



## Welcome

to the University of Toronto's newest initiative in support of urban research, teaching, outreach and public policy analysis.

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## Our Potential U of T Partners

- Centre for Environment
- Centre for Urban Health Initiatives
- Centre for Urban Schooling OISE/UT
- Centre of Criminology
- CERIS (Metropolis Project)
- Cities Lab (UTSc)
- Global Cities Program
- Graduate Program in Planning
- Department of Geography (St. George)
- Department of Geography (UTM)
- Institute for Life Course and Aging
- Institute on Municipal Finance and Governance
- Lloyd and Delphine Martin Prosperity Institute, Rotman School of Management
- Master of Urban Design and Master of Landscape Architecture Programs, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design
- Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine
- School of Public Policy and Governance
- Urban Studies Program, Innis College
- Urban Transportation Research & Advancement Centre, Department of Civil Engineering

### Centre for Urban and Community Studies

<http://www.urbancentre.utoronto.ca>

- Greater Toronto Urban Observatory  
<http://www.urbancentre.utoronto.ca/gtuo>

## Mandate

The Cities Centre is a multi-disciplinary research institute established February 2007 in response to one of the five major research priorities defined in the University's strategic "Stepping Up" plan. The mandate of the Centre is broad: to encourage and facilitate research, both scholarly and applied, on cities and city regions and on a wide range of urban policy issues, both in Canada and abroad, and to provide a gateway for communication between the University and the broader urban community. The Centre will also offer seminars, lectures and public forums and provide space and facilities for post-docs and visiting scholars.

## Administration

The new Centre became official on November 15, 2007 with approvals from the Council of the Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design (FALD), as well as from Arts and Science, Applied Science and Engineering, and the School of Graduate Studies (SGS). The Centre will report through FALD to a committee of deans from the participating faculties. As of November 20, 2007, the existing and widely respected Centre for Urban and Community Studies (CUCS) was also transferred from SGS to the Cities Centre and FALD. CUCS will continue to maintain its distinct identity until a full merger is complete. The Centre is currently housed at 455 Spadina Ave. pending a search for a more suitable location.

## Research

Initially, the Cities Centre, in partnership with other research units, will focus on six clusters of research issues relating to city regions in Canada and abroad: 1) changes in urban form, the built environment and density; 2) globalization, innovation and restructuring of the urban economy; 3) social change: inequalities, poverty and exclusion; 4) transportation, infrastructure and sustainability; 5) urban finance, public policy and governance; and 6) information systems and comparative urban indicators.



## Vision Statement

A more detailed vision statement is available on request, or from the website listed below.

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