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# IQC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**KEVIN RESCH,**  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR





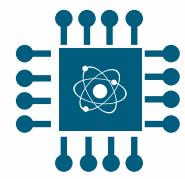
# OUR MISSION



TO DEVELOP AND ADVANCE QUANTUM INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AT THE HIGHEST INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THROUGH THE COLLABORATION OF COMPUTER SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, MATHEMATICIANS AND PHYSICAL SCIENTISTS.

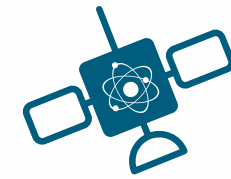


# CORE RESEARCH AREAS



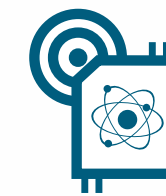
## **QUANTUM COMPUTING**

Using atoms, molecules and particles of light to create new bits of computer information – qubits, which can be 0 and 1 at the same time – for computing.



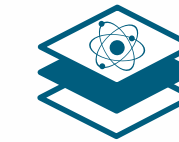
## **QUANTUM COMMUNICATION**

Developing ultrasecure communication channels, low-noise transmission protocols and satellite-based global networks by harnessing the power of the quantum world.



## **QUANTUM SENSING**

Using the laws of quantum mechanics to develop new sensors with exponential precision, sensitivity, selectivity and efficiencies.



## **QUANTUM MATERIALS**

Engineering materials that exhibit quantum properties for robust quantum information processors and other devices.



# FACULTY



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Electrical and Computer  
Engineering



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Chemistry



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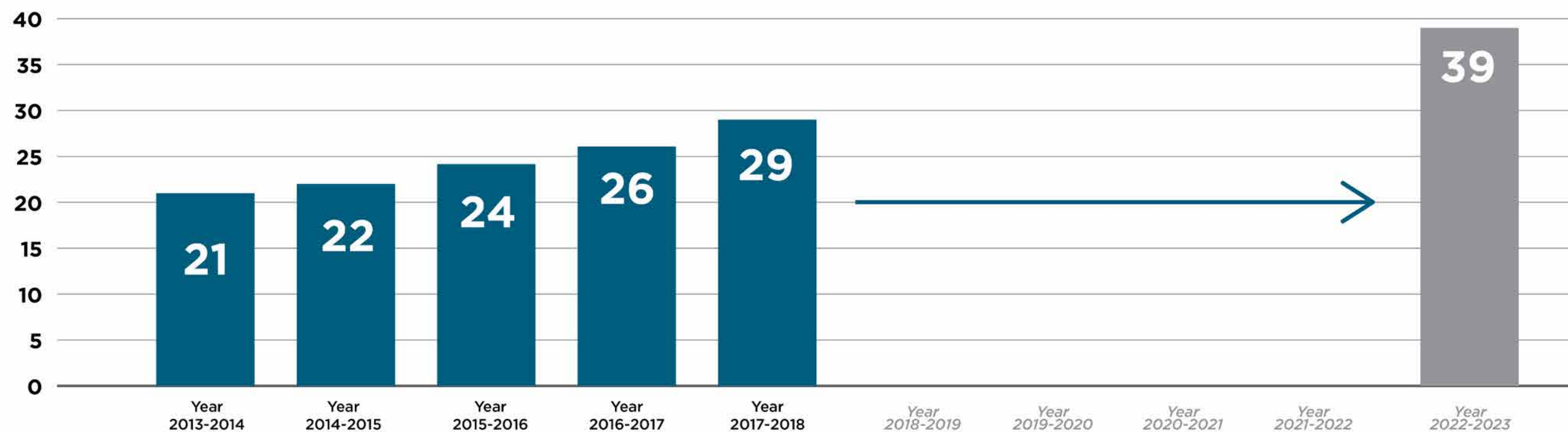


