

THE LANDMARK PROJECT: ST. GEORGE CAMPUS BEFORE AND AFTER



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“ The Landmark Project will reimagine the historic core of the St. George campus by creating dynamic, open spaces where students, faculty and the wider community can come together in new and unexpected ways. The benefits of a beautiful and multi-use green space of this size in the heart of the city will be enjoyed by Torontonians for generations to come. ”

— Meric Gertler, President, University of Toronto



A BOLD PLAN

University campuses are, above all, places for people. A well-designed campus, with lively and attractive open-air spaces, offers a more inspiring, innovative and inviting place to live, learn and work.

The Landmark Project recaptures the original open spirit of the St. George campus by returning King's College Circle to pedestrians and creating beautifully designed and integrated pathways, gathering areas and green spaces befitting the University of Toronto's standing as one of the world's great universities.

The removal of surface parking and the addition of pavilions, plazas, cafés, seating areas and other multi-use spaces will introduce intimate places to study, eat lunch, meet in small, informal groups or relax between classes, as well as more open spaces for sports, concerts, screenings and larger public gatherings.

The Landmark Project will enhance the thriving centre of this campus, elevating the student experience and offering greater opportunities for all members of our community to come together with a stronger sense of connection to one another and to the University as a whole.





Front Campus is the symbolic heart of the St. George campus. Removing car parking and installing a “necklace” of granite pathways and more than 20 new gardens will make the space more intimate and pedestrian-friendly. The area will be beautified with new plantings and the turf will be refurbished to withstand the varied uses of this much-beloved green space.



Removing asphalt and introducing a large granite plaza with seating areas will complement the classical architecture of **Convocation Hall**. In addition to graduation ceremonies, the plaza outside Convocation Hall will support a wide assortment of University and public events throughout the year.





A plaza in front of the J. Robert S. Prichard Alumni House will welcome students and other members of the U of T community arriving from the west side of campus. A newly graded, accessible entrance to J. Robert S. Prichard House will become an expanded plaza with paths leading to King's College Circle and a glassed-in pavilion that leads to an underground parking facility. New seating areas will encourage casual gathering and conversation.



A stunning “necklace” of granite pathways and approximately 20 new mini-gardens will ring the perimeter of King’s College Circle. Benches will be situated to frame views of the grounds and historic architecture. New trees and plantings will provide shade and create a variety of distinct spaces for studying, relaxing and socializing. Textured paving will significantly improve the area’s safety and accessibility.





The **Medical Sciences District** will be transformed through numerous new amenities and enhancements. Gently sloping paths and terraced seat walls will replace the stairs leading from King's College Circle to the Medical Sciences Building, creating a universally accessible entrance as well as a generous space of arrival.



The heart of the **Medical Sciences plaza and pavilion** will feature the new south pavilion, a meeting place featuring a café and ample indoor and outdoor seating.



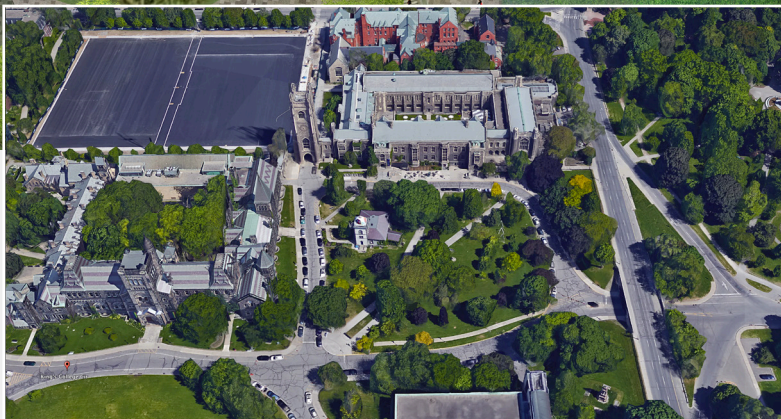


East entry ramp to Medical Sciences Building



Medical Sciences Building courtyard





Hart House Circle



The revitalized **Hart House** landscape will be organized around a series of inter-connected pedestrian paths that will lead to an expanded seating terrace, additional seating areas and new gardens that will accommodate events and encourage conversation, study and relaxation. Removal of surface parking, ample green spaces and a mature tree canopy will create the kind of oasis rarely found on a downtown campus.





