

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTIVITY

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In the forefront as Canada's Global Information School, the University of Toronto Faculty of Information's iSchool is ranked among the world's leading information and knowledge management schools in numerous global surveys.

At the Faculty of Information, its goal is to prepare students to understand and appreciate the relationships between people, technology and information so they can translate these into relevant practices, policies, and design that will enable individuals and communities to be more creative, effective, and empowered in their everyday interactions.

Opportunities exist within the Master of Information degree for students who

have a background in computer science and engineering as well as degrees in the humanities. The iSchool seeks bright, talented, and creative individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their academic and professional lives.

Associate Prof. Kelly Lyons knows the importance of connectivity. "Our schools are interested in information technology and people and the interconnections between them. We are part of a large number of university programs around the world that are part of the iSchool organization.

According to associate Prof. Nadia Caidi, "At the Faculty of Information, we train our students so that they get a solid foundation in the principles of information organization, representation, and access. We teach them to understand and appreciate the relationships between people, technology and information.

"Our professionals are sometimes called information intermediaries or gatekeepers. I prefer to think about them as information specialists — folks who have the skills to critically assess the needs, wants and uses of information," she stresses.

Faculty at the iSchool are participating in groundbreaking research that investigates information in its many manifestations. Caidi pursues research on the information practices of vulnerable communities.