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FACULTY OF DENTISTRY

Training the Next Generation of Dental Leaders

Student Support

The Campaign for the Faculty of Dentistry

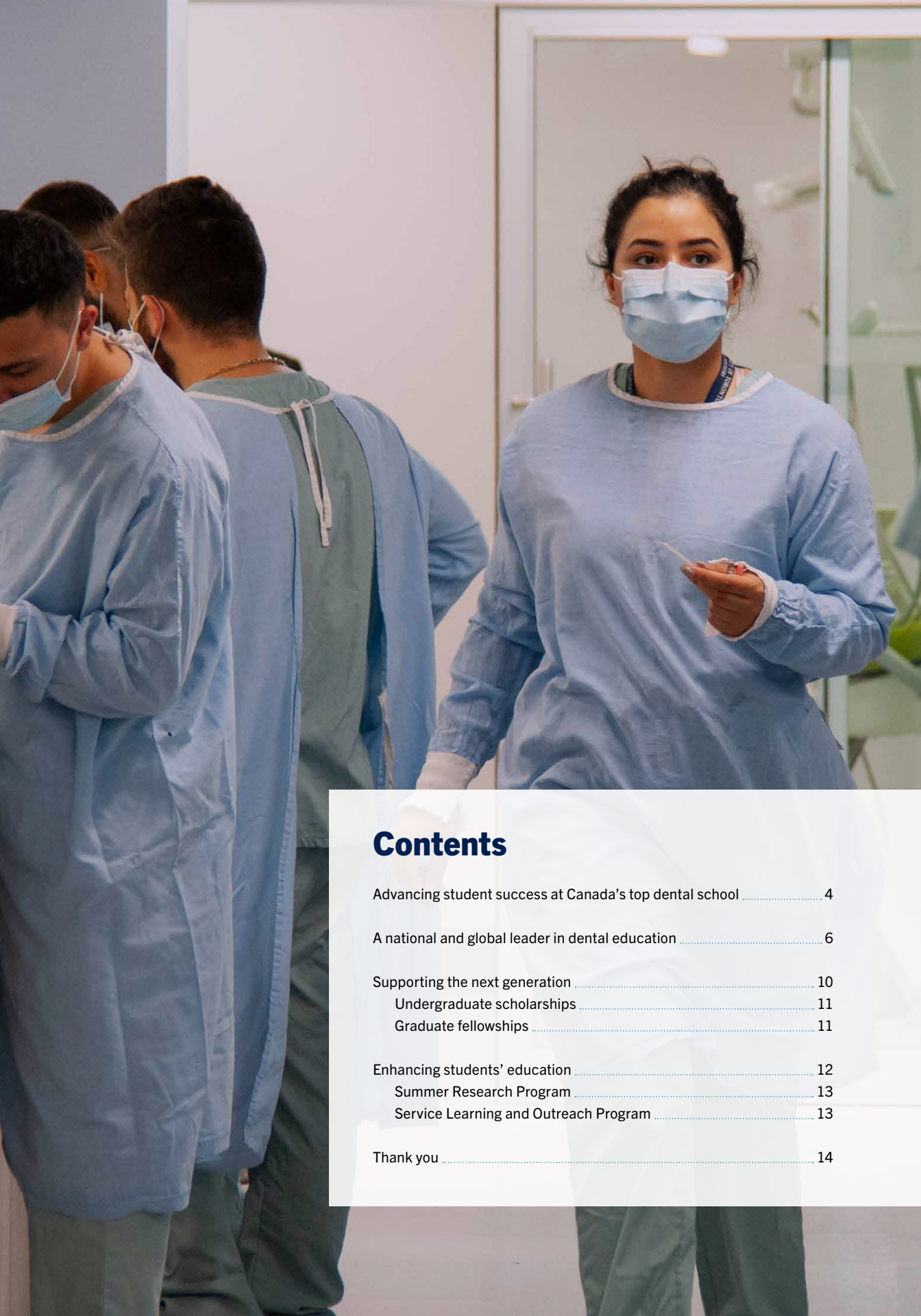
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“Imagine the impact the Faculty of Dentistry can have on the future of oral health science and care—a future where drills are not required for filling a cavity, access to oral health care is a reality for all Canadians, we can stop bone degeneration to alleviate osteoporosis, heal infection-induced inflammatory diseases with engineered nanoparticles and effectively diagnose and treat chronic pain. These outcomes and more are being worked on at U of T Dentistry.”

