

Endowed Chairs

On the impact of a chair...

- Endowed chairs at the University of Toronto are among the most influential academic appointments in Canada and globally. These prestigious positions enable the University to attract and retain internationally recognized scholars and researchers who might otherwise accept positions at other universities.
- Chair-holders are magnets for excellence who generate entire ecosystems of discovery and innovation around themselves. They are renowned and established leaders in a particular field, who in turn attract mid-career and young faculty members as well as post-doctoral fellows, graduate students and undergraduates.

On the process of selecting a chair...

- Endowed chairs are awarded based on a highly competitive process involving a committee of peers, plus the approval of the relevant principal and dean, the provost and the president. Searches are international in scope as we seek the best candidates from Canada and around the world.

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- Naming a chair is one of the most high-profile and prestigious ways in which the University recognizes its donors and their wishes.
- By naming an endowed chair, donors signal their commitment to progress in science, culture, medicine, business, society, education and other key disciplines.
- Endowed chairs are established and named in perpetuity. They represent an enduring legacy of intellectual excellence, impact, influence and recognition.