td>4. Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and Private Insurance Form</td>
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<td>August 24-28, 2015</td>
<td>Orientation Week</td>
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<td>August 31, 2015</td>
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