— **Arthur Zwingenberger**

U of T alumnus (BA 1963 UC, MA 1965)

Former chair of dental industry leader SciCan



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Advancing student success at Canada's top dental school

The Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto educates more dental students in the country than any other school—future leaders who will go on to provide excellent care in their communities and advance breakthroughs that can lead to better treatments and oral health care access for all Canadians. Our campaign will support these students on their journeys.

Oral health is being recognized increasingly as a critical component of overall health, and yet too many individuals and communities still lack adequate access to oral health care. Treatments and therapies are quickly evolving as we discover new biomaterials and ways to address and manage pain. And in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, care delivery must continue to adapt to ensure consistent and safe clinical environments for patients and providers.

At the University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry, we are committed to delivering a high-quality, hands-on clinical education that prepares our students for this rapidly changing health environment and encourages compassionate, accessible

care—especially for our most vulnerable populations. As the largest producer of dental professionals in the country, we are reimagining how we train dentists to ensure patients nationwide receive the latest insights and highest standards of treatment.

To support these efforts, the Faculty of Dentistry has launched a significant fundraising initiative as part of Defy Gravity: The Campaign for the University of Toronto. Built on a framework of inclusive excellence, Defy Gravity seeks to harness the power of the university's worldwide community to address today's most pressing challenges—including how to build a healthier, more equitable society.

We are seeking the support of our community to enhance our students' training, attract the top talent to the Faculty and ensure that every qualified student can study at U of T Dentistry regardless of their financial means.

As tomorrow's future care providers, researchers and advocates, our students are a key part of the campaign's vision. Graduating the brightest, best-prepared dentists and researchers benefits us all since these leaders in oral health play a pivotal role in creating a healthier society through excellent patient care and groundbreaking innovations.



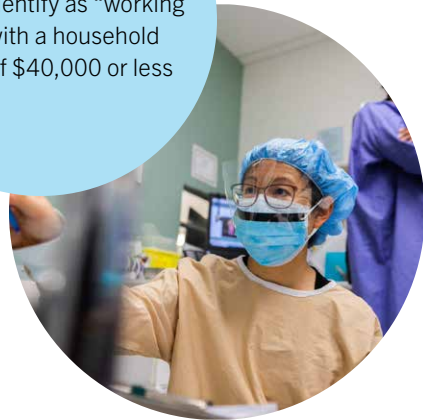
A national and global leader in dental education

The University of Toronto's Faculty of Dentistry is the country's foremost dental training institution with the most comprehensive educational programs available in Canada.

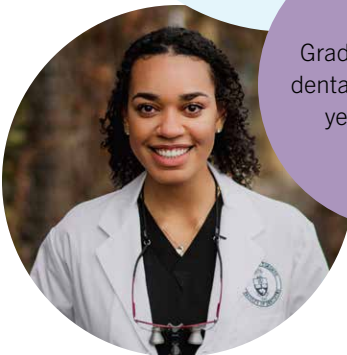


Students have the opportunity to provide care, with 15,000 patients—totalling 93,000 appointments—filling 263 chairs at our clinics every year

58% of the Faculty's patients identify as "working poor," with a household income of \$40,000 or less



Graduates the most dental students every year in Canada

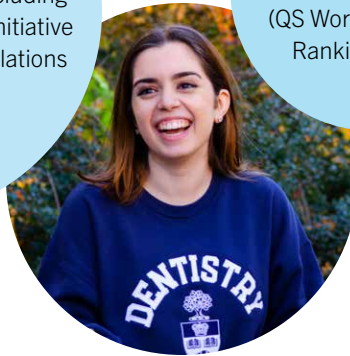




The only school in Canada to offer advanced training in all 10 dental specialties

Highly engaged with the surrounding community, including through an access-to-care initiative that serves vulnerable populations

Ranked 1st in Canada and 43rd globally (QS World University Rankings 2023)



Has produced more than 14,000 alumni who have gone on to a wide range of careers, including providing the best possible care in their communities, training the next generation and breaking boundaries in research

Home to 13 dental clinics that essentially form a dental hospital

Canada's first, largest and most comprehensive dental school







Supporting the next generation

The Faculty of Dentistry attracts top talent to its programs—and offers these bright students significant financial supports to recognize their accomplishments and bridge gaps in access.

Student awards attract top talent to the Faculty, recognize academic achievements and ensure that all qualified students can study at Canada's most comprehensive dental school. With your support, we can provide undergraduate students with scholarships and bursaries and graduate students with fellowships—vital funding sources that in many cases make their education possible.