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# FACULTY GROWTH





# INFRASTRUCTURE

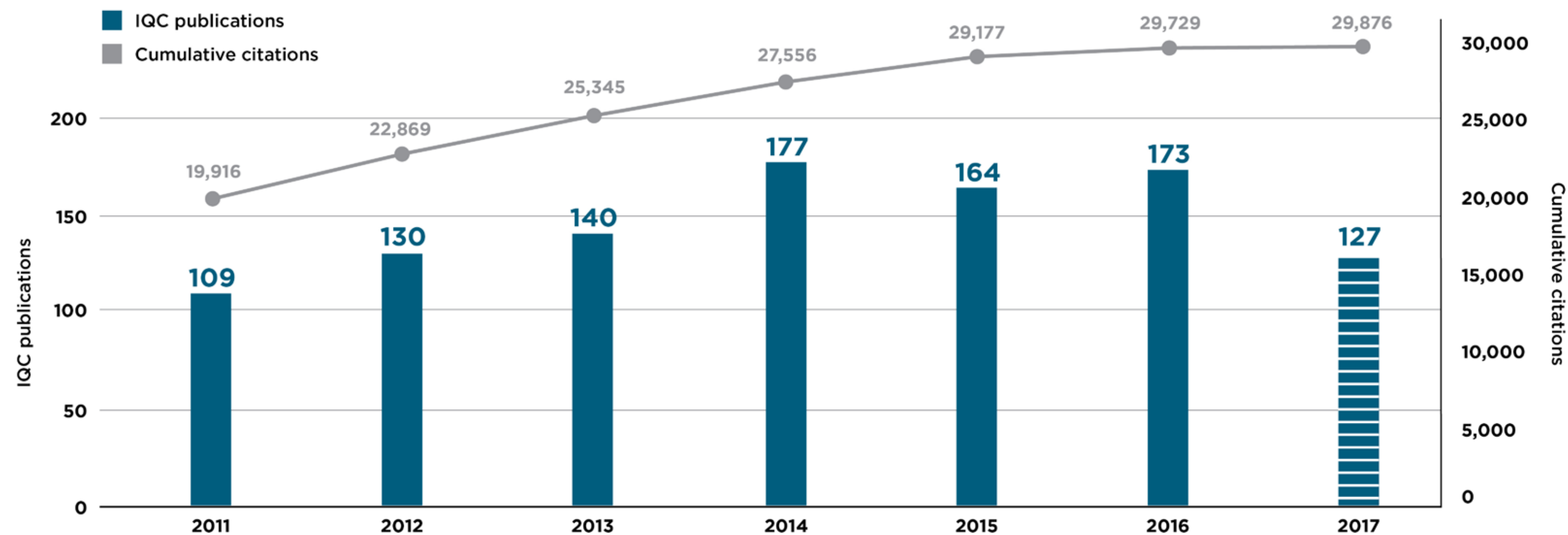




# RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

**29** Faculty   **153** Graduate Students   **39** Postdoctoral Fellows

## Annual publications and cumulative citations



**1,501** publications since 2002

**173** publications in 2016

**29,876** cumulative citations

**138** publications since 2012  
in *Science*, *Nature Family of Journals*, *Physical Review Letters*, *FOCS* and *STOC*

