

A Year of Firsts



Activity report of Université de l'Ontario français (UOF),
May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022





We have just wrapped up our first proper year of full operation and have experienced all the joys, challenges, and surprises that come with establishing a university in the 21st century during a pandemic. Since the UOF Act of 2017 was passed, thereby establishing the University, we have patiently and painstakingly reached many milestones, including the approval of our first programs of study, the construction of our campus, the appointment of president Pierre Ouellette, the welcoming of our first cohort of students, and the appointment of our first chancellor, Paul Rouleau. Our inaugural year of activity has underscored the relevance of the many steps taken by the francophone community over the years to lobby for the creation of a French-language university that can shine at the provincial, Canadian and international levels.

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Université de l'Ontario français has taken shape over the past few months thanks to the efforts of a dynamic and seasoned team and the support of partners who are deeply committed to our institution. Their mandate was to create an innovative pedagogical approach to stand out in the higher education sector. However, our priority continues to be to offer quality education to Franco-Ontarians, whatever the stage they are at in their lives, by meeting the continuing education needs of an ever-changing society. We were pleased to welcome our first cohort of students, marking the beginning of a long tradition of students who will be proud to bear UOF's colours on every stage. This report, therefore, signals the beginning of a string of successes to come.

Pierre Ouellette — President and Vice-Chancellor, UOF



Mission

As an innovative, bold and agile institution firmly rooted in its community, Université de l'Ontario français is shaping the world through its transdisciplinary and experiential approach to teaching.

Vision

Through its leadership in education and entrepreneurship, UOF is an influential French-speaking partner recognized for its commitment to the sustainable development of communities.

Values

Audacity | Autonomy | Engagement | Pluralism

Motto

Innovative university



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May 2021

- Launch 17 certificates and short programs



June 2021

- Appointment of Pierre Ouellette as president



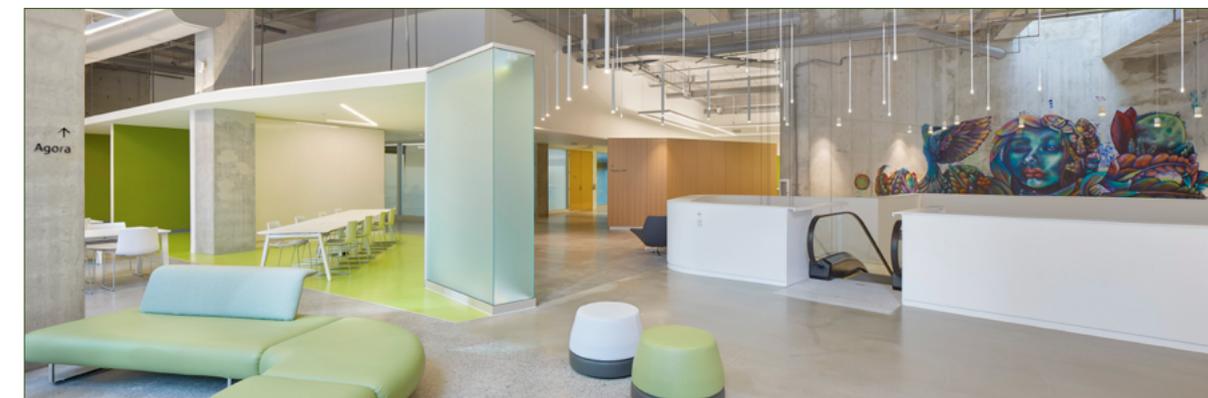
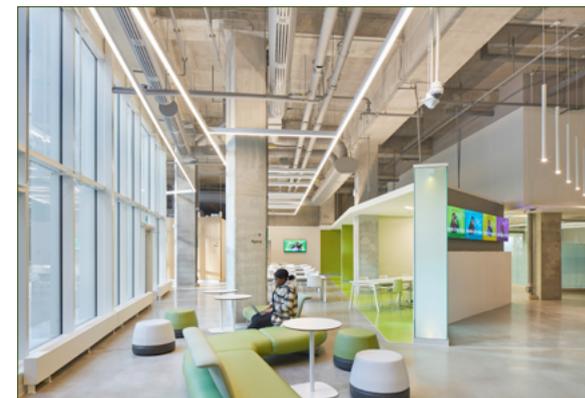
July 2021

- Enrolment of the first student cohort in UOF courses
- Completion of campus construction



August 2021

- Move to the campus at 9 Lower Jarvis Street in Toronto



September 2021

- First student cohort welcomed and classes begin



September 2021 (cont'd)

- Franco-Ontarian flag hoisted for the first time at the UOF



October 2021

- Publication of the issue of *Enjeux et Société* dedicated to the UOF



- President Pierre Ouellette discusses with Jean François Pinton of the École Normale Supérieure de Lyon about institutions that choose transdisciplinarity as the core of their model. A webinar organized by the Centre Jacques Cartier.



