January 25, 2023

UArctic International Secretariat
c/o University of Lapland
PO Box 122
96101 Rovaniemi FINLAND

Dear International Secretariat of UArctic,

Please accept this letter in support of Ontario Tech University's intent to join the UArctic consortium. Since our founding in 2002, Ontario Tech has rapidly grown to be one of Canada's most successful universities. Named a Canadian Research University of the year for the second straight year in 2023, the university has been recognized as a top 10 Canadian engineering school and is ranked in the top 601-800 category of global universities by the Times Higher Education.

As a university located in a northern country, we understand the necessity of collaboration through education and research with other northern countries who share our values. Ontario Tech's research expertise in energy and sustainability, Canada's environmental future, extreme weather, and healthy populations, is well poised to contribute to challenges and opportunities facing our arctic communities at home and abroad. Our world-class researchers would be an excellent collaborator within the UArctic consortium, and with our commitment to undergraduate and graduate research partnerships, both faculty and students alike will be able to help foster new innovations.

Ontario Tech is also committed to joining the North2North mobility program so that our students may have the opportunity to work and study alongside other universities located in the global north, as well as hosting students from these countries in order to enrich our campus experience and global identity.

Joining the UArctic will further our ability to work alongside global partners and further our mission of teaching and research. By collaborating with likeminded partners our membership would contribute to increased scholarship on issues facing the environment, and sustainability in a northern context. Moreover, by joining a global network committed to northern matters, Ontario Tech can assist in promoting regional and international solutions for sustainable northern economies, issues facing our energy infrastructure and the environment, as well as the treatment and well-being of Indigenous peoples.

It is my sincere hope that UArctic will consider Ontario Tech University as a member institution. As a cooperating university, I believe we can advance teaching, research, and student mobility for students from northern countries who share our commitments and values.

Sincerely,

Dr. Steven Murphy
President and Vice-Chancellor

2023 UARCTIC MEMBERSHIP APPLICANT - PROFILE

**Applicant:** Ontario Tech University

**Country:** Canada

**Membership Category:** Arctic

**Membership Type:** HEI

**Profile Description:**

Ontario Tech University, founded in 2002, is a publicly funded research university based in Canada.

It is situated in the Eastern Greater Toronto Area and has conferred over 16,000 degrees. Students have a wide choice of subjects to choose from, for example Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Business, Law, Health Sciences and pre-Medicine.

The university focuses on science, technology, engineering and the development of regional business and helps with the acceleration of economic growth, inspiring its students to make an impact in today's world.

Its diverse array of 56 career-oriented undergraduate programs equips graduates with skills and knowledge to lead and succeed in the 21st century workplace.

As one of Canada's most dynamic and youngest universities, Ontario Tech has new classrooms, labs, study areas and state-of-the-art learning facilities. The university offers a number of scholarships and bursaries to help students in need.

Students will benefit from its technology enriched learning environment, hands-on learning internships, research opportunities and vibrant student life. All of this leads to Ontario Tech having one of the highest graduate employment rates.

**Strategic/Thematic Focus Areas:**

Tech with a conscience
We aim to improve the lives of humans and the planet through the ethical application of technology. It's a key component in our teaching and learning practices, administrative processes and innovative research projects.

Learning re-imagined
We adapt to the ever-changing educational landscape by experimenting with the most effective ways to deliver flexible and dynamic learning, giving more choices to more people.

Creating a sticky campus
We promote positive social change and encourage an accessible, equitable, diverse and inclusive culture for our campus community.

Partnerships
We help industry, community, government and academic partners be more effective by bringing them together with students and researchers to uncover innovative solutions for our partners' most pressing problems.

Telling our story
We've worked hard to build a new university from scratch, and we now have a track record. We're a hidden gem, and now it's time to share our story with the world.