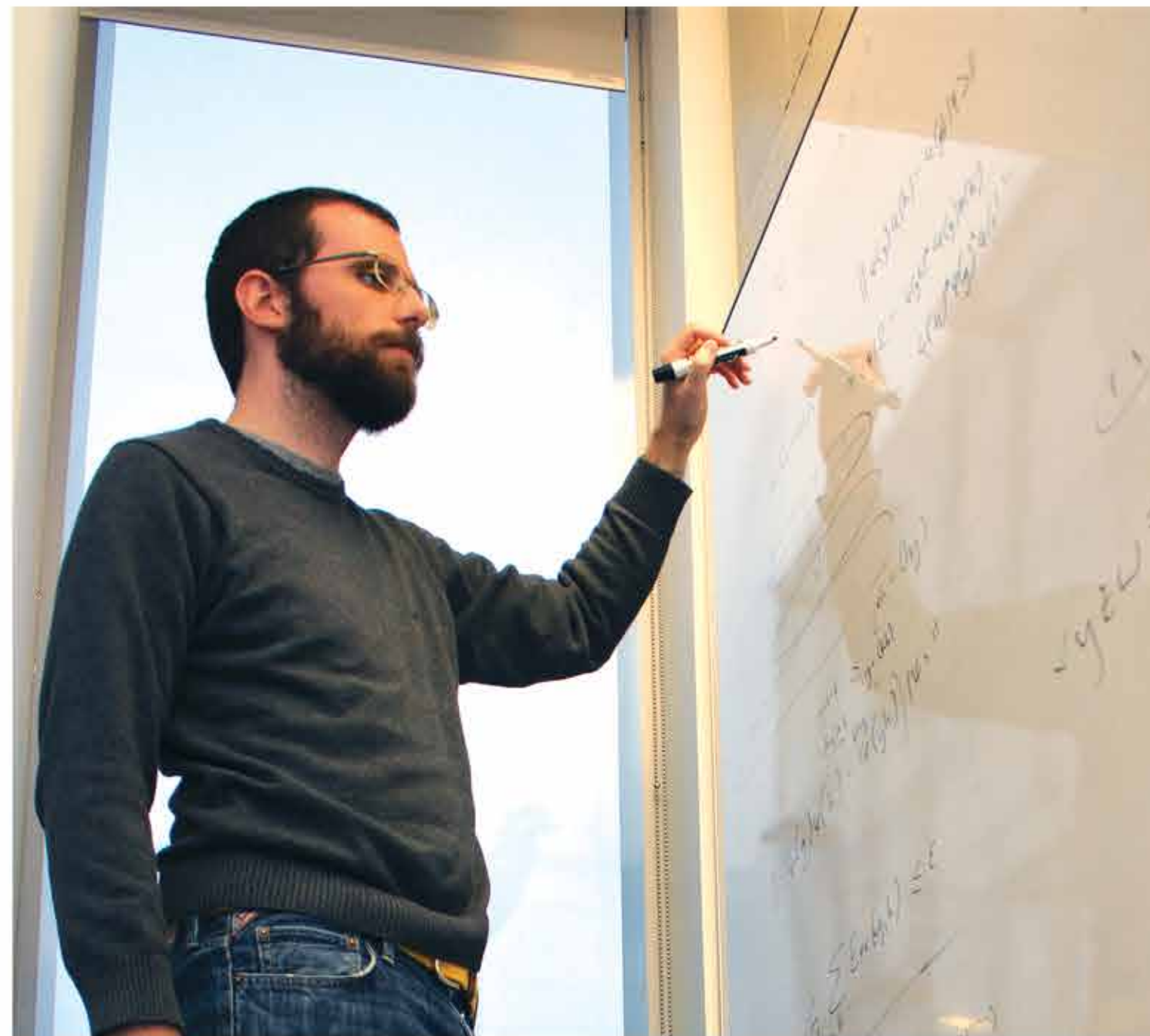


# RECENT RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

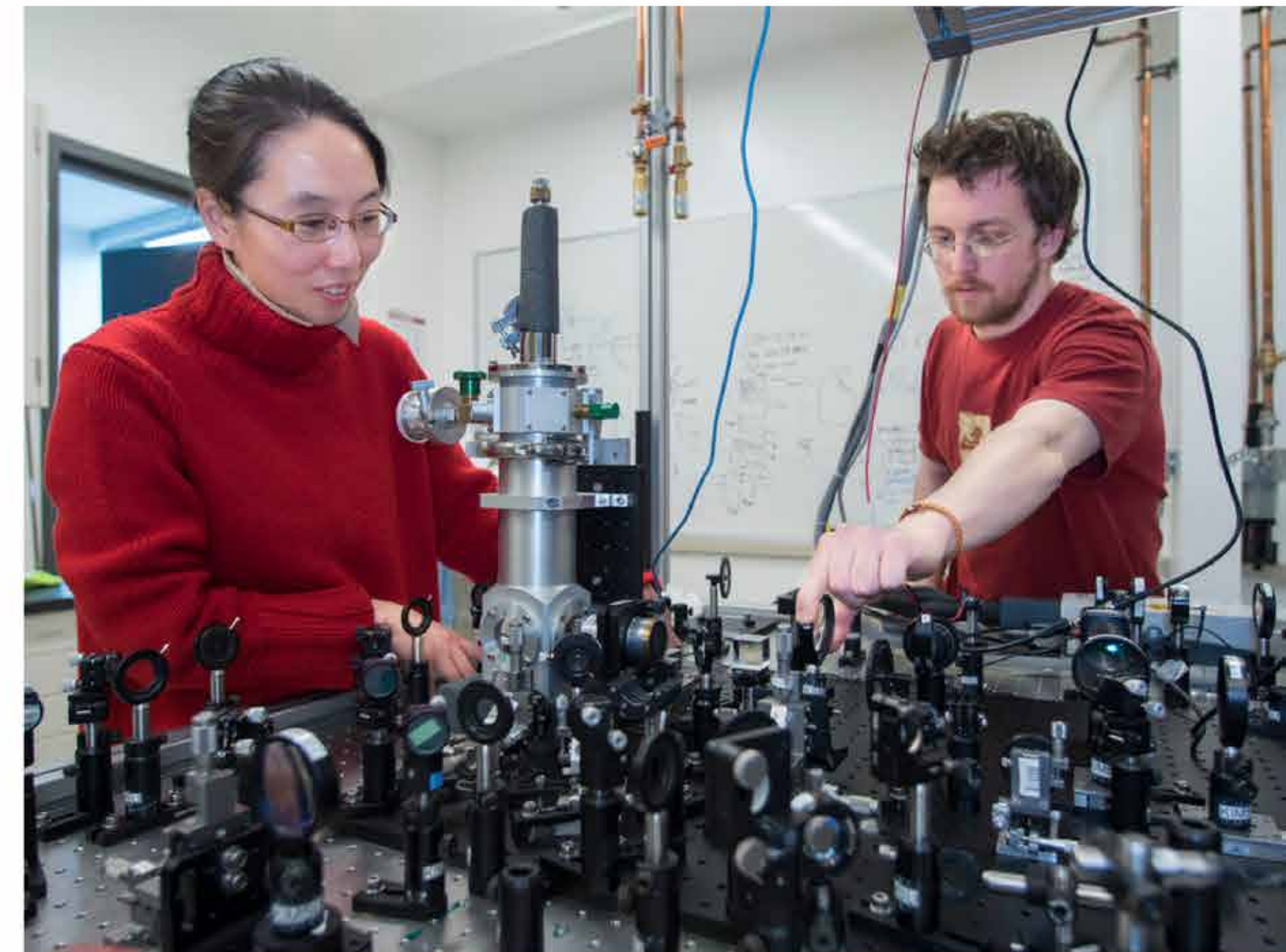
RESEARCHERS SUCCESSFULLY  
DEMONSTRATE PROTOTYPE FOR SPACE-BASED  
QUANTUM-SECURED COMMUNICATION



SOLVING TSIRELSON'S PROBLEM



ESTABLISH QUANTUM INNOVATION  
(QUIN) LAB FOR SEMICONDUCTOR AND  
NANOSCALE QUANTUM DEVICES





# RESEARCH AWARDS

**200+** ACTIVE  
GRANTS

INCLUDING:

**41** NSERC FUNDED  
RESEARCH GRANTS

**6** CFI FUNDED RESEARCH  
GRANTS

**1** CFREF GRANT

NOTABLE  
AWARDS

**6** EARLY RESEARCHER  
AWARDS

**3** AMERICAN PHYSICAL  
SOCIETY FELLOWS

**3** OUTSTANDING  
PERFORMANCE  
AWARDS

**3** FELLOWS OF THE  
ROYAL SOCIETY

**1** CAP-CRM PRIZE IN  
THEORETICAL AND  
MATHEMATICAL  
PHYSICS

**7** RESEARCH CHAIR  
APPOINTMENTS

CANADA EXCELLENCE RESEARCH CHAIR LAUREATE  
DAVID CORY (June 2017)

CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR  
KEVIN RESCH (2013-2018)  
RAYMOND LAFLAMME (2002-2022)

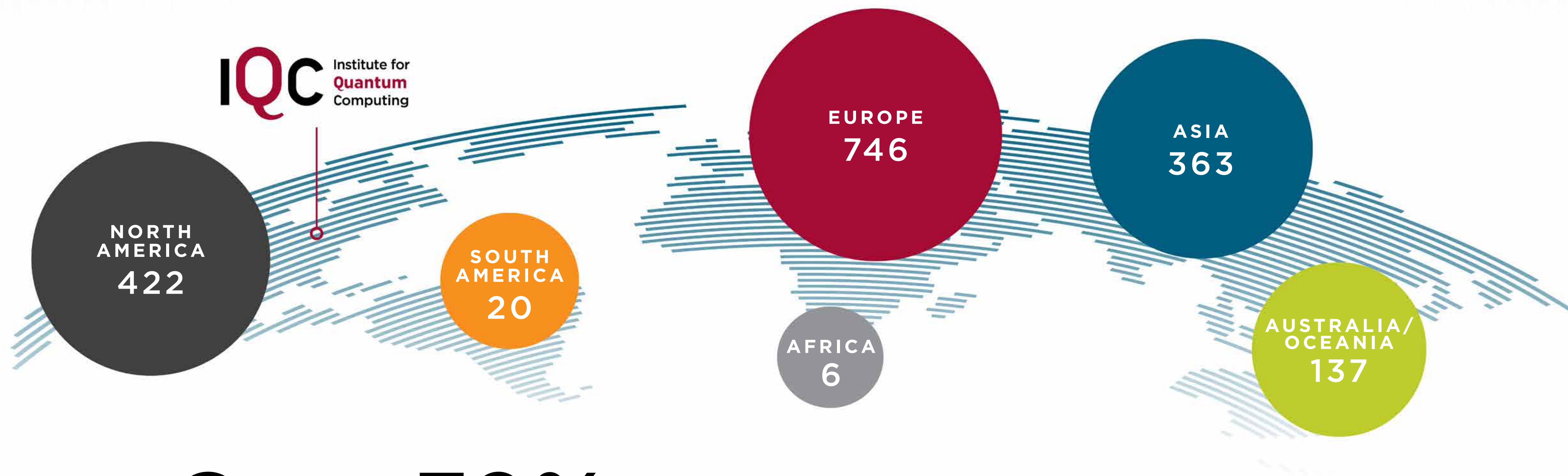
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CHAIR  
DEBBIE LEUNG (2015-2022)  
MICHELE MOSCA (2012-2019)

MIKE AND OPHELIA LAZARIDIS “JOHN VON NEUMANN”  
CHAIR IN QUANTUM INFORMATION  
RAYMOND LAFLAMME (2017-2027)

NANOTECHNOLOGY (WIN) ENDOWED CHAIR IN  
SUPERCONDUCTIVITY  
RAFFI BUDAKIAN (2014-2019)



# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS



**Over 70%** of co-authored papers are with international collaborators



# NATIONAL COLLABORATIONS





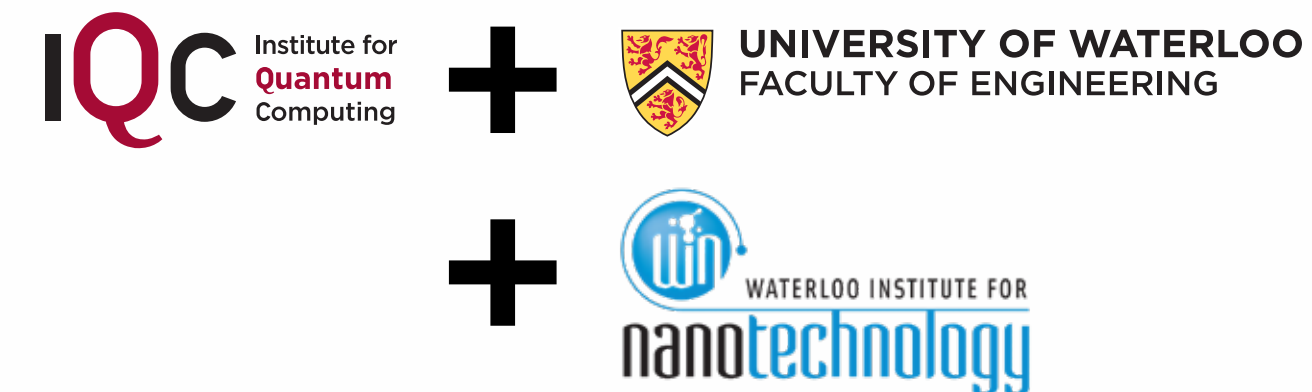
# RESEARCH

POWERED BY INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION



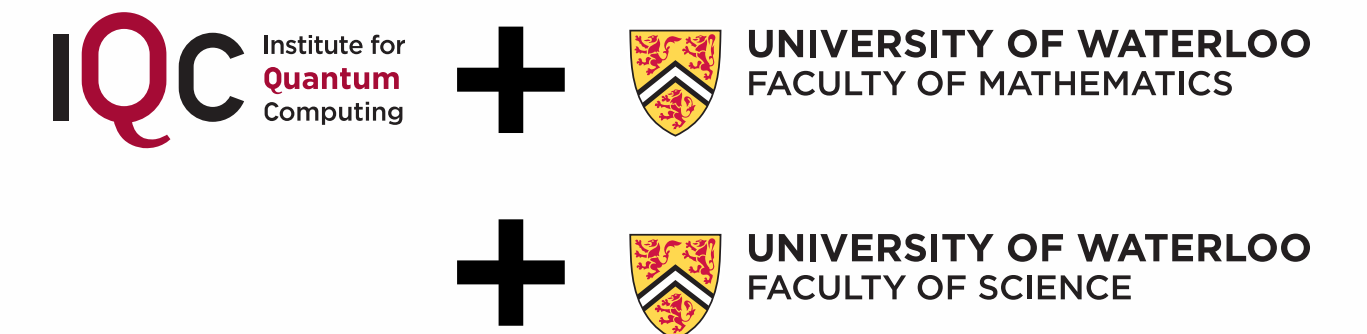
## PAPER

ENTANGLEMENT AREA LAW  
IN SUPERFLUID  $^4\text{He}$



## PAPER

GROWTH AND CHARACTERIZATION  
OF EPITAXIAL ALUMINUM LAYERS ON  
GALLIUM-ARSENIDE SUBSTRATES FOR  
SUPERCONDUCTING QUANTUM BITS



