Information Is Everywhere, Experts Are Few.

2024/2025 Viewbook
We Study Information.

We are the centre for information professions, leading research that truly matters in the digital age.

Interdisciplinary Approach

With over 90 years of experience, we've pioneered and refined our interdisciplinary approach to provide you with the right blend of knowledge, practical experience and career preparation.

People. Information. Technology.

They intersect at the Faculty of Information, a launch pad for your future as a highly-skilled practitioner or researcher. Today's technologies have transformed the way we connect with, shape and use information and cultural heritage. We invite you to explore this rapidly evolving landscape.

Exceptional Faculty & Research

Our internationally recognized faculty come from distinguished academic institutions, leading corporations and renowned heritage institutions. Through collaborative ground-breaking research, our professors explore new and emerging areas of information and museum studies. This enables the faculty to deliver current and relevant instruction while nurturing your creativity, innovation and leadership. You'll also have access to an academic library ranked in the top three in North America.

"I wouldn't have learned those skills [in my current role] without working with instructors and the team at the Faculty."
- Maia Chapman, UXD, Product Designer

Acknowledgement of traditional land

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.
MUSEUMS ARE FOR PEOPLE, BY PEOPLE

The Master of Museum Studies (MMSt) program brings together leading researchers and practitioners to offer students the theory and professional experience they need to play a leading role in a wide variety of cultural institutions, from museums and galleries to science centres and heritage sites. Learn about the interactions between people, information and digital technologies. Learn how professionals organize, design, store, access and preserve information.

Headstart your career at the only English-speaking master program of its kind in Canada.

RENNOWNED RESEARCHERS

Our faculty members participate in ground-breaking, interdisciplinary research in areas covering:

- archaeology
- anthropology
- communication
- education
- sociology
- food studies
- visual studies

EXPLORE YOUR PATHWAY

Students in the MMSt program can follow 1 of 2 pathways:

**Capstone pathway**

Students in their final year of study design a project in collaboration with partnering cultural institutions. They develop their exhibitions from initial concept to final public showing.

**Thesis pathway**

Allows students to gain experience in developing and executing a research project from beginning to end.

All MMSt students complete fifteen half 7.5-credits regardless of pathway chosen.

SAMPLE COURSES

- Collections Management
- Ethics, Leadership, Management
- The Museum Exhibition: Histories, Practices, Genres
- Museum & Cultural Heritage: Context & Critical Issues
- Museum Planning & Management: Projects, Fundraising & Human Resources
- Project Management
- Museum Studies Capstone Project
- Public Programs & Education
- Curatorial Practice
Students in the MMSt program are given a unique career advantage

Students in the MMSt program gain the critical knowledge skills, and boldness to advocate for change in cultural institutions.

Internships: Students participate in optional internships, developing their skills at museums and heritage institutions across Canada and beyond.

Exhibition Project: Students in their final year of study design a project in collaboration with partnering cultural institutions.

Plus: Collaborative group work, Student clubs and associations, iSkills workshops, Work study, Job shadowing, Networking events, Ask an Alum

Our graduates are in demand, and it shows

*According to those who responded to 2022 Alumni Employment Survey

Our graduates go onto to work for many reputable organizations, such as: Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Heritage Trust, Association of Nova Scotia Museums, Heritage York, Royal Botanical Gardens, and more!
MASTER OF INFORMATION

WE STUDY INFORMATION.
The Master of Information (MI) program explores information and knowledge management in all its breadth, depth and richness. With many different concentrations options – and the opportunity to customize your program – the MI provides students the theory and skills needed to excel across a wide variety of research and career paths. Information is everywhere. Experts are few.

EXPLORE YOUR PATHWAY
There are three different pathways you can take to complete your MI degree. Discover a pathway best suited for you!

- Coursework only
- Concentration + Thesis
- Concentration + Co-op

Please note that the MI program requires students to complete 8.0-credits regardless of pathway chosen.

CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION
This option allows students to gain valuable work experience through two consecutive 12-week work terms in a full-time paid role. It is an opportunity to apply knowledge in a professional situation and gain academic credit.

