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## Oshawa Researchers Building Stronger Economy

*McGuinty Government Creates Jobs with Infrastructure Investments*

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Ontario is helping attract and retain the top researchers who will strengthen the province's competitiveness in the global innovation-driven economy.

The province is investing \$222,091 at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology to support 16 world-class researchers. Some of the researchers who are receiving funding are:

- [Dr. Yuping He](#), who is receiving \$73,000 to develop innovative safety control systems for automobiles using a state-of-the-art simulator that evaluates driver interaction with vehicles during difficult driving conditions.
- [Dr. Dan Zhang](#), who is receiving \$87,091 to improve the performance of robotic manufacturing systems, promising to increase the flexibility of production lines, reduce costs, and create a competitive edge for Ontario manufacturers.

Funding world-class research is part of Ontario's Innovation Agenda – the McGuinty government's plan to build an innovation economy that turns new knowledge into new jobs, better health care, a cleaner environment and endless possibilities for Ontario families.

### QUOTES

"Today we are saying once again that we're proud of the work that our researchers do at UOIT. Today's investment will support the work of 16 local researchers," said Ajax-Pickering MPP Joe Dickson. "The spotlight is on Durham Region as new ideas emerge from UOIT. The Ontario Government is funding these ideas, discoveries and the bright minds behind them right here in Durham Region."

"I am delighted to see UOIT's ongoing research activity and commitment to research excellence continue to be supported by the Ontario Research Fund-Research Infrastructure program," said Dr. William Smith, associate provost, Research. "It is essential for successful research institutions such as UOIT to continue to build a research infrastructure and the ORF's funding contributes to this process. It is also a reflection of UOIT's firm commitment to aligning its research agenda with both federal and provincial research and innovation priorities in areas including engineering, science and health."

"In the 21st century, economic stimulus must create jobs today and tomorrow – it must be both shovels in the ground, and support for innovative people and innovative thinking. Today's funding is part of a larger investment in research infrastructure that will support 1,300 construction jobs and over 3,300 scientists across our province. Today we are demonstrating, once again, that our government understands the value of science to our economy today and for creating the jobs of the future." — John Milloy, Minister of Research and Innovation.



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## QUICK FACTS

- To date, the Ministry of Research and Innovation has invested more than \$6 million to support world-class researchers in Oshawa.
- Between 2005 and 2008, Ontario investments in research and innovation leveraged \$1.1 billion in new investment while helping to advance the knowledge, skills and training of close to 30,000 individuals.

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- Learn about the [Ontario Innovation Agenda](#).