## PAPER

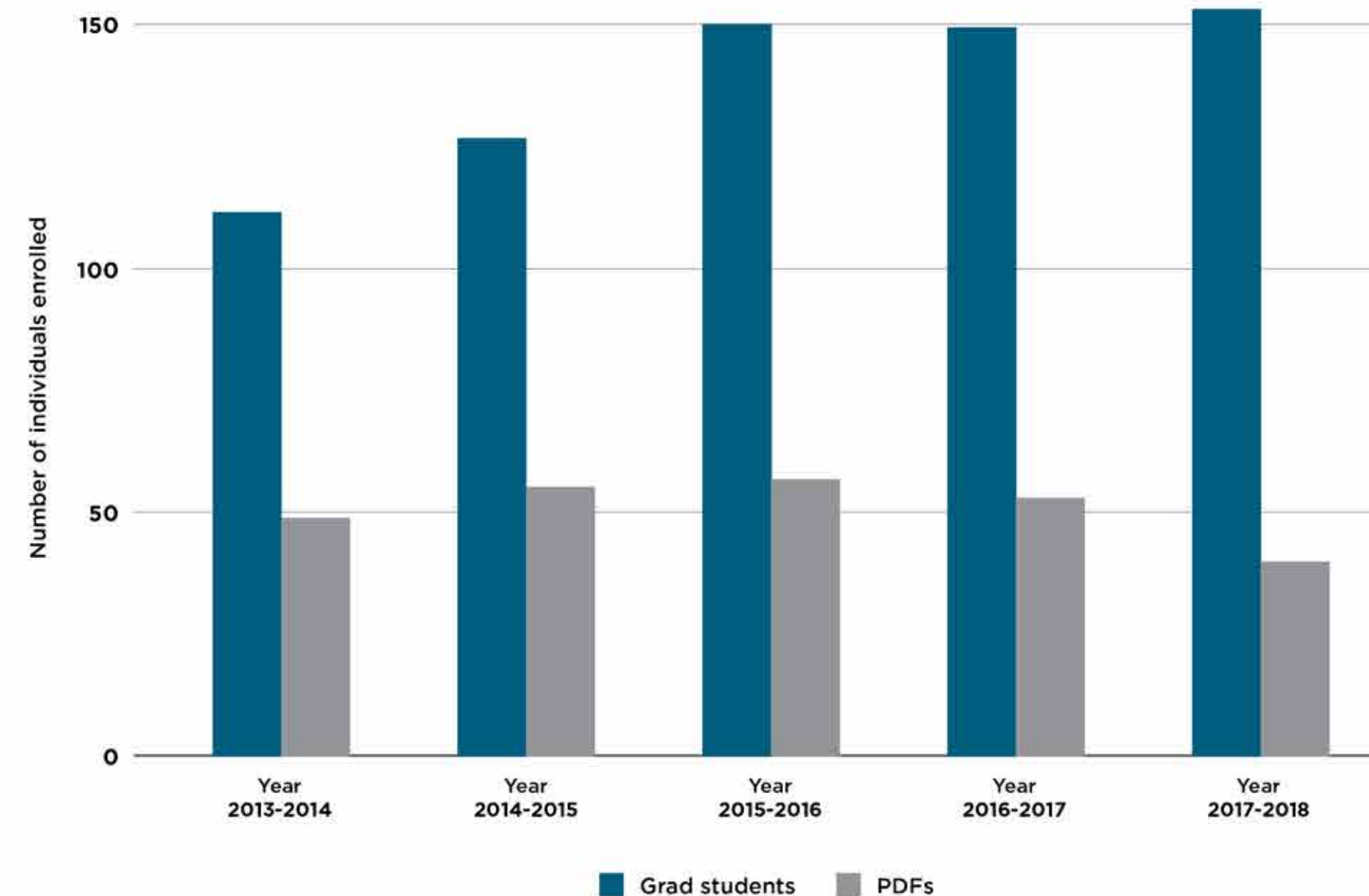
DYNAMICAL CASIMIR EFFECT IN CIRCUIT  
QED FOR NONUNIFORM TRAJECTORIES



# GRADUATE AND PDF PROGRAMS



**MORGAN MASTROVICH**  
MASTER'S STUDENT (PHYSICS, QI)



