

How UofT is Transforming Research for Entrepreneurship and Prosperity

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Knowledge generated at the University can solve specific problems, address healthcare challenges, bring new technologies to the market and create social innovations in a variety of sectors that benefit the economy and society at large. The Innovations & Partnerships Office at UofT has evolved and been refocused with tangible results in three areas in particular: building successful partnerships, enhancing innovation and championing entrepreneurship.

Join Derek Newton, Executive Director of The Innovations & Partnerships Office, to learn more about changes in research commercialization, the rise of entrepreneurship and how UofT is achieving an ambitious goal to double industry partnered research within 10 years.

BIOGRAPHY



The Innovations & Partnerships Office at the University of Toronto helps build successful partnerships between industry and the U of T research community and also manages the university's portfolio of intellectual property. Derek has held previous senior roles at Western University, where he served as Director (A) of the Office of Research Development and Services and the Office of Research Ethics. He has also worked at a large biotechnology funding organization and a boutique consultancy specializing in biotechnology. Derek completed his PhD in Molecular Biology at the University of Toronto as well as a M.Sc. and BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Waterloo.