November 2021

- Nomination of UOF's first Chancellor, Paul Rouleau



November 2021 (cont'd)

- Official inauguration of the university



- First UOF open house
- First meeting of the Toronto chapter of ACFAS
- First UOF Senate meeting



December 2021

- End of the first academic session



January 2022

- Appointment of Sabine Soumare and Suzanne Kemenang to the Board of Governors



February 2022

- Hosting of a lecture by the Chief Scientist of Quebec, Rémi Quirion on campus



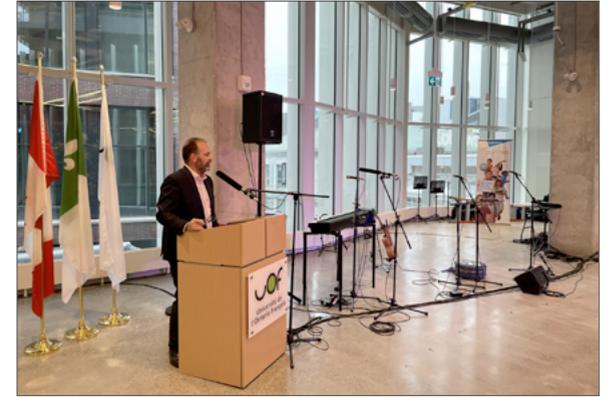
March 2022

- Toronto Metropolitan University and UOF panel
- UOF fair with webcast and campus visit



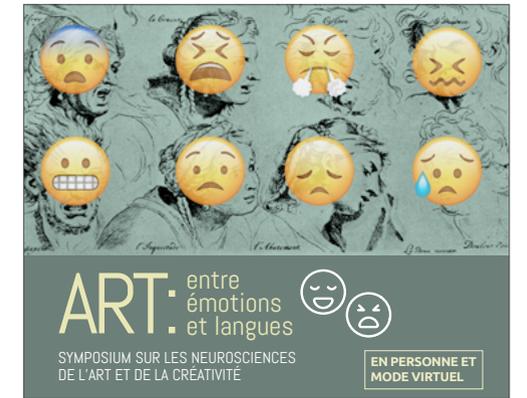
March 2022

- Toronto French Book Fair held on campus



April 2022

- BRAVO holds its symposium entitled "ART: between emotions and languages"



- Creation of informal public lecture series delivered by UOF professors to the university community



Our programs

An innovative pedagogical approach

Our innovative and distinctive pedagogical approach is designed to provide students with real-life experiences, allow them to solve real-life challenges, and to offer them internships tailored to their professional aspirations.



A pedagogical approach connected to the workplace

- An institution driven by innovation in teaching
- A pedagogical approach focused on developing the knowledge and skills sought after by the job market
- Ongoing case studies, internships and professional workshops
- Learning that eases the transition from school to work
- Cutting-edge programs
- A French-language university on a human scale, with a more person-oriented approach
- On-campus and distance learning available in real time or asynchronously

Our bachelor's degrees



Digital Cultures

- Tackles issues of creativity, innovation and the challenges brought on by the digital age.



Hela Zahar
Director



Economics and Social Innovation

- Addresses the socio-economic transformations and social innovations that are reshaping community issues and development.



Leandro Vergara-Camus
Director



Urban Environments

- Explores urban environments and the human activity that takes place in them.



Marie-Josée Therrien
Director



Human Plurality

- Examines human diversity by focusing on the challenges and processes of change that are shaping contemporary societies.



Paulin Mulatris
Director until
December 15th, 2021



Teaching and Learning

- Addresses theories of teaching and learning in Ontario's unique francophone minority context, as well as pedagogical practices.



Laurie Carlson Berg
Director



Programs

- **4** Bachelor's degrees
- **14** certificates and short programs

First student cohort

Nearly 100 students enrolled in the programs.



Staff

- Number of staff members = **62**
Including **13** professors.
- Number of hires during the year = **22**



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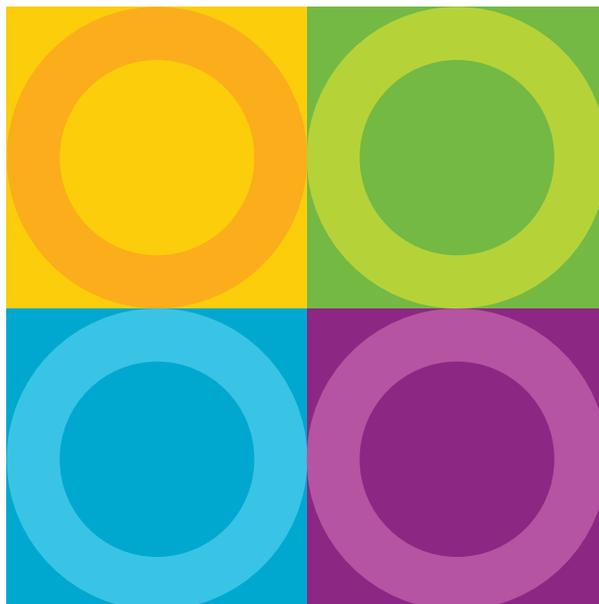
- Number of computers = **96**
(for employees, the lab)
- Number of servers = **25**
(virtual and physical)

Student experience

- **October 18, 2021:** First workshop organized by the wellness centre on stress management entitled "The Adaptation syndrome or the infamous stress".
- **November 1, 2021:** first meeting between the Canadian Federation of Students and the UOF student association
- **March 25, 2022:** first meeting of the student association
- **April 23, 2022:** first activity of the student association
 - A full-day conference on francophone interculturality, and end-of-term celebration with a dinner and party.

Finance

	Actual
	As April 30, 22
Revenue	\$ 14,512,347
Total revenue	\$ 14,512 347
Expenditure	
Employee salaries and benefits	\$ 7,414,398
Professional & consulting fees	\$ 1,242,178
Professional services	\$ 1,095,957
Marketing & Communication	\$ 895,100
Rental, repair and maintenance expenses	\$ 2,171,182
Technology infrastructure	\$ 506,022
Amortization	\$ 419,561
Others	\$ 477,260
Total expenditure	\$ 14,221,659
Surplus / deficit	\$ 290,689



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