**JEAN-PHILIPPE BOURGOIN**  
POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

**38** courses offered through the Quantum Information Graduate Program

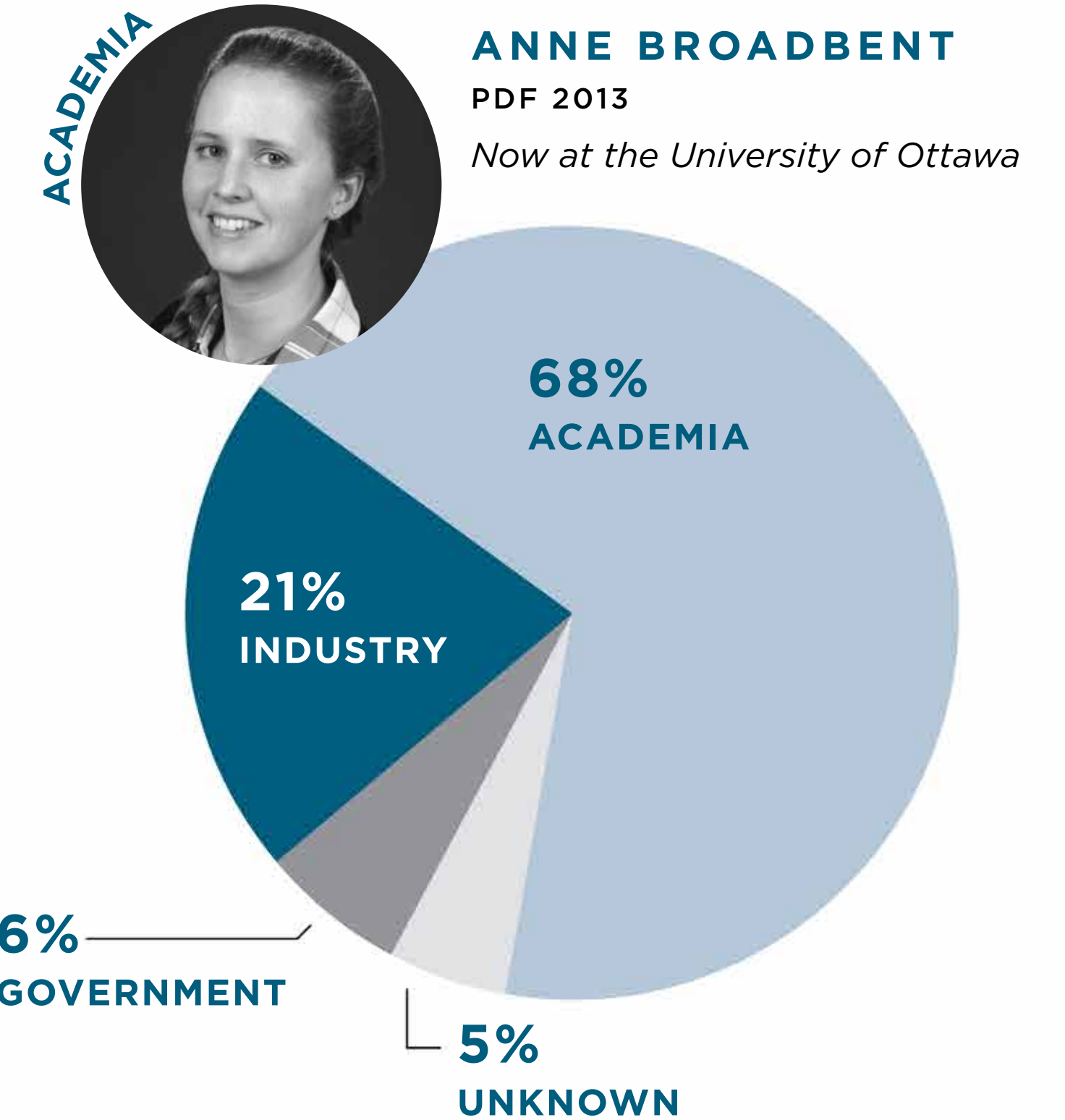
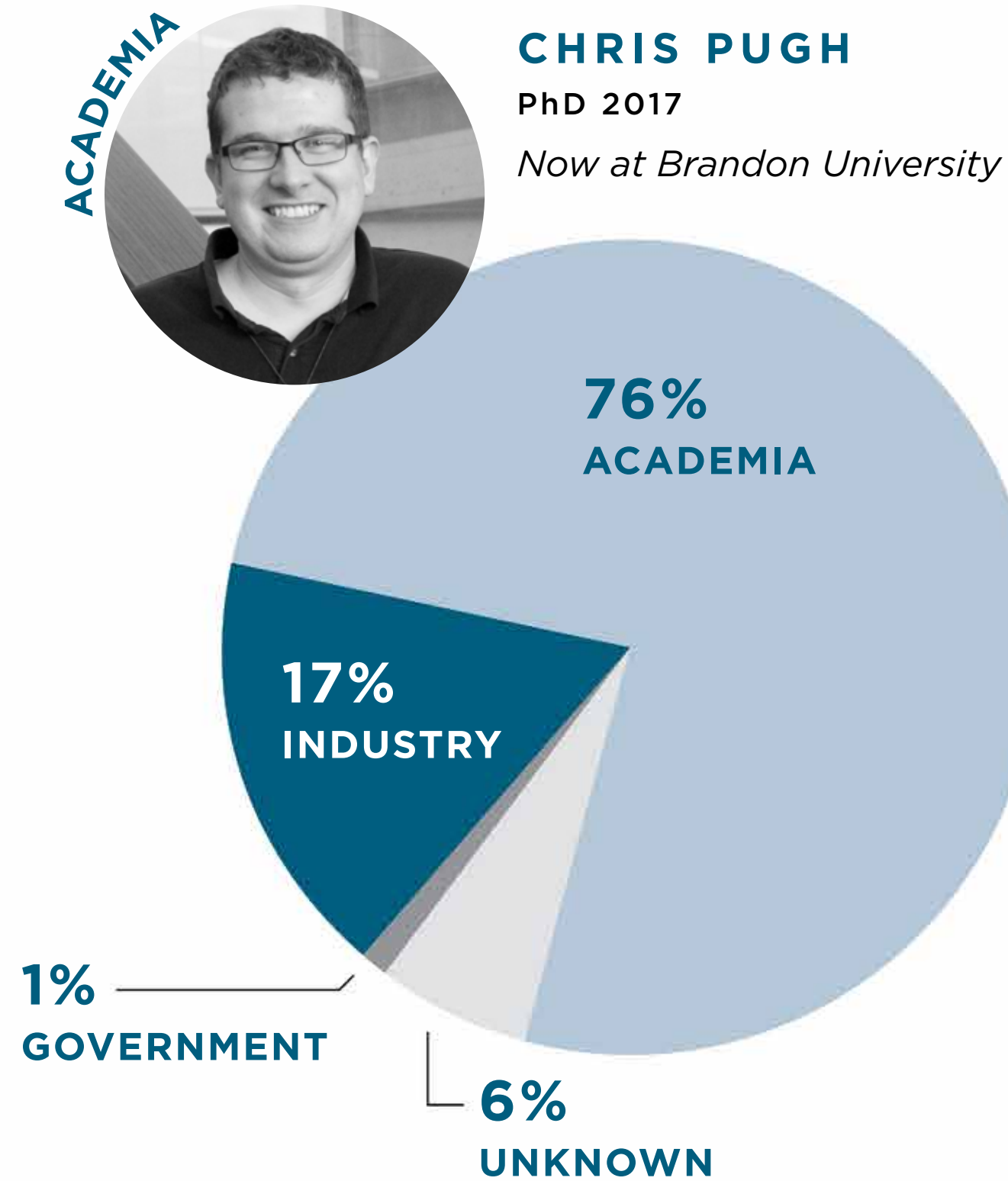
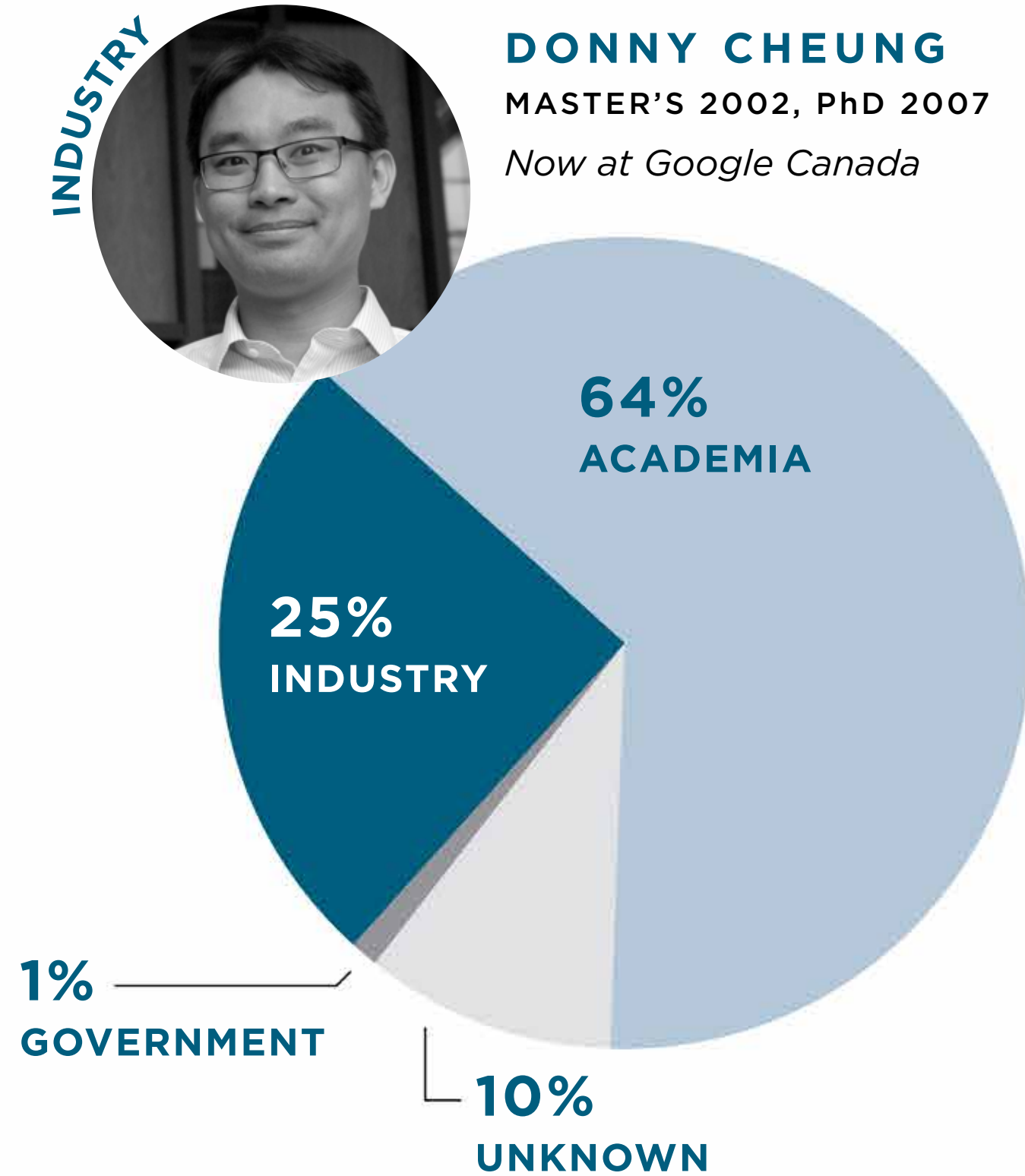


