

TRENT CENTRE FOR AGING & SOCIETY

SHOWCASING TRENT UNIVERSITY'S
LEADERSHIP IN INTERDISCIPLINARY
AGING STUDIES



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Fostering meaningful dialogue that challenges entrenched ideas about aging, old age and older people

Our vision

Trent University, one of Canada’s few designated age-friendly universities, is situated in one of Canada’s most rapidly aging regions, and is home to TCAS, a world-class research centre that seeks to celebrate aging, understand diverse experiences of aging, and challenge ageist practices in our communities and culture. TCAS’ award-winning membership – faculty, staff, students, and community members – is at the forefront of advancing interdisciplinary aging studies across disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, and the sciences.



Why the TCAS matters

Research & Innovation

The Trent Centre for Aging & Society offers scholars, students, and community partners a place to take part in innovative research, education, and community engagement that challenges ageist policies and practices and is responsive to the issues facing older people and aging communities.

Education and Scholarship

Our research-based curriculum continues to grow, supporting both undergraduate and graduate courses that offer foundations and advanced graduate training. TCAS is home to the M.A. in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies, a thesis-based graduate program that fosters an understanding of key conceptual and methodological foundations of interdisciplinary aging studies, executed from a research and applied perspective. Additionally, our Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies is open to any graduate student at Trent interested in integrating an understanding of aging into their primary research program.

Age-Friendly Communities

Building on a world-class reputation for leadership in interdisciplinary aging studies, Trent University has become one of a handful of Canadian institutions to have officially joined the Age-Friendly University (AFU) Global Network, an international network of universities committed to recognizing the distinctive contributions institutions of higher education can make to respond to the interests and needs of an aging population. As TCAS grows, our goal is to support Trent in becoming the first truly intergenerational university in Canada.



What are we doing?

Key Objectives

- 1** Cultivate new areas of research through leading programs and curriculum, TCAS Canada Research Chairs and award-winning faculty are mentoring the next generation of aging scholars.
- 2** Foster experiential learning that can help answer society’s most pressing questions and lead to momentous change while developing new intergenerational learning opportunities.
- 3** Share our research outside the walls of the university. The TCAS Knowledge Mobilization Hub supports TCAS research in effectively informing best practices that will support older adults aging in their homes, in communities, and in institutions.
- 4** Share the experiences and knowledge of Indigenous older adults and Elders, particularly highlighting the opportunities associated with incorporating Indigenous ways of knowing about aging into the academic zeitgeist.
- 5** Provide a focal point with which to attract infrastructure and research funding, as well as top tier students, staff, and faculty in this rapidly growing and socially important field.

What is special about TCAS?

Supporting Canada's first intergenerational university campus

With the development of the University-Integrated Seniors Village project, anchored by a 224-bed long-term care home on Trent's Symons campus, a project on which TCAS is the academic lead, Trent students and older Peterborough residents will live and learn together, creating an intergenerational campus environment naturally conducive to challenging ageist misconceptions.

Interdisciplinary aging research

From its home at Trent University, TCAS supports and engages with scholars from the Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences, and Sciences, facilitating a complex and well-rounded understanding of aging and the experiences of older Canadians, with a particular emphasis on interdisciplinary aging research.



Knowledge mobilization and community connections

Through the TCAS Knowledge Mobilization Hub, our Aging & Society Seminar Series, and the internationally acclaimed Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies Program, TCAS champions the co-creation of knowledge and amplifies the impactful work of key researchers in the field of aging on a local to global scale.



TRENT IS ONTARIO'S FIRST AGE-FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

2010

- **Peterborough region has oldest population in Canada**
- Founding of Trent's multidisciplinary Aging Studies Collaborative

2012

- Trent hosts inaugural Age-Friendly Peterborough Seniors Summit
- **Trent appoints its first Canada Research Chair in Aging**

2013

- **TCAS formally established by Senate**
- TCAS receives SSHRC Aid to Small Universities Grant

2014

- TCAS welcomes first members
- **Aging & Society Seminar Series launched**

2015

- TCAS forms external collaborative research partnerships
- Trent offers first course on interdisciplinary aging studies

2016

- TCAS welcomes first cohort of international visiting scholars and students
- **Trent appoints its second Canada Research Chair in Aging**

2017

- **TCAS endows Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies**
- Launches Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies program

2018

- TCAS moves to newly renovated Bata Library
- **Trent joins global network of Age-Friendly Universities**