“My accomplishments wouldn’t be possible without the generous support of this community. I hope to pay it forward by creating positive change locally and internationally, and by staying connected to this community and supporting the advancement of the field of dentistry.”

— **Matthew Reyad**, student

Undergraduate scholarships

Undergraduate scholarships enable the Faculty to attract the very best students from across Canada and around the world. Merit-based scholarships reward impressive academic achievements while needs-based awards help to ensure that qualified students from all backgrounds can pursue their studies regardless of their financial situation.

Scholarships give students greater freedom to benefit from all the Faculty has to offer, such as opportunities to study abroad, develop their research skills and build their networks. Your support will also free students from the need to work part time to make ends meet and allow them to better focus on their studies.

When you establish an endowed scholarship or bursary, we would be pleased to name it in your honour—or in honour of someone special to you.

Graduate fellowships

U of T Dentistry has always attracted strong graduate students. Still, we face increasing competition from U.S. schools that can offer more generous funding packages to top talent. The Faculty needs permanent funding sources to ensure we can attract and retain the best and brightest students.

Stable sources of support play an essential role in encouraging our graduates to continue their studies, allowing them to progress into academic careers that ultimately benefit the community.

The Faculty invites you to help us create new graduate fellowships to recruit and support top talent in our graduate programs. In recognition of your gift, we would be pleased to name an award in your honour—or in honour of someone special to you.

Enhancing students' education

With the help of our community, the Faculty of Dentistry's students can gain valuable experience in the lab—and provide care to underserved populations in some of the world's most remote regions.

The Faculty of Dentistry has created a variety of priority initiatives that provide our students with hands-on research and learning opportunities to enhance their education.

The Faculty is grateful for your support of these initiatives, which will help us ensure these programs are financially self-sustaining and broadly available to students. In recognition of your generous gift, we would be pleased to name the established fund in your honour or in honour of someone special to you.

Summer Research Program

Our Summer Research Program welcomes undergraduate students from all Canadian dental schools and offers them direct experience in laboratory and clinical research. Students work with one of the Faculty's principal investigators, which expands their network while they support our research mission through their contributions and collaborations.

Thanks to donor support, we're able to offer these students research stipends, allowing them to take full advantage of this focused research opportunity rather than having to find summer jobs unrelated to their future profession.

Service Learning and Outreach Program

As part of the Faculty of Dentistry's mission to serve communities here and worldwide, we have established numerous opportunities for our students to hone their clinical skills through a Service Learning and Outreach Program, which sees students travel to underserved communities in Ontario and around the world to deliver oral health care to diverse populations. From remote regions in Ontario and the heart of Uganda to hospitals and the Yonge Street Mission in the Greater Toronto Area, our students are practising the art and craft of compassionate care and improving the health of whole communities.

The support of our donors allows us to help cover travel and living costs for students who participate in this program, opening up a life-changing opportunity to learners.

Thank you

We invite our community of generous and visionary supporters to join U of T Dentistry's efforts to make the world a healthier place.

Thank you for considering a donation to support the Faculty of Dentistry's learners. Your gift will contribute to the Defy Gravity campaign, which is supporting students—who come from an incredible variety of backgrounds—and helping us prepare them for success in a world of constant reinvention.

U of T Dentistry believes in empowering students with the skills, mindset and confidence needed to build successful

careers, lead change and make a positive difference in their communities. Your generosity will help us provide them with the financial supports, life-changing experiential learning and research opportunities, and cutting-edge skills needed to thrive in the rapidly evolving field of dentistry.

The benefits of your gift will live on through our graduates' professional and caring dental practices.

Recognition Opportunities for Campaign Donors

We will recognize major donors to the Faculty's campaign on the donor wall in our Dental Patient Reception Lobby, a high-traffic location that sees thousands of patients, as well as U of T Dentistry's many students, faculty members, staff and visitors, pass through every year.

Naming opportunities are also available depending on the direction of your gift, including the naming of scholarships, bursaries and fellowships for students, and funds for strategic initiatives that enhance their education.

We will also invite major benefactors to exclusive events and provide you with reports on the impact of your giving.



By supporting U of T Dentistry's campaign, you can help us create a healthier society through the work of our future alumni.

To join our efforts, please contact **Selina Esteves** (selina.esteves@dentistry.utoronto.ca) or visit dentistry.utoronto.ca/giving.



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