

UTQAP Review Interim Monitoring Report

July 24, 2026

Professor Nicholas Rule
Vice-Provost, Academic Programs
University of Toronto

Dear Prof. Rule,

On behalf of the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, I am pleased to provide the Interim Monitoring Report for the 2021-2022 external review of the Faculty and its programs.

As you are aware, the Faculty was under the leadership of Prof. Robert Levit as Acting Dean for much of the interval since the submission of the Dean's Administrative Response of March 7, 2023. Consequently, many of the plans outlined in the Response were paused. Among these was an important element of our response to the external review—a new Faculty Academic Plan—the development of which we hope to restart in the coming months. Updates are regularly provided by program area leadership and the Dean to the Daniels Faculty Council. Progress on other items identified in the review is summarized below.

Status of Implementation Plans in the Dean's Response:*Strategic Interdisciplinary Programs & Research Culture*

- As part of the Divisional Quantitative Research Strategic Plan, the Faculty established long-term goals for funding amounts and RSO-administered grant submissions. On average, the Faculty has exceeded its annual targets for each of the last 5 years since the goal-setting process began.
- Since 2023, the Faculty has organized a Research Pecha Kucha every three months to highlight faculty research and to facilitate an exchange of ideas across all disciplines within the Faculty.
- AAR and PTR guideline changes: Following an open and transparent call for suggestions from all faculty members, a revised AAR form was instituted and used



this year. This revision better captures creative practice and clarifies other areas of activity in the AAR forms.

- The Faculty now has a regular slate of summer study-abroad and design-build courses open to both undergraduate and graduate students, building relationships with external partners such as the Canadian Centre for Architecture
- Pending the outcomes of the Faculty's academic planning efforts, faculty leadership is actively engaged in discussions of new interdisciplinary programs that leverage existing expertise and student demand

Degree Programs

- Forestry – Faculty hires and development of new courses in Urban Forestry have broadened the offerings within Forestry programs, encouraging engagement from other students in the Faculty, notably from the Master of Landscape Architecture program.
- Post-professional – Recent adjustments have been made to the curriculum of the MArch and MLA 1-year Post-professional Advanced Standing option to reflect growing demand from prospective students to emphasize design research or professional practice in their academic pursuits.
- MLA – TRC Calls to Action have been more thoroughly integrated into curriculum, aligning with LAAC accreditation requirements. The Year 3 Options Studio requirement has been re-instated for MArch, MLA, and MUD, enhancing interdisciplinarity within each program.
- Visual Studies – Student exhibitions have made increasing use of prominent gallery spaces within 1 Spadina Crescent to highlight work of graduate and undergraduate Visual Studies students throughout the academic year, and especially during end-of-program exhibitions.

Truth and Reconciliation; Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- The Building Indigenous Representation at Daniels (BIRD) program, funded through the Access Programs Universities Fund, ran as a pilot initiative to raise awareness of art and architecture pathways among urban indigenous youth.
- The Filmmaker in Residence initiative offers a platform to emerging and mid-career filmmakers whose art is a reflection of and commitment to historically underrepresented communities in architecture, art, design, film, and forestry research and practice.

- Established programs like Building Black Success through Design and the Community of Belonging continue to thrive thanks to engagement and leadership from students, faculty, and staff.

Staff Organization

- Offices that directly support faculty and students, including the Office of the Registrar and Student Services and the Programs Office, have reviewed and adjusted staffing to support the range of Daniels degree programs.
- Additional staffing considerations over the medium to long term are expected to form part of the development of the Faculty's Academic Plan.

Program Effectiveness

All three of the Daniels Faculty's externally accredited degree programs have received full accreditation terms from their respective professional bodies:

- Master of Forest Conservation (Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board) until June 30, 2031
- Master of Landscape Architecture (Landscape Architecture Accreditation Council) until Spring of 2031
- Master of Architecture (Canadian Architectural Certification Board) until September 15, 2032

Please feel free to contact us for additional clarification on any of the items above.

Sincerely,



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