TALint PROGRAM
The Toronto Academic Libraries Internship program (TALint) provides interns the opportunity to work in a variety of departments at the University of Toronto, such as university archives, media commons, engineering library, and outreach.

PRACTICUM
Two practicum courses (105 hours) are offered which provide the opportunity to work on real projects in an organization in your area of interest.

OUR GRADUATES ARE IN DEMAND
91% of MI graduates found employment within a year of graduation.

*92% of CDP graduates found employment within a year of graduation
*According to those who responded to 2022 Alumni Employment Survey

Our graduates go on to work for reputable organizations such as the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Ontario Public Service, Deloitte Digital, Archives of Ontario, SunLife and more!

"As I transition my career from graphic design and animation to UX design & research, the experience I gained at my placement has given me confidence and equipped me with the knowledge and skills required to take on the industry. I would highly recommend the co-op program to anyone looking for valuable industry experience."

- Melissa Kumaresan, UXD, Class of 2021
With **five concentrations** in our MI program, find the one best suited for you.

**ISD: INFORMATION SYSTEMS & DESIGN**

The Information Systems + Design (ISD) concentration focuses on the intersection of people, information technologies and organizations. It’s where theory and practice meet in the design of complex information systems. ISD enables students to build expertise in the design, management, and implementation of software and information systems across a wide variety of media, organizations and businesses.

**LIS: LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE**

There are billions of people on the planet and there are billions of publications. Library + Information Science (LIS) brings the two together to solve this generation’s most vexing problems. LIS contributes to the building of a better world by allowing documents to engage with the imagination. Focus areas include academic, public and special librarianship, government documents, information and information resources and collections.

**ARM: ARCHIVES & RECORDS MANAGEMENT**

The importance of archives and records for democracy – and for future generations – cannot be overstated. But how do we preserve (let alone record) information in a digital age defined by continual change? Learn how to identify, manage and preserve analog and digital archives and records and be inspired by the leading researchers and faculty in Archives + Records Management (ARM).

**HCDS: HUMAN CENTERED DATA SCIENCE**

The HCDS concentration allows students to understand the fundamental concepts, theories, practices and different horizons in which data is retrieved and manipulated, while they apply new technological developments and realize the impact such developments may have on society. HCDS students will develop knowledge of software principles and practices, programming concepts and techniques, data structures, and system development methods + practices.

**UXD: USER EXPERIENCE DESIGN**

Learn how to create better digital environments. The UXD concentration considers ways in which people interact with technology by studying typical users, context of uses, interaction techniques and resulting emotions, and a variety of other UX assessment techniques. With UXD, students gain the skills they need to become professional UX practitioners through a combination of theoretical and hands-on instruction from academic and industry leaders.

**INSTITUTES & LABS**

The Faculty of Information is also home to a number of Institutes and Labs:

- Centre for Culture & Technology
- Digital Curation Institute
- Identity, Privacy & Security Institute
- Knowledge Media Design Institute - Semaphore
- Technoscience Research Unit
- Critical Making Laboratory
- Artificial Intelligence for Justice
THE COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAM (CDP) OPTION ALLOWS STUDENTS TO PURSUE THE MASTER OF INFORMATION AND THE MASTER OF MUSEUM STUDIES AT THE SAME TIME.

Are you interested in both of our master's programs? Why not take both!
With the combined degree program, students can gain greater expertise in the intersection of the Master of Museum Studies and the Master of Information.

Program Length: 3 years
Recommended for students interested in: Museum informatics, digital cultural heritage, cultural information policy, the intersection of cultural memory institutions (libraries, archives, and museums), digital curation and use of social networking technologies in museums.

EXPLORE YOUR PATHWAY.
Are you interested in pursuing both an MMSt and an MI? Here is how the CDP option would work!

Please note that the CDP option requires students to complete 13.0 credits worth of courses

PROGRAM SEQUENCE.
CDP students typically follow the following sequence of enrolment and registration:
Year 1 as an MI student
Year 2 as an MMSt student
Year 3 with dual registration in both the MI and MMSt programs

CAREERS.
According to the Committee on Libraries, Archives and Museums (CALM), established by the American Library Association, there is large interest in collaboration, convergence and joint standards among these institutions. Overlapping roles and integrated access to collections are good reasons for such partnerships. Museums cannot be imagined without websites, and it's increasingly common to have collections digitally recorded in a database or information system.

