

UTSC BACKGROUNDER

Opportunity for a \$170 million international-standard, competitive sports and recreation complex at UTSC

About the complex

The Pan Am Toronto 2015 Games brings an extraordinary opportunity to the University of Toronto Scarborough. A \$170 million world-class sports and recreation complex will be constructed to provide a key venue for the Games and a legacy for UTSC and the City of Toronto. The facility will be scaled to international competition standards, and will house the Pan Am Aquatics Centre as well as the Canadian Sports Institute Ontario (CSIO), an organization dedicated to the development of top athletes from across Canada.

The sports and recreation complex will meet the expressed needs of UTSC students and support the recreational and sports interests of the broader GTA. Some of the key elements include:

- field house complex that includes components such as gymnasiums and multipurpose program areas, and fitness and training facilities that would support both recreation and high-performance training
- two Olympic-sized swimming pools and a 10-metre diving tank.

Why does UTSC want to partner in the complex?

The current athletics facility at the UTSC campus was designed for 4,000 students, while over 10,000 students exist on the campus today. UTSC's facilities are at 58% of the Council of Ontario standard for athletics/recreation space and are currently ranked in the bottom percentile (18th of 20) of all Ontario universities.

The opportunity to build a world-class sports and recreation complex will be transformational for the University of Toronto Scarborough. It will take UTSC from having one of the lowest standards in sports and recreational facilities among Ontario universities, to having facilities at a standard equal to the very best in Canada. It provides substantial value for our student investment, as well as many secondary benefits, from the creation of new multi-purpose space for students, to job opportunities, and the potential for new academic programs. It will continue to provide value to students long after graduation, as they have an opportunity to remain active alumni members of the complex.

Pan Am Games to be held at the UTSC/City of Toronto complex

Pan American Aquatics Centre:

- Swimming, Diving and Synchronized Swimming
- Modern Pentathlon: Swimming
- Parapan Swimming
- Aquatics Training

Canadian Sport Institute Ontario:

- Fencing
- Modern Pentathlon: Fencing
- Parapan Sitting Volleyball

Funding

The facilities will be funded through a partnership between the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario, City of Toronto and the University of Toronto. Under this partnership, 78% of the new facilities will be funded through infrastructure grants from the federal and provincial governments and the City of Toronto. The funding is split as follows: 56% is provided through federal/provincial funding, and 22% each from the City and the University, making our share 22%. The Province of Ontario will be responsible for any cost overruns. UTSC have limited our contribution to \$37.5 million, in 2008 dollars.

As an ancillary service to students, the majority of UTSC's capital funding for this project will come through a student-run levy, which is a standard funding practice for non-academic facilities at universities across Canada. This model provides tremendous value for students – 18% of total costs with full access to world-class facilities.

For all parties this is an economical way to share costs and maximize benefits for the students of UTSC, residents of the eastern Greater Toronto region, top Canadian athletes, and all Canadians interested in competitive summer sports.

Background on UTSC

The University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC) offers undergraduate programs in all areas of the arts, sciences and management, and is expanding opportunities for graduate research, new and emerging areas of scholarship and experiential learning. Known as an innovator, UTSC has built cutting-edge programs including the co-operative education programs, joint programs with Centennial College and a new professional master's degree in environmental science. Recent growth has transformed UTSC into a comprehensive, mid-size university campus, with a student population of over 10,000. Our faculty lead discoveries and scholarship that have a lasting influence on our world. We are launching exciting and distinctive programs that will give our students a head start as scholars, scientists, and global citizens.