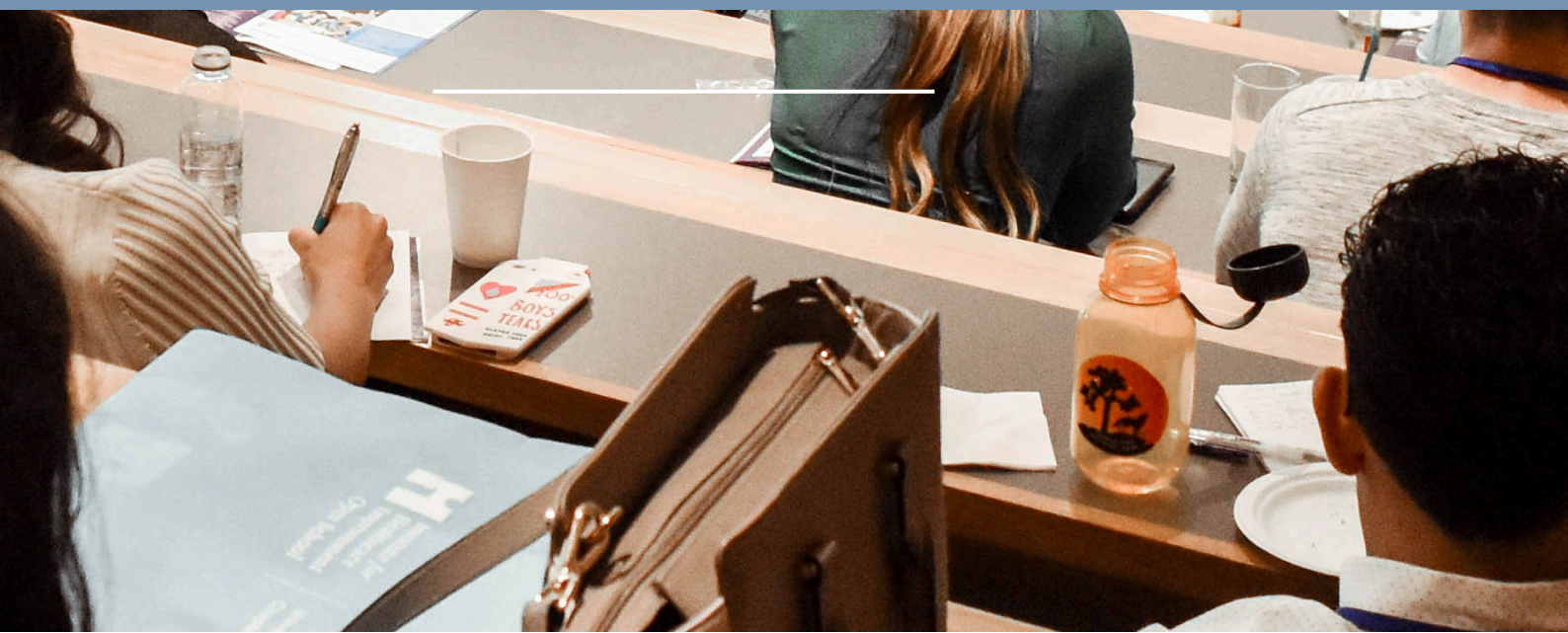


# 2024-2025 UTIHI QI PROJECTS QUICK GUIDE





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

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

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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

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## Project Champion Applications are Now Open for the 2024-2025 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](http://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.