The use of interactive kiosks, 3D technology, mobile apps and the latest digital tools is growing as museums are integrating technology in all aspects of their operations. At the annual conference "Museums and the Web", presentations on "user experience design in web museums", "museum informatics" and "digital curation" are further uncovering this trend. Big data is a hot topic in information and museum fields, while conversations about usability, access to information, crowdsourcing, cloud computing, and digital preservation are gaining more attention in both areas. Finally, there is a growing involvement in social justice-related matters such as fostering equity, diversity and inclusion.
A REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

Established in 1827, the University of Toronto is one of the world’s foremost institutions in terms of academic achievement and at the forefront of innovation. The University of Toronto’s ranking for academic work and research, as well as employability of our graduates, is among the best in the world and ranked #1 in Canada.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ENVIRONMENT

Whether you are taking a Master of Information or Master of Museum Studies, Toronto is the best place to launch your career.

Located in the heart of Toronto, we are only minutes away from major Canadian heritage institutions, such as the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario, and the largest public library system in North America, with over 100 library branches in the city. Toronto is enriched in diversity and is one of the world’s safest and most vibrant cities in the world.

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI HAVE ACCESS TO A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES DESIGNED TO ASSIST THEM THROUGHOUT THEIR GRADUATE STUDIES

iSkills Workshops
Students can participate in professional, academic and technical workshops that offer practical skills. These workshops cover a variety of topics, from creating a quality resume to learning HTML and Python.

Actively Engaged Alumni
Through our Ask an Alum and Job Shadowing programs, current students can receive mentorship and guidance from our alumni.

Student Services
We have a helpful student services team that assists with academic, administrative, financial and personal concerns.
The Faculty of Information is home to student associations and organizations that strive to support students throughout their masters journey. Here are a few of the many organizations affiliated with the iSchool.

**Master of Museum Studies Student Association (MUSSA)**
MUSSA represents and serves Master of Museum Studies (MMSt) and Combined Degree Program (CDP) students at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Information.

**Museum Professionals of Colour (MPOC)**
MPOC is a University of Toronto based student association aimed at addressing racial diversity within the Faculty of Information's Master of Museum Studies (MMSt) program and the museum sector as a whole.

**Master of Information Student Council (MISC)**
MISC is a group of elected students that work to improve student life for MI students in the UofT Faculty of Information. MISC advocates for student needs, organizes events & opportunities for professional development, and creates a sense of community among students.
Apply Today.

Here's what you need to know about applying to our graduate programs at the Faculty of Information.

Eligibility

An appropriate Bachelor’s degree (4 year degree or equivalent) from a recognized university. The degree may be in any discipline or area of study, and must normally contain at least 75% academic credits.

The minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) on the admitting Bachelor’s degree for consideration:
MI + MMSt: Mid B (3.0/4.0).

Application Deadline

**Masters:** Online Application Opens October 1

The deadline for applications to the MI and MMSt is **February 8**

The online application form, including payment of the application fee, as well as all of your supporting documents must be submitted by this date. Please note an application with supporting documents submitted beyond this date will be considered as incomplete and will not be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

Application Checklist

1. Submit and pay for the online admissions application at: [https://admissions.sgs.utoronto.ca/apply/](https://admissions.sgs.utoronto.ca/apply/)
2. As part of the online application form, enter the referee name and email for the 2 required academic referees
3. Upload your Statement of Intent and Resume / CV
4. Choose your concentration (for MI only). Students will be admitted to one of their top 2 concentration selections. You will rank your concentration of interest in order of preference in the online application.
5. Submit official language test scores, if applicable, must be sent directly from the test centre

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**Year 1 Program Fees (2023):**

| **Full-Time, domestic:** $12,348 | **Full-Time, domestic:** $12,393 |
| **Part-Time, domestic:** $4,212 | **Full-Time, international:** $44,969 |
| **Full-Time, international:** $44,994 | **Part-Time, international:** $14,535 |
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