

# TORONTO NURTURES TALENT



University of Toronto

Toronto's numerous and reputable academic institutions are international hubs of research and higher learning, attracting thousands of international students annually.

Canada ranks among the top of OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries for completed post-secondary education and Toronto residents have higher levels of educational attainment than other Canadians.

- The QS Best Student Cities 2017 ranks Toronto at #11. Results are based on a diverse range of indicators: University Rankings, Student Mix, Desirability, Employer Activity, Affordability and Student View.
- 43% of the 336,000 international students in Canada at all levels of study, settled in Ontario with a majority located in Toronto. (The Canadian Bureau for International Education, 2014).
- A record 5,313 international students from 120 countries were welcomed and supported through the City of Toronto's International Students Airport Welcome Program in 2016. This is an increase of 63% from 2015 and 364% increase from 2011 when the program started.

# FIVE WAYS TORONTO IS NUTURING THE NEXT GEN

## 1. Toronto is the largest centre of education, research and innovation in Canada

A leader in academia at all levels of learning; Toronto is a progressive and inclusive, education-focused city with one of the most highly educated populations in the world. Innovative programs support skills development as well as incubate and accelerate new companies.

## 2. Internationally-renowned post-secondary institutions

Toronto's esteemed institutions are integral to attracting the best businesses and the brightest minds. The DMZ at Ryerson ranked top university-based incubator in North America. (UBI Global, 2015).

- Four publicly funded major universities produce highly skilled members of Canada's workforce.
- Four publicly funded community colleges offer programs planned in co-operation with industry to provide maximum employment opportunities.
- 179 private career colleges provide a variety of programs in fields such as business, health services, information technology, electronics, trades and services.

## 3. Leading in research and innovation

Toronto is known for making world headlines with research and innovation dating back to the discovery of insulin and stem cell science. The University of Toronto ranks first out of Canada's Top 50 research universities (RESEARCH Infosource report, 2012) and Top 25 for both international and reputational ranking (Times Higher Education, 2016). Toronto is home to 128 research centres that focus on a wide range of research activities including:

- Behavior, Social Sciences and Humanities
- Engineering and Technology
- Medicine and Health
- Business, Economics and Law
- Mathematics, Physics, Space and Astronomy
- Environment, Natural Resources and Earth Sciences
- Biology, Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Services.

## 4. Outstanding initiatives for international students

In order to enhance the positive experience of international students while they study and live in Toronto, the City of Toronto offers two programs in partnership with the colleges and universities and with support from the Government of Ontario and corporate sponsors:

- The International Students Welcome Program features a staffed welcome booth at Toronto Pearson International Airport where newly arriving International students receive a welcome package and any needed assistance. In 2016, approximately 212 international students were received by the program per day.
- The At-Home-In-Toronto Program provides international students the opportunity to discover the city with reduced rates on numerous cultural and tourist attractions.

## 5. World's premier language study destination

Toronto is the world's premier language study destination to students with approximately 53 languages schools that deliver quality, accredited English and French programs both in the public and private sectors.