# IQC ALUMNI

## Master's Program

## PhD Program

## PDF Program







# UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

URAs supervised by IQC faculty

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**377** URAs since 2012

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**70%+** of USEQIP students  
stay for a URA (2016; 2017)



# SCIENTIFIC OUTREACH

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**Quantum Cryptography**  
School for Young Students

**318** participants since 2012

The logo for USEQIP, featuring the letters 'USEQIP' in white on a red rectangular background.

Undergraduate School  
on **Experimental Quantum**  
Information Processing

**135** participants since 2012

The logo for QKD, featuring the letters 'QKD' in white on a red rectangular background.

**Quantum Key Distribution**  
Summer School

**173** participants since 2012

The logo for QI, featuring the letters 'QI' in white on a red rectangular background.

**Quantum**  
Innovators

**230** participants since 2012

The logo for SC, featuring the letters 'SC' in white on a red rectangular background.

**Schrödinger's**  
Class

**82** participants since 2015



# TAKING QUANTUM BEYOND BORDERS

## QUANTUM EXHIBITION AND POP-UPS





# EARNED MEDIA

NATIONAL POST

» TORONTO STAR «



CBCnews



SCIENTIFIC  
AMERICAN

WIRED

769  
MEDIA MENTIONS  
SINCE APRIL 2017

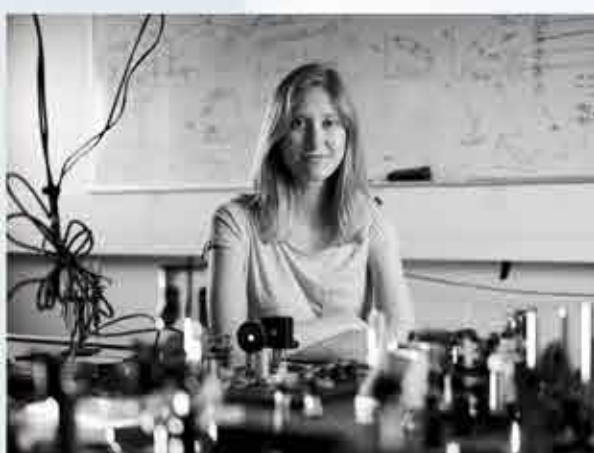
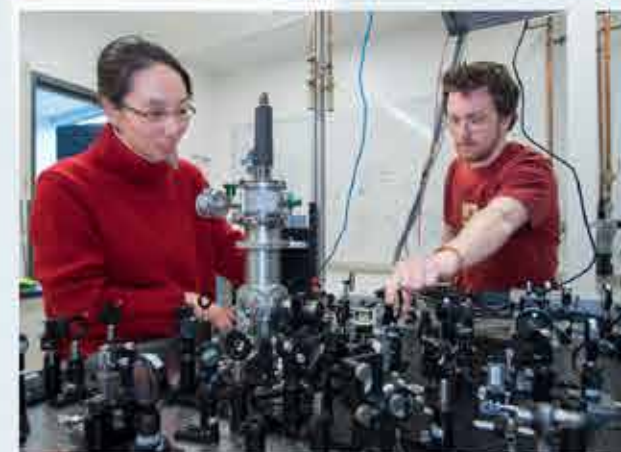


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