A new plaza outside **Soldiers' Tower** and **Hart House** will be purposefully designed to accommodate multiple types of gatherings and events—from a beautiful outdoor space to eat lunch to the annual Remembrance Day ceremony that attracts hundreds of observers.



To create a more powerful and explicit connection to the campus core, **Tower Road** will be extended south through the iconic Soldiers' Tower. A row of trees will line the west side of Tower Road and mediate the transition from the Back Campus fields to the adjacent traditional architecture facades. Similarly, benches and pedestrian light poles direct attention away from the stadium lights, recovering a human-scaled experience for this important corridor.

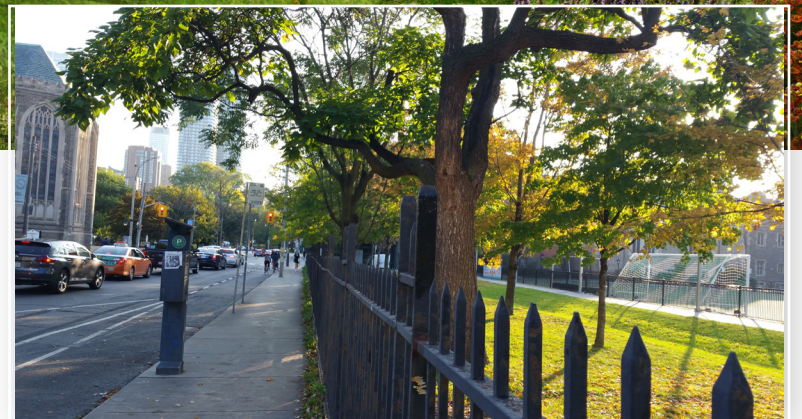


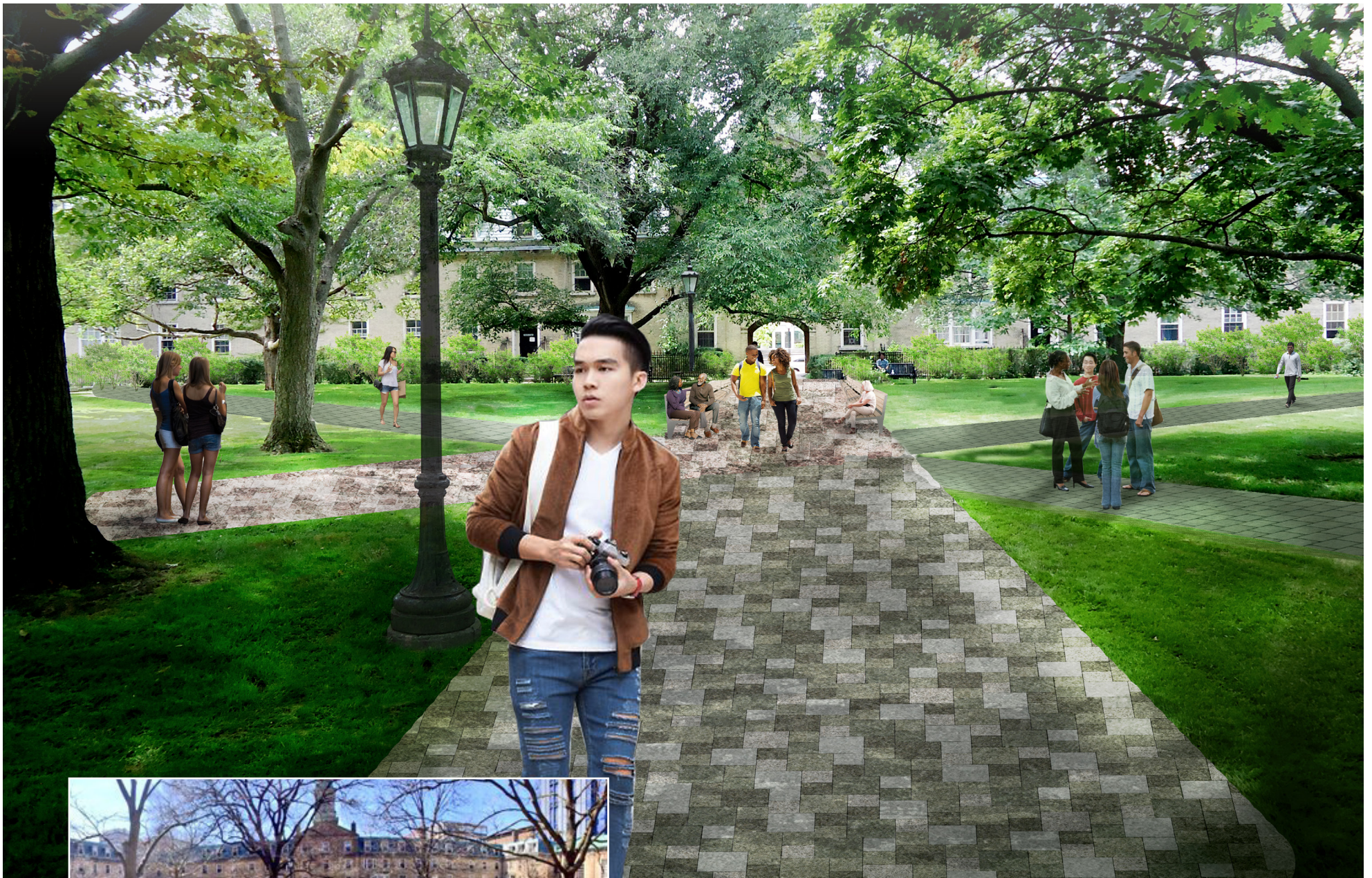


Terraced seating along the **Back Campus** fields will provide a comfortable place to watch sporting events and create a more accessible and socially dynamic destination for the U of T community and the wider public.