2019

- TCAS hosts 300+ at TrentAging 2019 international conference
- **Trent Board of Governors approves vision for University-Integrated Seniors Village**

2020

- COVID-19 puts aging care in the global spotlight
- 7 TCAS faculty receive research grants to study COVID-19

2021

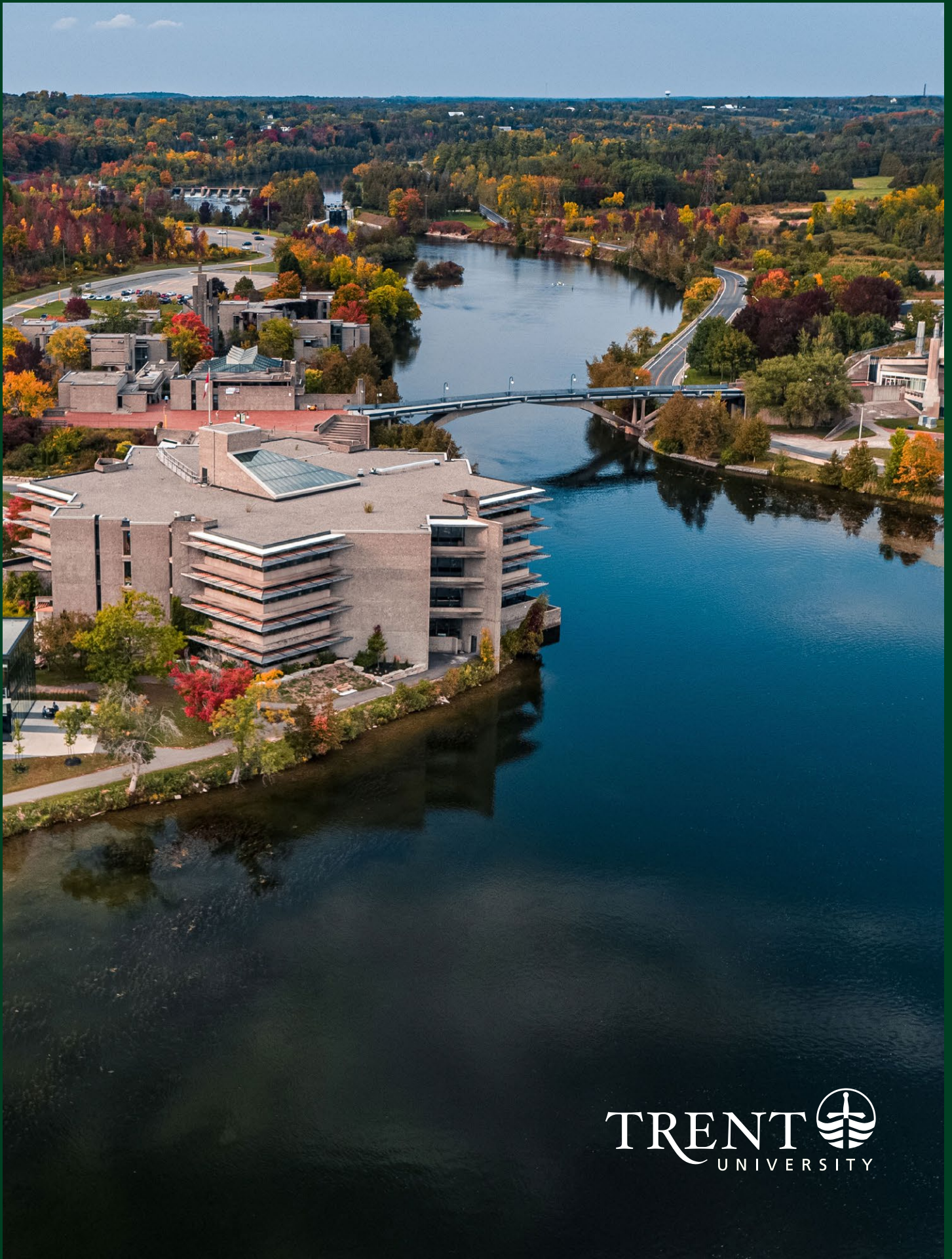
- **peopleCare Communities awarded 224-bed LTC home at Trent**
- Trent appoints its third Canada Research Chair in Aging

2022

- **TCAS partners with Chanie Wenjack School to host Indigenous Aging Scholars**
- TCAS launches intergenerational Canada HomeShare Peterborough

2023

- **TCAS launches new M.A. in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies graduate program**
- TCAS delegation represents Trent University at G7 Summit on Healthy Aging



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