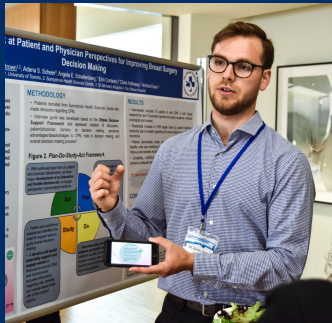
Please email the application form by the deadline to  
[utihi@studentorg.utoronto.ca](mailto:utihi@studentorg.utoronto.ca)

**Champion Application Deadline: August 2, 2024**

# 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

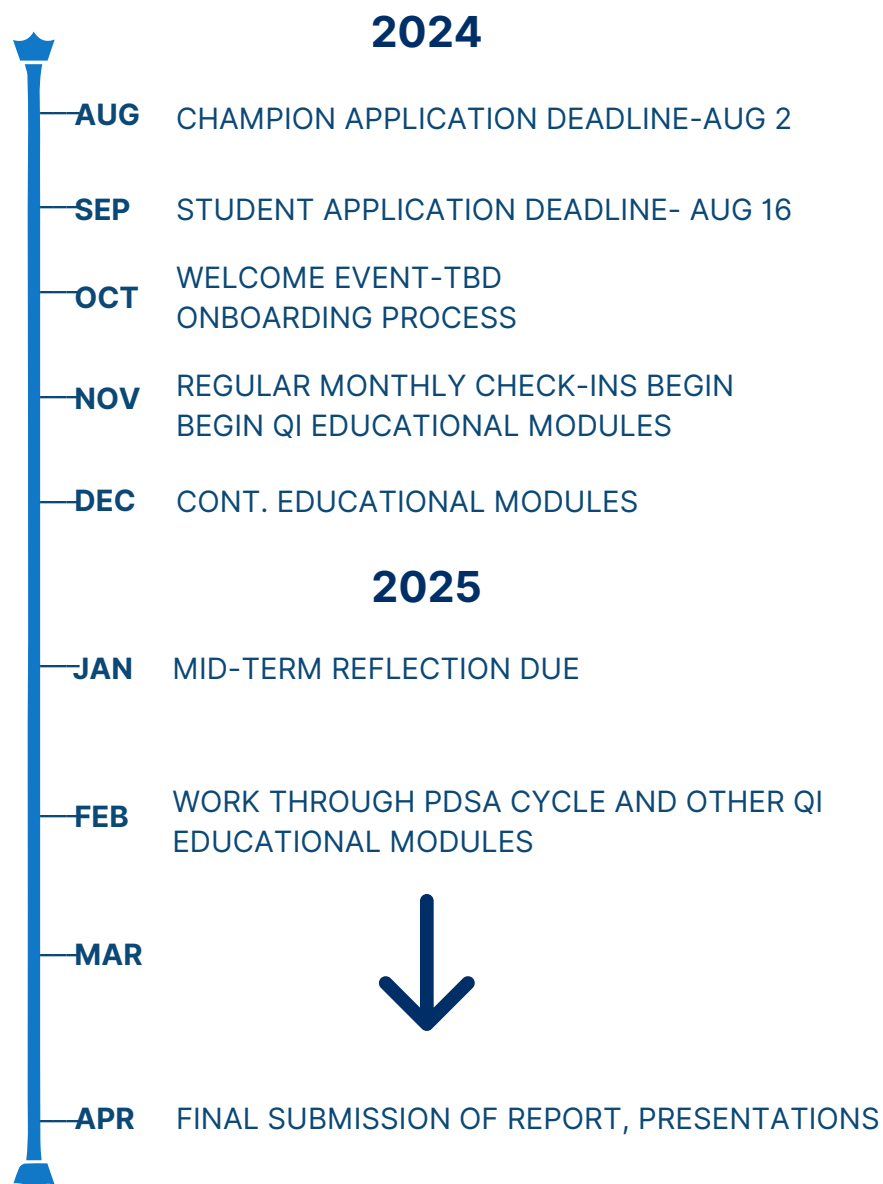
- Reviewing the Project Champion Handbook
- Committing to mentoring/advising a team of students
- Setting aside time to meet regularly, review practicum forms, and provide ongoing feedback/guidance
- Supporting learners by identifying available resources, including forms and tools.
- Advocate for the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





# CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, or want to speak to us regarding the suitability of potential project ideas, please reach out to the **Practical Experience Director, Shreya Gramolini** or **Associate Director Emma Cooper**

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