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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

The Strategic Academic Plan 2011-2016, for Medicine at U of T was unanimously approved at our Faculty Council on September 26, 2011.

Our *Vision*, as articulated in the plan is to achieve international leadership in improving health through innovation in research and education. As well, fundamental to our plan is the concept of social responsibility which we fulfill by developing leaders, contributing to our communities, and improving the health of individuals and populations through the discovery, application and communication of knowledge.

The Strategic Plan is based on six overarching Goals. To achieve these Goals in the next 5 years we will harness the collective efforts of our senior academic and administrative leaders in collaboration with the leaders of cognate University of Toronto Faculties and our affiliated hospitals/research institutes. The six Goals are to:

1. Prepare tomorrow's leading scientists and scholars, clinical professionals, and administrators who will contribute to fulfilling the social responsibility of Medicine at U of T.
2. Lead research innovation that answers questions of societal relevance.
3. Translate discoveries to improve health, equity and prosperity in our community and around the world.
4. Share our innovations and expertise globally through strategic partnering to advance global health and international relations.
5. Create a collective vision for a shared academic future with the Toronto Academic Health Science Network, University of Toronto Faculties and community partners.
6. Invest strategically in academic priorities in support of our learners, faculty, and staff to provide for their success.

The means of achieving success embodied in our strategic Goals is through:

Integration with our partners to promote new collaborative thinking and to address our strategic directions;

Innovation that creates value by applying the full scope of our inter-disciplinary capability to answer complex health and biomedical questions; and,

Impact of our education and research outcomes that reflects return on investment as we make meaningful contributions to improving health and prosperity.

This five year plan of Medicine at U of T builds on a number of inter-related processes:

- Planning within the larger University of Toronto community, including processes that led to the development of *Towards 2030*;
- Planning within the Faculty, starting with the Dean's White Paper 'renewal and focus of the Faculty of Medicine's Strategic Plan' including subsequent retreats of the Faculty leadership to update and reflect on the plan and its accomplishments;
- Planning with partner organizations, including the Toronto Academic Health Science Network and its Task Forces (e.g., Valuing Academic Performance);
- Leading working groups that helped frame the 2009 Strategic Planning Retreat and identification of emerging priorities; and,
- Completing the Faculty of Medicine Self Study in advance of the five year academic review and a fulsome external report.

An extensive stakeholder engagement process was completed as part of the Faculty's commitment to an open, transparent and inclusive process. All of this work culminated in the Strategic Planning Think-Tank that took place on June 7th, 2011 with 117 participants, including students, faculty, staff, and leaders from many of our affiliated partner organizations.

I encourage you to review the Plan, which is available online at [Strategic Academic Plan 2011-2016](#). The members of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee led by Deputy Dean Sarita Verma worked for many months through a great deal of material to reach the consensus embodied in the Strategic Plan and I thank them for their participation, imagination and energy.

Finally, I would like to thank our faculty, staff and students. Your excellence and achievement is the inspiration for the future of Medicine at U of T that is the embodiment of Strategic Plan 2011-16.

**Catharine Whiteside, Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions**

If you would like to have a news item or a research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Jennifer Holland](#).

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1. Honours and Awards

Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) New Fellows

Seven members of the Faculty of Medicine were inducted as new Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) on September 16, 2011. CAHS recognizes the full breadth of academic health science ranging from fundamental science to social science and population health. Fellows are elected to the Academy in recognition of their contributions to the promotion of health science through leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and their commitment to the advancement of health science. The new inductees are **Dr. Vivek Goel** (Dalla Lana School of Public Health), **Dr. Patrick Gullane** (Chair, Department of Otolaryngology), **Dr. Amira Klip** (Department of Biochemistry), **Dr. Anthony Lang** (Department of Medicine), **Dr. Ren-Ke Li** (Department of Surgery), **Dr. James Rutka** (Chair, Department of Surgery), and **Dr. Stanley Zlotkin** (Department of Paediatrics).

2012 Claude Bernard Lecture/Award of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD)

Dr. Daniel Drucker (Banting and Best Diabetes Centre) is the recipient of the 2012 Claude Bernard Lecture/Award of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD). This acknowledgement is in recognition of Dr. Drucker's leadership and outstanding contributions in the field of diabetes mellitus, and is the highest scientific achievement award of the EASD. Dr. Drucker is the first Canadian to receive this honor and will deliver the Claude Bernard lecture during the 48th EASD Annual Meeting in Berlin in September 2012. Dr. Drucker's research encompasses molecular biology, physiology, drug discovery, clinical investigation, and has led to development of new drugs, DPP-4 inhibitors and GLP-1R agonists, for the treatment of diabetes, as well as GLP-2R agonists, currently in late stage clinical trials for the treatment of short bowel syndrome and other intestinal disorders.

Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Teaching Award

Professor Martin Schreiber (Preclerkship Director, Department of Medicine) is the one of the 2010-2011 recipients of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards. This Award is presented to Professor Schreiber in recognition of his outstanding performance in teaching. "Prof. Schreiber is recognized by his colleagues as 'an exceptional teacher, and a cornerstone of UofT's Undergraduate Medical Education program," said Judith Poe, Chair of the Teaching Award selection and past award recipient. "This, coupled with his commitment to promoting student-centred learning, makes him a natural choice for an OCUFA Teaching Award." Professor Schreiber will receive the OCUFA Teaching Award at the annual awards ceremony on October 22, 2011 in Toronto.

2. Announcements

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Acting Dean

The Agenda Committee of the Academic Board and the Senior Appointments and Compensation Committee have approved the appointment of Professor Sarita Verma as Acting Dean and Acting Vice-Provost Relations with Health Care Institutions for the period October 1 to December 31, 2011 while I am on administrative leave.

Dr. Verma is a Full Professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine and has held several senior academic, administrative and governance positions at the University of Toronto including: Vice Dean, Post Graduate Medical Education from 2005 to 2010; Governor of the University since 2007; Deputy Dean since 2008; and Associate Vice Provost, Health Professions Education since August 2010. She has served on Governing Council and its Committees including Planning and Budget, UAB, Academic Appeals and is currently appointed to the Provostial Advisory Group on Academic Planning and Academic Board.

Please join me in thanking Professor Verma for her willingness to take on the role of Acting Dean in my absence. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Catharine Whiteside
Dean

Chair, Department of Biochemistry

In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators" the Advisory Committee struck to guide the search for Professor Reinhart Reithmeier's successor has been revised. The revised committee is as follows:

Sarita Verma (Co-Chair), Deputy Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Alison Buchan (Co-Chair), Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine
Liliana Attisano, Dept. of Biochemistry
Jonathan Cook, Dept. of Biochemistry
Alan Davidson, Dept of Molecular Genetics
Eden Fussner, Dept. of Biochemistry
Avrum Gotlieb, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine
Sergio Grinstein, Dept. of Biochemistry
Lynne Howell, The Hospital for Sick Children
Shana Kelley, Dept. of Biochemistry
Stephen Matthews, Dept. of Physiology
Angus McQuibban, Dept. of Biochemistry
David Williams, Dept. of Biochemistry

3. Call for Applications

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Course Co-Director, Metabolism and Nutrition (MNU), Undergraduate Medical Education

Reporting to the Vice Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education via the Preclerkship Director, and in keeping with the goals and objectives of the Faculty and of the Undergraduate Medical program, the MNU Course Co-Directors have the overall responsibility for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating the MNU curriculum for the undergraduate students in the MD program. The successful applicant will work together with Dr. Roy Baker (Department of Biochemistry) as Course Co-Director.

Qualifications:

- Physician or Surgeon
- Licensed or eligible for a license to practice in Ontario.

- Demonstrated clinical abilities in medical practice.
- Proven leadership skills emphasizing collaboration and teamwork.
- Faculty appointment at the University or agreement to pursue such.
- Demonstrated skills in Medical Education and in innovation.
- Term of appointment is five years, renewable contingent upon a successful performance review

The full position description can be reviewed here or alternatively through the Undergraduate Medical Education website at <http://www.md.utoronto.ca/about/vicedean/employment/mnu.htm>. Please direct inquiries to Dr. Martin Schreiber, Preclerkship Director, Undergraduate Medical Education at schreiberm@smh.ca. Please submit letters of interest, a current CV, and teaching dossier if available, to Neil Neebar, Special Projects Manager, Undergraduate Medical Education (email:neil.neebar@utoronto.ca) **no later than Friday October 7, 2011 at 5pm**. Please send a copy of your application to Dr. Jay Rosenfield, Vice Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education at jay.rosenfield@utoronto.ca and Dr. Martin Schreiber, Preclerkship Director, Undergraduate Medical Education at schreiberm@smh.ca.

