

UPLEARN UPDATE

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At UPLEARN, one of the initiatives we are proud to have launched with DFCM Research is the Ideas 2 Proposal (I2P) course. More details below, but we hope this plays a key role in helping faculty and trainees to succeed with grant proposals and to grow their networks. Related, in 2025 we anticipate playing a bigger role with grants, as UPLEARN team members support faculty. Our other priority this year is advancing appropriate and safe work with electronic medical record data, creating a system that helps support local quality improvement and research.

HIGHLIGHTS

IDEAS 2 PROPOSAL COURSE: WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED NEXT MONTH!

As we head into the final month of the I2P Course, hosted by the DFCM Research Program and UPLEARN, participants have made their way through six sessions, each preparing them to complete a different section of their own grant proposals. On April 28, participants will meet in person at the DFCM to present their proposals for the chance to win one of three monetary awards, generously funded by the Waddington Family Foundation.

The I2P Course focuses on building primary care research capacity within and beyond the DFCM and its academic sites by equipping early-stage investigators with the knowledge and tools necessary to transform a primary care research concept into a distinct research question and develop it into a competitive research proposal. The overall goals of the I2P are to:

- Improve early-stage researcher confidence in participating in and leading research.
- Increase the competitiveness of research proposals in achieving funding awards.
- Enhance research connections within and between the DFCM and academic sites.

Stay tuned for our May 2025 UPLEARN Update for a feature on our winning participants and their projects!

Registration for the 2026 I2P Course will launch in Fall 2025.

DISCOVER SCOPE: A RESOURCE TO ENHANCE PRIMARY CARE SUPPORT/CARE COORDINATION

During each of UPLEARN's site visits in 2024-2025, site staff were asked what questions they faced on a day-to-day basis. One of the primary questions raised was how to better coordinate care for their patients. We are sharing a resource below that aims to support primary care providers in this regard.

Seamless Care Optimizing the Patient Experience (SCOPE) is a collaborative initiative that connects primary care providers with a network of specialists, resources, and support services. Its goal is to streamline patient care, reduce strain on clinical resources, and improve overall patient outcomes. Please note, UPLEARN and the DFCM Research Program are not affiliated with SCOPE.

Key features:

- Access to Specialists: Direct access to a network of specialists for consultations and advice.
- Resource Hub: A comprehensive library of resources, including clinical guidelines, patient education materials, and best practices.
- Support Services: Assistance with care coordination, referrals, and navigating the healthcare system.
- Continuing Education: Opportunities for professional development through workshops, webinars, and training sessions.

Further information about SCOPE, its benefits, and how to get started with the program, can be found [here](#).

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

- Do you have a project or proposal you would like to submit for UPLEARN support and partnership? Please go through the [UPLEARN intake process](#) to submit your request!
- Have other questions about UPLEARN and how to get involved? Please get in touch with Jamie Wang, Research Project Coordinator (jamie.wang@utoronto.ca).

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