

The Perks of UTM Affiliation

UTM offers benefits to its graduate students, in both research and professional masters streams, that differ from those available to peers at UT's St. George (downtown Toronto) and UTSC (Scarborough) campuses. UTM perks include:

- Unlimited fare-free use of the **Student Shuttle Service** between the UTM and St. George campuses using your UT ID card or 'T-card'. (For others, the fare is \$6 each way.)
- Unlimited fare-free use of **Mississauga Transit** through your personalized U-Pass (excluding MMPA students by its student society's choice).
- **UTM Library** benefits
 - Three-month loan period for UTM books (compared to St. G's one-month loan)
 - Bookable graduate student study room
 - 'Your Personal Librarian' service
 - Workshops and research consultations designed for individual graduate student research needs
 - Graduate student poster prizes (two awarded annually)
 - Fast document delivery from the St. George campus
 - \$5 subsidy on requests for articles
 - Specialized support for MMPA, M Bio Tech, and DIFA students via UTM's Li Koon Chun Finance Learning Centre
 - Specialized geographic information systems (GIS) support
 - Instructional technology support
- Tailored programming in the **graduate/professional and family residence communities** in UTM's Student Housing & Residence Life department.
- Eligibility for support grants for users of the **UTM Early Learning Centre**, the licensed child care centre on the UTM campus, along with priority consideration for available spaces.
- Enhanced computing network storage capacity, secure electronic drop-box service for exchanging files that are too large to e-mail, and on-campus warranty repair of Dell and Mac computers through **UTM Information & Instructional Technology Services** (computing services).
- Eligibility to apply for graduate student **travel grants** administered by the UTM Office of the Vice-Dean Graduate for conference and training opportunities, as well as those offered by individual academic departments.
- Eligibility to apply for graduate student **research and leadership awards**.
- Subsidized **summer fitness membership** to UTM's Phys. Ed., Athletics & Recreation department programs.
- Eligibility for **UTM Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS)** activities and events including orientation, professional development, networking, and social programs, and access to its grad lounge.
- **Immigration advising** through UTM's International Education Centre for three years beyond graduation, including consultation on study permits, post-graduation work permits, temporary resident visas, co-op work permits and permanent residence.
- Tailored activities through UTM's **Academic Skills Centre**, such as 1-on-1 appointments to prepare teaching dossiers and dissertation defenses, and unique sessions in UT's Graduate Professional Skills program.

Like other graduate students across UT, UTM-affiliated grad students are eligible for all **tri-campus services** as well, regardless of campus affiliation.

- Use of UT **career services** on all three campuses, including UTM's Career CentreUse of UT **fitness facilities** on all three campuses, including UTM's Recreation, Athletics & Wellness Centre, St. George's Athletic Centre and Hart House Fitness Centre, and UTSC's Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre
- Use of **health care services** on all three campuses, including UTM's Health & Counselling Centre, St. George's Health Service and Counselling & Psychological Services, and UTSC's Health & Wellness Centre
- **Hart House** programs, activities and facilities (including Hart House Farm)

How to affiliate with UTM

If you are enrolled in a UTM-based **professional masters program**, no action is required. Your program automatically affiliates you with the Mississauga campus; the divisional portion of your UT-wide Graduate Students Union (GSU) membership fee is provided to UTM's Association of Graduate Students (UTMAGS) to support your participation in local events, while a central portion supports UT-wide GSU services and activities.

If you are in a **research-stream graduate program**, you will want your affiliation to be changed to UTM if your primary supervision is by a UTM-based faculty member. This will allow you to receive all UTM and UTMAGS (Association of Graduate Students) benefits and perks while retaining full access and no compromise to the benefits available across all three campuses. UT's School of Graduate Studies defaults your campus affiliation to the St. George campus; *please ask your local academic department's administrative assistant to change your campus affiliation to UTM*, ideally before the end of September in your first year of graduate studies here.