Director, the Institute for Human Development

Applications from a broad range of related disciplines are invited for the position of Director, The Institute for Human Development, University of Toronto.

The University of Toronto and its fully affiliated hospitals/research institutes have established world-class research in many areas relevant to understanding developmental trajectories, and to optimizing development and learning through innovative interventions and policies. The scientists and scholars in these programs work in disciplinary and inter-disciplinary groups established within their own Departments or Research Institutes that collaborate nationally and internationally. The newly-formed Institute for Human Development (IHD) (approval pending) will build on these collaborations and achieve global recognition for improving human well-being and potential through integrating basic and translational sciences, and knowledge mobilization. The IHD will contribute to improved human health, learning and social functioning; including, effective approaches to prevention, early identification and intervention. The IHD is an inter-disciplinary extra-departmental unit (EDU) type C. The lead collaborating divisions are Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, the Faculty of Medicine, and University of Toronto Mississauga, in partnership with University of Toronto Scarborough, and the Faculty of Arts & Science. For more information please visit http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/oise/Faculty_Staff/Working_at_OISE.html.

4. Call for Nominations

2011-12 External Education and Teaching Awards – Internal Deadline November 30th, 2011

The Faculty of Medicine Education and Teaching and Awards Committee reviews proposed nominations for external awards twice annually. To ensure sufficient lead time for adjudication and preparation of nomination dossiers, the internal nomination deadlines are set well in advance of deadlines for final submission. The Education Vice-Deans are now calling for **internal** nominations for external awards with spring/summer deadlines:

AAMC - Abraham Flexner Award

The Abraham Flexner Award for Distinguished Service to Medical Education is granted annually to an individual for extraordinary contributions to the medical education community. The Flexner Award recognizes the highest standards in medical education and honors individuals whose impact on medical education is national in scope.

AAMC's Alpha Omega Alpha (A²O²A) Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards

The Alpha Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Awards were established by the A²O²A medical honor society in 1988 to provide national recognition to faculty members who have distinguished themselves in medical student education.

Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) - Teaching Award

Each year OCUFA recognizes outstanding teachers and academic librarians in Ontario universities through its Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards.

STHLE - 3M National Teaching Fellowship

Awarded for excellence in teaching over a number of years, principally (but not exclusively) at the undergraduate level.

For additional information visit:

<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/external.htm>. Nominations must include the name of the award, a summary paragraph or statement explaining why the nominee is suitable for this award, a current CV for the nominee, and a teaching dossier (if applicable). Nominations for the 3M Fellowship and the OCUFA Teaching Award must also include a one to two page statement describing the nominee's teaching philosophy.

Please submit nominations for any of the above awards electronically to Jeananne Robertson at edudeans@utoronto.ca by end of day on **Wednesday, November 30th, 2011**.

The Margolese National Brain and Heart Disorders Prizes

The University of British Columbia is currently seeking nominations for the 2012 Margolese National Brain and Heart Disorders Prizes, each with a value of C\$50,000.

The Margolese National Brain Disorders Prize will be awarded annually to a Canadian citizen who has made outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cure of brain disorders. The Margolese National Heart Disorders Prize will be awarded annually to a Canadian citizen who has made outstanding contributions to the treatment, amelioration, or cure of heart disorders. The Prizes are awarded with the expectation that the Prize recipients will continue to demonstrate excellence in their field of work. The deadline for nominations is **November 15, 2011, Midnight, PST**. For further information, please visit www.med.ubc.ca/research/dfo/faculty/margolese.htm.

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Research Grants

- CIHR Rx&D Collaborative Research Program
- CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grants
- CIHR Team Grant: DSEN Collaborating Centre - Network Meta-Analysis
- SickKids Foundation and CIHR - New Investigator Award
- SSHRC - Insight Development Grant

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

September

Pezcoller Foundation-AACR International Award for Cancer Research
Rolf Luft Award (in Diabetes & Endocrinology)
March of Dimes Prize in Developmental Biology
Holberg International Memorial Prize
InBev-Baillet Latour Health Prize
Royal Society (UK) Fellows
National Academy of Science, Member
Sloan Research Fellows
Warren Alpert Foundation Prize

October

Gairdner Awards
March of Dimes Jonas Salk Award
Blue Planet Prize

November

Canada's Top 40 Under 40
Harvey Prize

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