

## AWARDS

University of Toronto Chapter PDK sponsors awards in secondary schools and Faculties of Education at all levels through its Foundation programme.

The **Prospective Educator Award** starts at the chapter level and continues at the International level. It is for students still in secondary school who are planning to become teachers. The Chair for this year's award is Kari Peters [kari@divbyzero.com](mailto:kari@divbyzero.com)

The **Excellence in Student Teaching** is open to students in Faculties of Education. The Chair for this year's award is Kari Peters [kari@divbyzero.com](mailto:kari@divbyzero.com)

The **Jackman Award** is open to students at an Education Faculty in Ontario, including those at the graduate level. The chair for this year's award is Dr. Barnabas Emenogu [barnabas.emenogu@ontario.ca](mailto:barnabas.emenogu@ontario.ca)

**Graduate Fellowships and Scholarships** are for Educators who are pursuing graduate degrees full-time. Contact: Susan Seidman, [sseidman@sympatico.ca](mailto:sseidman@sympatico.ca)

The **Doctoral Dissertation Award** is open to recent Doctoral graduates of Faculties of Education. Chapter winners receive a year's membership in PDK and are automatically entered in the PDK International competition, which offers awards up to \$5,000 US and publication of a summary in *The Kappan* magazine. Chair for the award is Clay Lafleur - [claymar@rogers.com](mailto:claymar@rogers.com)

Funding for awards comes from the PDK Foundation, Patrons, and the Walk for Education. Funds raised by local participants in the Walk also support other endeavors. For example, they support scholarship programmes at the secondary and post-secondary levels. In addition they are used for the University of Toronto Chapter's Future Educators Association, a mentoring programme that begins at the elementary level, helping students from diverse communities develop their interest and capabilities in the teaching profession. They also support those Spelling Bees co-partnered with PDK, U of T Chapter.

Full details of each award will be posted on the Chapter website, [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca) annually in the fall.

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### EVENTS OPEN TO MEMBERS / NON-MEMBERS

Event	Date
PDK Book Club: "The Opposable Mind"	Sat., Sept. 6
Walk for Education	Sat., Sept. 20
Social: Niagara Concert "Dallas Brass"	Sat., Oct. 4
Programme Speaker David Booth: "New Literacies"	Tues., Oct. 21
Social -Niagara Concert	Fri., Nov. 7
PDK International Summit on High-Performing Educators in San Antonio, Texas	Nov. 13-15 <sup>th</sup>
Doctoral Dissertation and Initiation Dinner	TBA
Social -Niagara Concert "O Night Divine-Christmas with Romanza "	Fri., Dec. 5
Programme Speaker Terry Whitmell: "Social Networking"	Thurs., Jan. 29
Social -Niagara Concert "Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra"	Sat., Feb. 28

For updates and further information, please visit our website at [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca)

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# Why Join PDK?

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Toronto Chapter  
*of*  
PDK International  
[www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca)

# WHY JOIN PDK?

PDK develops a sense of belonging to the exciting endeavor of education - locally, nationally, internationally.

**PDK** is the only organization dedicated to publicly funded education which reaches out to the great variety of roles, levels and jobs in education. Benefits flow both ways: to and from the society, the educator, and the students from the areas of **Research, Service, and Leadership**.

## Educators can benefit from PDK Membership at every stage of their career.

**Beginning teachers** get assistance through the myriad of activities that are new to them.

**Mid-Career teachers** and **administrators** are rejuvenated by interacting with other colleagues in their field, while pursuing their own development.

**Veterans** deepen their own understanding while mentoring newer colleagues and enjoying the exchange.

### BEGINNING EDUCATORS

*"I felt that joining an organization where I had the opportunity to meet distinguished, respected educational experts in the top of their fields would provide me with an excellent learning and fellowship opportunity."*

- broad range of
  - levels
  - perspectives
  - experience
  - contacts
- variety of Boards and Institutions
- mentoring
- networking

- elementary, secondary, college, university, teacher training, post graduate

- access to New Teacher section of Int'l website

- resume and interview coaching

*"The resources available through PDK have been enlightening, thought provoking and useful in developing presentations I deliver throughout the province."*

### MIDCAREER EDUCATORS

- deepening understanding
- networking
- collegueship
- awards/funding
- professional development
- mentoring

*"We are a part of the people we meet and the books we read. They are our sources for change and betterment. Without them, we remain statically the same."*

*"PDK became my wide circle of friends and colleagues. The educators who join PDK tend to be alert and open to new ideas; therefore they have been a constant challenge to my thinking. They also understand the core of our three watchwords: leadership, research and service."*

- research support and accessibility
- stimulation
- interaction with other organizations
- international conferences

### VETERAN EDUCATORS

- collegueship
- stimulation
- mentoring
- travel
- networking
- grants/awards
- professional development / lifelong learning
- "e-leadership" from International

*"PDK has been a source of inspiration and pride for me as an educator. Kappans have a lofty view of education, one that believes deeply in the service motivation for children, teens, and adults. We serve our communities with competence, honesty, and passion because we know that we make a difference in the lives of families and students."*

*"Fraternity, fellowship and fun, with an association of dedicated and innovated educators attracted me to become a member of PDK-UT."*

**How to Join PDK: Contact the U of T Chapter's Membership Chair, Moveta Nanton, [nanton@sympatico.ca](mailto:nanton@sympatico.ca)**

**Check out the U of T Chapter's website at [www.pdk-ut.ca](http://www.pdk-ut.ca) and PDK International's website at [www.pdkintl.org](http://www.pdkintl.org).**