

The Excellence in Quality Improvement Certificate Program (EQUIP) 2026–27



Overview

The [Excellence in Quality Improvement \(EQUIP\) Program](#) has trained nearly 200 academic leaders and scholars in quality improvement (QI) from across North America. EQUIP alumni have been appointed into academic faculty positions at prominent academic institutions, promoted on the basis of their QI work, and assumed major leadership QI positions at local and national organizations.

Who is EQUIP for?

- Academic faculty seeking to more meaningfully integrate QI into their clinical work or scholarly activities
- Senior trainees wanting to make QI an academic career focus
- Health professionals and administrators in advanced practice or operational leadership positions working in academic settings

Course application and fees

Registrants must submit an application form consisting of:

- Applicant information An **abbreviated CV** (max. 5 pages)
- A **personal statement** (max. 500 words)
- A **letter of support** from a department head, executive team member, professional practice lead, or program director (for trainees) on official letterhead with their contact information, confirming that the applicant works or trains in a university-affiliated academic health centre or clinic where they will carry out a QI project as part of this course

Please email the complete application to cquips@utoronto.ca

Application deadline: April 17, 2026 @ 4PM ET

Registration fee: \$7,995 CAD

Key Dates

August 5–7, 2026

Three-day session (in-person in Toronto)

September 2026 to April 2027

Monthly sessions and project coaching (virtual)

May 12, 2027

Program Capstone (in-person in Toronto)



Dr. Brian Wong
EQUIP Program Director

“ The course content is extremely high yield and practical. You meet national and international colleagues who you can learn from and become future collaborators.

The faculty are world-renowned and the course gives you a network base of QI leaders. I have maintained connections with many of the certificate's faculty which has led to wonderful opportunities. It is the most worthwhile continuing education I have done that has had a measurable and lasting impact on my career.”

*Dr. Samara Zavalkoff,
EQUIP graduate*

*Medical Director of Quality and Safety,
PICU, Montreal Children's Hospital*

For more information, visit cquips.ca/equip



Key features of EQUIP

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Contemporary QI concepts

- EQUIP integrates improvement science with rigorous application of QI methods and advanced evaluation approaches, academic skills development, strong emphasis on equity, and content on operational excellence developed in collaboration with faculty from the Armstrong Institute at Johns Hopkins Medicine

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Internationally-recognized faculty

- The EQUIP faculty team are practicing clinicians and leading experts in QI. They have a track record in executing QI projects in academic settings and disseminating their work through publication in high-impact journals.
- CQulPS' oversight of the international SQUIRE writing guidelines means that course participants will learn directly from the individuals setting the standards for QI globally.

3

Dedicated project coaching

- Each participant is assigned an EQUIP faculty mentor who has a wealth of experience executing successful QI projects in academic settings.
- The impact of interactive small group learning is maximized with a low faculty-to-participant ratio (1:4). This allows for personalized feedback on participants' QI projects

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Emphasis on academic skill development

- EQUIP's enriched content and deeper dive into QI methodologies will not only make your projects more likely to succeed, but also foster:
 - Scholarly writing for optimal dissemination of QI innovations;
 - Teaching QI including role-modelling and project supervision;
 - Preparing a portfolio for academic promotion on the basis of QI

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Career advancement and success

- Upon successful completion of EQUIP, participants are granted an advanced certificate in quality improvement from the University of Toronto.
- EQUIP graduates have been appointed into academic faculty positions at prominent academic institutions, promoted on the basis of their QI work, and assumed major leadership QI positions at local and national organizations.

Contact Us

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The Excellence in Quality Improvement Academic Certificate Program (EQUIP) Application Form for 2026-2027

1. Applicant Information	
Name:	Profession:
Institution:	Program / Department / Division:
University affiliation (if applicable):	Academic rank (if applicable):
Title:	Current training level (if applicable):
Phone:	Email:

2. Personal Statement
<p>Address the following in 500 words or less in the space provided below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please describe one quality improvement initiative that you have led or contributed to in the past. What was your role? What was the impact? What did you learn? Please describe your future career plans, placing particular emphasis on how taking part in the EQUIP program will help you to achieve them.

3. Abbreviated CV

Please attach your abbreviated CV, max. 5 pages, to this application.

4. Letter of Support

Please include a letter of support from a department head, executive team member, professional practice lead, or program director (for trainees) on official letterhead with their contact information, confirming that you work or train in a university-affiliated academic health centre or clinic where you will carry out a QI project as part of this course. The letter should also confirm that you will have protected time to attend the program and to carry out your project.

- For **faculty**, the letter should confirm that you have an active academic appointment or defined organizational role in QI at an academic health centre or clinic
- For **trainees**, the letter should confirm that you are on a clear track towards an academic appointment with a focus in QI.
- For **health professionals** in advanced practice or leadership positions, the letter should indicate how your QI activities contribute to the academic mission of the institution

The letter of support may be received separately from the application information, CV and personal statement.

Sponsor name:

Title:

Program/Department/Division:

Email:

Phone:

A completed application consists of:

- 1) Applicant Information
- 2) Personal Statement (500 words)
- 3) Abbreviated CV (5 pages max)
- 4) One Letter of Support (*to be completed by your sponsor*)

Submission deadline for application: April 17, 2026 @ 4PM ET

Confirmation of receipt of application: Once your completed application has been received, you will be sent an emailed confirmation within 24 hours. If you do not receive this confirmation email, please contact cquips@utoronto.ca to ensure your completed application has been received.

Direct completed application to:

Email: cquips@utoronto.ca

Phone: 416-813-7654 x428513