



## **Hello Newly Admitted Daniels Faculty Undergraduate Students!**

### **A Message from Interim Dean Robert Wright**

Congratulations on your acceptance to the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design at the University of Toronto!

You distinguished yourself among a very strong field of applicants, and for that you should feel proud.

At Daniels, you will receive a broad undergraduate education that prepares you to think and solve problems through a design lens. Our faculty members are some of the world's top experts on architecture, landscape architecture, urban design, visual art, and forestry. Our alumni are leaders in their fields, both within Canada and around the world. Our university, U of T, is a renowned research institution where you can meet and make connections with people from hundreds of different disciplines. And you'll be studying in Toronto, an international hub of business and culture.

The Daniels Building, our home at One Spadina Crescent, is a bold work of architecture and landscape on a landmark urban site, set between the University of Toronto's St. George campus and the downtown core. The building has light-filled studios, a stunning modern library and dedicated reading room, and sprawling student commons. Our digital fabrication laboratory is equipped to turn your ideas into reality. And our new, 7,500-square-foot Architecture and Design Gallery will host exhibitions that will put us — and you — at the centre of the city's design discourse.

You are probably wondering when (or, whether) you'll have the opportunity to experience all of these amenities, considering the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. It is true that the virus has forced us to change the way we deliver instruction. Although there is still a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the 2021-2022 academic year, I can share this much with you: if we are permitted by government and university authorities to reopen our building for in-person instruction in fall, we will do so safely.

Assuming we are able to resume in-person teaching in the fall semester, we will still guarantee the availability of online instruction to all students. This means that if even if you can't physically be present in Toronto in the fall, you will still be able to take all of your required classes and studios remotely. The course credit you receive will be equal to that received by students studying locally.

Your professors are experienced at delivering an excellent distance-learning experience. Online learners will receive the same outstanding instruction that generations of our students have received. The pandemic has interfered with many things in our lives, but it has not stopped — and will not stop — the Daniels Faculty.

We will keep you updated as our plans for fall semester evolve.

In the meantime, if you have any urgent questions or concerns about the coming school year, do not hesitate to contact our Office of the Registrar and Student Services, at [undergraduate@daniels.utoronto.ca](mailto:undergraduate@daniels.utoronto.ca). Our staff members are here to help you.

We will be hosting online orientation events in late June or early July, which I encourage you to join. You will receive an email with details closer to that time.

Again, congratulations on your admission to the Daniels Faculty! We hope that you will join us this fall.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Wright", is displayed on a light pink rectangular background.

Robert Wright  
Interim Dean

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