

2023-2024

UTIHI QI PROJECTS QUICK GUIDE





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ABOUT UTIHI

University of Toronto's Institute for Healthcare Improvement Open School Chapter

UTIHI is a local chapter established in 2009 as part of the larger [Institute of Healthcare Improvement \(IHI\) Open School](#).

Currently, IHI is made up of 900 chapters in over 90 countries worldwide. We represent students across various departments at the University of Toronto, such as nursing, pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, medical radiation, engineering, allied health professionals, social work, kinesiology, health policy, management, and public health.

We are committed to connecting you to quality improvement and patient safety opportunities in established healthcare communities across Toronto. You will gain foundational skills, knowledge, and valuable experience to become an agent of change for the future.



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

UTIHI's QI Program was founded in 2010. The inaugural cohort, consisting of 24 students across 6 project sites, presented their work at our [First Annual QulPS Conference](#) in 2011. Since then, UTIHI has facilitated **student-led QulPS projects at over 30 healthcare sites and institutions** across the GTA. Our program was the original pilot site for the IHI's QI practicum certificate, and has repeatedly been recognized for its creation of **exemplary QI projects and student learning opportunities**. In recognizing our goal of providing accessible QI education to students and early career professionals, there are **no costs** associated with the program thanks to the contributions of our industry partners and volunteers.



We match University of Toronto students with healthcare professionals in organizations throughout the GTA. These multidisciplinary teams of 3-4 students complete QI/Patient Safety projects and have the opportunity to showcase their work during our annual conference in Late April / Early May



CALL FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Project Champion Applications are Now Open for the 2023-2024 Year

Prospective Project Champions are invited to submit an application to UTIHI with details on their proposed project, including the identified problem and an overview of how a QI project may positively impact the organization or patient population. For more information see the 'Project Champion Handbook' on www.utihi.com/qi-projects

- Project Champions do not need to be affiliated with the University of Toronto
- The proposed student QI project should have a duration of around 6 months. You are welcome to continue your QI initiative beyond this timeline, either individually or through participation in next year's QI program.
- Information contained within the application will help the UTIHI team with the student matching process.

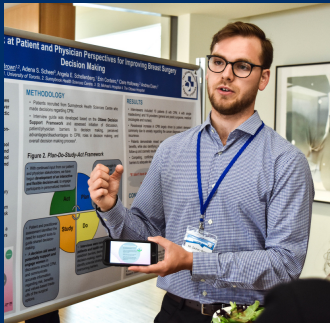
Please email the application form by the deadline to
utihi@studentorg.utoronto.ca

Champion Application Deadline: August 1st, 2023

CHAMPION EXPECTATIONS

As a Champion, you will:

- Work closely with the students
- Improve care in an area of interest
- Gain practical experience mentoring learners in quality improvement, which is valued by educational systems and employers



Responsibilities

- Reviewing the Project Champion Handbook
- Committing to mentoring/advising a team of students
- Setting aside time to meet regularly, review practicum forms, and provide ongoing feedback/guidance
- Supporting learners by identifying available resources, including forms and tools.
- Advocate for the project within the health system

Checklist

- Review the first draft of the project charter and provide feedback
- Meet with the students to give feedback on their project charter
- Review the cause-and-effect diagram and give feedback
- Review the students' PDSA cycles and run charts, and give feedback as needed
- Review the final summary report, ensuring the data and narrative are accurate
- Provide permission (if possible) for the project to be presented at the UTIHI QuIPS Conference

AT A GLANCE TIMELINE

2023

AUG CHAMPION APPLICATION DEADLINE-AUG 1ST

SEP STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINE-SEP 15

OCT WELCOME EVENT-TBD
ONBOARDING PROCESS

NOV REGULAR MONTHLY CHECK-INS BEGIN
BEGIN QI EDUCATIONAL MODULES

DEC CONT. EDUCATIONAL MODULES

2024

JAN MID-TERM REFLECTION DUE

FEB WORK THROUGH PDSA CYCLE AND OTHER QI
EDUCATIONAL MODULES

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APR FINAL SUBMISSION OF REPORT, PRESENTATIONS





CONTACT INFORMATION



If you have any questions, or would like to speak to us regarding the suitability of potential project ideas, please reach out to the **Practical Experience Directors, Tafsia Hussain and Julia Novielli**

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