

SCHOOL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY RESEARCH STRATEGY MAP: 2015 – 2018

HARNESSING THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF OCCUPATION LOCALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.						
Thus, achieving our RESEARCH VISION.	OUR RESEARCH VISION					
	Pushing the boundaries of occupational therapy and occupational science to create and enact transformational research that benefits society and improves the lives of individuals, families and communities from local to international levels.					
And achieve our RESEARCH OUTCOMES	WHAT RESEARCH OUTCOMES WILL WE PRODUCE?					
	Research that ...					
	Contributes to and extends the evidence base of occupational therapy and occupational science.	Expands occupational possibilities for individuals and groups who are facing barriers to inclusion, participation and well-being.	Improves knowledge, artistry and competencies of occupational therapists.	Cultivates a more socially just world by fore-fronting occupational needs and solutions.	Transcends traditional boundaries to engage interdisciplinary and international perspectives to produce knowledge that impacts human occupation and health and social care practices.	
So we can conduct research with EFFECTIVENESS & EXCELLENCE	WHAT DO WE NEED TO EXCEL AT?					
	We will excel at ...					
	Developing infrastructure and support to enable research success.	Collaborating and networking to optimize diverse research partnerships.	Creating and applying innovative approaches to research generation and knowledge translation.	Recruiting, mentoring and retaining faculty to achieve research excellence.	Fostering the productive capacity and research potential of graduate students and post-doctoral fellows/associates.	Preparing rigorous applications to secure competitive research funding.
And build a STRONG & PREPARED School of Occupational Therapy	WHAT TYPE OF FACULTY / STAFF, CULTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE DO WE NEED?					
	We will have ...					
	Visionary faculty with demonstrated excellence in scholarship (research, knowledge mobilization, collaborations, mentoring) aligned with our RESEARCH OUTCOMES.	Committed staff with demonstrated expertise to support the School in enacting its RESEARCH VISION.	Research intensive culture that embodies diversity, innovation, collegiality, collaboration, scholarly dialogue, mentorship, and professional development.		A robust multi-faceted infrastructure (technology, data, facilities, partnerships, policies and procedures, software, and tools) at the School, Faculty and University levels that enable outstanding research productivity.	
We use our RESOURCES wisely	HOW DO WE MANAGE OUR RESOURCES (HUMAN AND NON-HUMAN) TO ENSURE SUSTAINABILITY?					
	We will ...					
	Set the bar high, measure outcomes and continuously improve research performance, while adhering to the highest standards of ethics and integrity.	Cultivate sustainable programs of research that attract ongoing funding.	Allocate resources in alignment with our research outcomes.	Exercise diligent stewardship over funds and leverage resources for maximum benefit.		Identify and fully utilize varied opportunities to expand research resources.
Guided by our VALUES.	OUR VALUES					
	Collaboration, Autonomy, Diversity, Development/Growth, Justice, Critical thinking, Transparency, Respect, Occupation as a human right, Rigour, Ethical conduct, Health and Wellbeing, Inclusion, Participation					