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Forward from the Journal Manager

Last year was a landmark year for undergraduate research in economics at UTM. Our team successfully launched the first edition of a new journal focused on undergraduate research in economics. In addition, we hosted our first conference where undergraduate authors presented their research ideas and offered new perspectives on various contemporary issues in economics. While the first edition of Pareto set a high standard for undergraduate research, I believe our second edition is equally impressive in this regard. In many ways the journal is aptly named, given both the opportunities it affords to undergraduate student authors and its ability to enlighten the academic community.

Pareto continues to stand as the only undergraduate economics journal across the three campuses of the University of Toronto. Students at UTM have shown an incredible response to the project and an outpouring of desire to participate in the research process. Over the past year, many undergraduate students have submitted manuscripts highlighting their drive and passion for economic research. Some of the work has been preliminary and some highly developed. All of the submissions have been inspiring, and I am sure much of the work will make its way into our collective understanding of various fields of study. In this way I am so proud of our students,

as I believe that many of the best ideas can only come from fresh minds. As I am sure was evident in the first edition, we have some of the strongest students in the world at UTM. This is again clear when looking at the articles featured in the second edition. Notably, as with the first edition, I have attempted to select manuscripts covering a variety of fields within economics. As a result, the second edition covers a diversity of subjects. Each article presents novel research that encourages debate and the advancement of our shared understanding.

One significant addition in the second volume is the inclusion of student testimonials highlighting the undergrad research experience in economics. In this new section of the journal, we aim to explore the various ways UTM undergraduate students are able to contribute to the research process. This involved surveying students engaged in Research Opportunity Projects (ROPs), Research Assistantships (RAs), Research Work Study Programs, and/or Scholars-in-Residence (SIRs). We are really excited about this additional section in the journal, and we hope you find it interesting and inspiring.

For the second edition, I would like to thank our Journal President, Ryan Tam, and VP of Marketing, Nina (Zi Wei) Low. Ryan worked hard communicating with undergraduate authors for revisions and keeping the process moving forward. He spent a significant amount of time in my office discussing plans for the journal and helped to keep me motivated in bringing the second edition to life. Nina has been a major contributor to the journal in both editions. She was the driving force behind most of the design and marketing of the first edition, which she carried forward to the second edition, continuing to contribute to its advancement in this respect. Nina also spearheaded the undergraduate research section, both in design and delivery. This journal would not be the same without her efforts and skills.

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