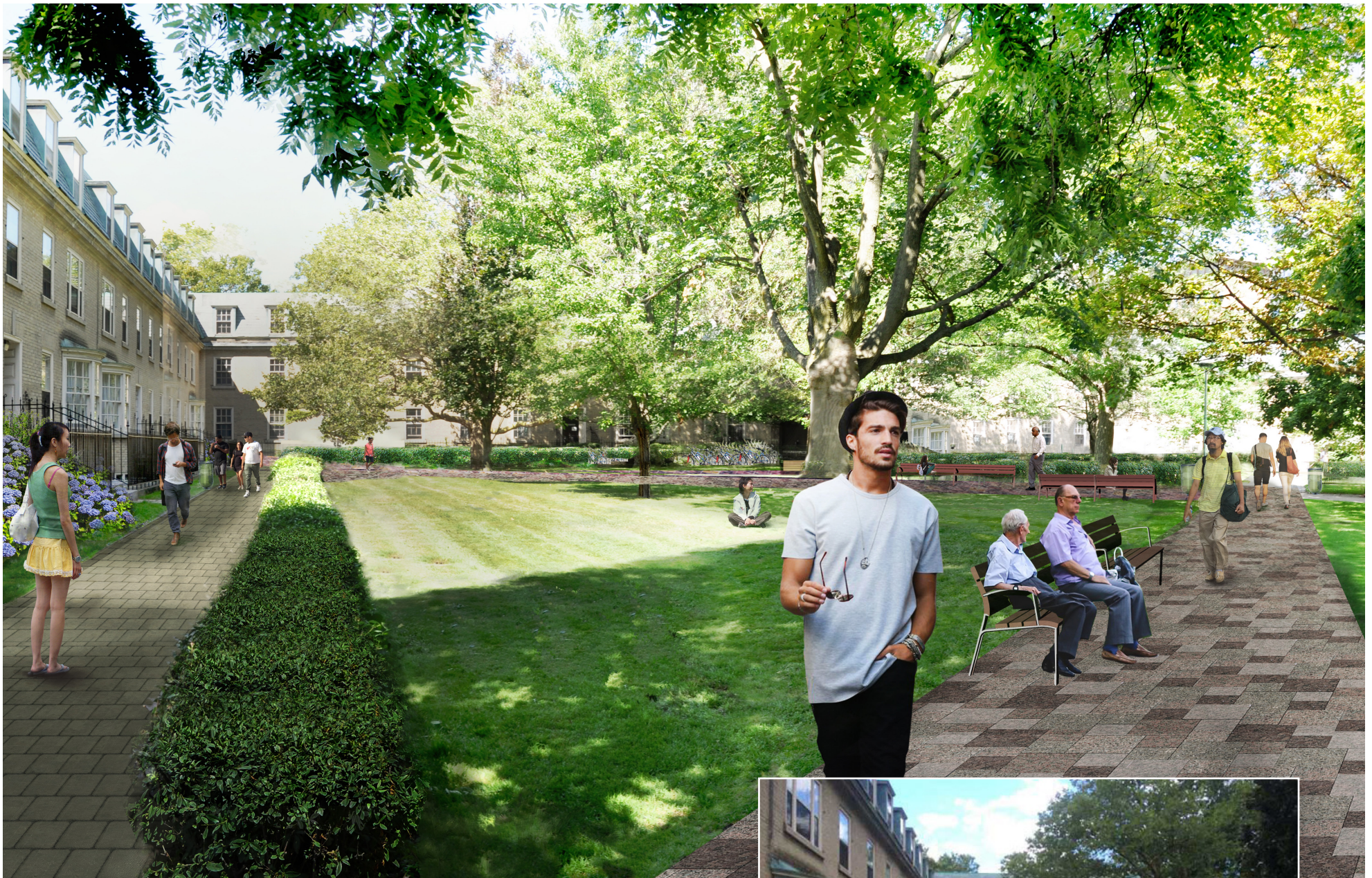


Hoskin Avenue will gain new significance as a campus threshold. New plantings and removal of the existing iron fence will open up views into the athletic fields and to University College and Soldiers' Tower.





The character of **Sir Daniel Wilson Quadrangle** will be preserved with the addition of new greenery, lighting and benches. Granite pavers will replace concrete on the walkway connecting Hoskin Avenue to the Front Campus through the Quad.



Sir Daniel Wilson Quadrangle



REVITALIZING ST. GEORGE CAMPUS FOR A NEW CENTURY

This is an extraordinary moment in the history of the University of Toronto. As we approach the University's 200th anniversary in 2027, we have an opportunity to restore one of our country's most iconic and beloved landscapes, elevating it for new generations of students, alumni and visitors.

Our plans will preserve St. George campus's venerable past, but also transform the area into a more modern and livable space that serves the needs of a diverse and dynamic urban community.

The Landmark Project has received a tremendous outpouring of interest and enthusiasm from students, faculty, staff and alumni, as well as local residents and neighbourhood groups.

The University has set a \$20-million fundraising goal toward the total cost of \$60 million to help bring our vision for the St. George campus to fruition. The project will be one of the signature legacies of the University's Boundless campaign, and provide many exciting opportunities for donors to support new plazas, pavilions, trees, benches, gardens and other important features.

With community support, the historic core of the St. George campus will again become a showcase and point of pride for the University of Toronto community. Once completed, the revitalized and reimagined spaces will have a major impact on our students, our professors and our city that will be appreciated and felt for decades to come.

“ We’re taking iconic spaces with great bones and returning them to their former glory. But it’s not a restoration; U of T and Toronto are very different places than when these spaces were built. Today, the St. George campus is the most significant green space in the core of our city. ”

— Shirley Blumberg, Lead Architect, KPMB (B.Arch 1976)

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