

Prospective Professors in Training (PPIT) Program

The Prospective Professors in Training (PPIT) program prepares PhD students for the rigors of applying to, and holding an academic position. PPIT prepares students to develop all components of an effective academic application package (CV, cover letter, teaching dossier, and research statement), as well as for an academic job interview. Students also learn how early-career academics best manage their time and resources between teaching, research, and university administration duties. Finally, the course APS1203 - Teaching Engineering in Higher Education – is an essential part of the PPIT program.

PPIT participants are expected to complete the program within 12 calendar months, although this timeline may be extended to 24 months depending on a student's schedule.

To be considered for the PPIT program, all candidates must have:

- completed at least the first year of their PhD program;
- completed their qualifying and/or comprehensive exams (or intend to complete by November 1, 2016);
- submitted a completed PPIT application (this document, plus a CV) with the endorsement (signature) of their PhD supervisor;
- have obtained a minimum cumulative GPA of A-.

We can only accommodate a limited number of participants. Applications will be assessed on the basis of academic and research excellence, as judged by the CV, and by the level of interest and the learning expectations of the applicant, as demonstrated in this application.

Application Deadline: Tuesday, September 15, 2016.

The program will begin October 2016. All applicants will be notified by late September regarding admission to the program.

Submit your application electronically as an email attachment (preferred), or as a hardcopy to:

Cathy Grilo, Faculty Research and Graduate Coordinator
Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering
44 St. George Street

Tel: 416-946-3038

Email: cathy.grilo@utoronto.ca

Application

- complete this form, have your supervisor sign it, and include your CV.

Name: _____

University email: _____

Department: _____

For the purposes of PPIT workshop development, please indicate whether you already have a preference for:

a research stream position a teaching stream position you're not sure yet

On a separate page, in 250 words or less, briefly explain your interest in PPIT, and in becoming a professor. There's no right answer to this, but you might consider answering some/all of the following questions:

- Are you exploring the possibility of being a prof, or certain that you want to be one? Why this interest?
- What do you know of the academic hiring process, and of the odds of landing a faculty position?
- If there was one question you could ask a professor about how to become one, what would that be?
- Are there particular aspects of the academic hiring process, and about becoming and being a professor, that you would like to see addressed in PPIT?

For the supervisor: - by signing, you agree to allow this student to enrol in the PPIT program.

Will the applicant have completed qualifying and/or comprehensive exams by November 1, 2016?

Yes _____ No _____

Supervisor name: _____ Signature: _____