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The program runs from April 29, 2026 to June 11, 2026.

Participants will attend **2 days of in-person workshops** at U of T's St. George campus (May 4 and 5) and meet in weekly 2-hour online sessions (**for a total of 6 online sessions**).

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Private sector: CAD\$3,800

Public sector: CAD\$2,500

Non-profit sector: CAD\$2,000

*subject to 13% HST

*does not include cost of travel and accommodation



We're available to answer your questions and discuss your proposed workplace initiative or team

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LEADING URBAN CHANGE:

**CROSS-SECTOR
COLLABORATION
FOR URBAN
TRANSFORMATION**

A professional development program and project accelerator for urban leaders

Starting April 2026 in person and online



We are living through complex urban challenges.

Cities are where we solve global problems, because they create a platform for people to come together and innovate on solutions. But urban change is hard, as it demands navigating divergent priorities, regulatory environments, and stakeholder interests. Big problems in cities cannot be solved by a single department, ministry, think tank or company. Leaders must work together across sectors and be open to new ideas, tools, and tactics.

Leading Urban Change is a dynamic, transformative, action-oriented learning experience designed for urban leaders. Through a combination of expert-led sessions, practical tools to advance a workplace initiative, and cross-sector collaboration, this program empowers professionals to drive meaningful change by addressing complex urban challenges. You'll gain tools, strategies, and support to navigate complexity, unlock solutions, and lead more effectively across boundaries.

Each learner brings a **workplace initiative** – whether it's focused on planning, policy, design, engagement, or implementation – and receives tools, expert, and peer support to move it forward. Projects can be at any stage of development.

“We are in a moment that feels inevitable, and the systems that govern it feels invisible. LUC brings those things out into the light and forces us to examine them with knowledge and with data, but also with colleagues who have seen it from different angles – and that really brings to the surface the fact that none of this is inevitable.”
– LUC participant, Spring 2025

Are you ready to lead urban change?

MEET YOUR INSTRUCTORS



Karen Chapple (facilitator): Director, School of Cities and Professor, Geography & Planning, U of T.



Nouman Ashraf (facilitator): Associate Professor, Teaching Stream, Rotman School of Management, U of T



Lisa Helps (facilitator): Executive Lead Project Acceleration, BC Housing ; former Housing Solutions Advisor to the B.C. Premier; former Mayor of Victoria



Enid Slack: Director, Institute on Municipal Finance & Governance, U of T



Matti Siemiatycki: Director, Infrastructure Institute and Professor, Geography & Planning, U of T



Nation Cheong: Urbanist-in-Residence, School of Cities and Vice President, Community Impact and Mobilization, United Way



Gabriel Eidelman: Director, Urban Policy Lab and Associate Professor, Munk School of Global Affairs & Public Policy and Institute for Management and Innovation, U of T

KEY BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAM



Enhanced strategic leadership for housing and transit challenges



Refined solutions-driven workplace initiatives



Resources and insights into financing, governance innovation, and partnership building



Expanded professional network & coaching



Program completion certificate from the University of Toronto, School of Cities

WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

- Teams of 2-4 and individuals
- Mid- and senior-level leaders working in the private, public, or not-profit sectors
- Urban planners and designers
- Policy advisors/analysts
- Real estate developers
- Integrated land use strategists
- Financial and economic professionals
- Community development advocates