

School of Occupational Therapy

RESEARCH PILLARS

2024

Harnessing the transformative power of occupation to collaboratively...



Optimize health & wellbeing



Build diverse & inclusive communities



Evolve Occupational Therapy practice & education



Advance social & occupational justice

STRATEGIC RESEARCH PRIORITIES

2024 - 2029

	1	Increase Support for, and Acquisition of, Research Funding
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- 1.1 Improve administrative support for research funding acquisition and growth
- 1.2 Secure specialized support for grant applications
- **1.3** Enhance our grant success repository
- 1.4 Nominate faculty for research awards and research chair opportunities

2 Advocate and Collaborate to Improve Research Infrastructure

- 2.1 Secure a research chair position in our school
- 2.2 Work with the REB to align applications with participatory action methodology and transformative research approaches
- 2.3 Continue to advocate for improved supports for the TRAC process

Foster Innovative, Diverse, and Responsive Programs of Research for Health and Social Impact

- 3.1 Identify and track traditional and non-traditional metrics to measure impact of research
- 3.2 Identify and share relevant grant opportunities
- 3.3 Develop research synergies in the school and across faculties to support research outputs and mentorship of junior faculty members

Foster Supportive Research Environments to Train and Mentor Undergraduate and Graduate Students, and Post-Doctoral Scholars

- 4.1 Grow our complement of HQP to increase research capacity in the school
- **4.2** Build infrastructure to ensure the success of all students
- **4.3** Attract strong undergraduate students
- 4.4 Integrate MScOT students in school's research activities

5 Develop and Enhance Partnerships

- **5.1** Explore national and international research partnership opportunities
- 5.2 Track and demonstrate the value and impacts of partnerships
- 5.3 Develop the Research to Practice series to build connections with, and be responsive to, the local and national occupational therapy community
- 5.4 Identify and connect with potential occupational therapy community partners

Develop Diverse Contextually Relevant Knowledge Mobilization (KMb) Activities

- 6.1 Identify and integrate metrics for measuring impact of KMb activities
- 6.2 Support mentorship, training, and resources in KMb
- **6.3** Identify KMb grants and opportunities
- 6.4 Work with FHS communications to develop and enact a purposeful and strategic communications plan using diverse communication strategies
- 6.5 Establish expertise and faculty members as the 'go-to' people in specific areas aligned with our research pillars