



### A Message from the President

On behalf of the University of Toronto, it is my pleasure to offer congratulations on the tenth edition of the *Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences* (JULS).

Established in 2006, JULS has been an important forum for undergraduate students to showcase original research, and it has offered the rare opportunity for these young scholars to participate in the rigorous peer-review process as a first author. By engaging in the publication process, students gain essential experience, develop key skills, and refine their scientific writing.

In recent years, the University of Toronto has undertaken a fundamental transformation of teaching and learning—providing undergraduate students with ever increasing opportunities for research-based learning. In this context, the Journal’s mandate has never been more relevant. JULS has encouraged the undergraduate life sciences community to participate actively in the academic research process and in academic activities beyond the classroom environment.

In closing, the remarkable growth and success of the *Journal of Undergraduate Life Sciences* can be attributed to the excellent leadership and dedication of the students and faculty members who have volunteered their services since its establishment. Thank you for your ongoing and extraordinary support across the years.

Again, I offer congratulations on this important milestone, and my very best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

Meric S. Gertler  
President