Cheryl Regehr is a well-established leader and champion for women in academia. Since 2013, Cheryl has served as Vice-President & Provost at the University of Toronto and one of the longest serving Provosts in its history. Former Dean of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and Vice-Provost, Academic Programs, she is a Professor of Social Work with cross-appointments to the Faculty of Law and the Institute for Medical Sciences in the University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine.

Highlighting a determination for transformation are Cheryl’s creation of three new roles at University of Toronto: the Provostial Advisor on Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), which worked to recruit women into STEM programs; the Provostial Advisor on Access Programs, designed to enhance the ability of students from underrepresented groups to access academia; and, the Provostial Advisor on Student Mental Health, focused on enhancing services for students.

Cheryl has worked with other university leaders to develop programs that increase the diversity of faculty members – including implementing a program supporting the hiring of 160 new Black and Indigenous faculty members; addressing sexual violence on campus by aiding in the creation of the on-campus Sexual Violence Prevention & Support Centre; and fostering truth and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

Before Cheryl’s time at the University of Toronto, she was the Director of the Sexual Assault Care Centre at Mississauga Hospital (now Trillium), a leading centre for sexual violence support.

Cheryl has received numerous awards for research and teaching and is the author of six books and more than 150 articles. Her practice includes more than 20 years of direct service in forensic social work and emergency mental health and in the administration of mental health programs. In 2015, Cheryl was named one of the Women’s Executive Network’s 100 Most Powerful Women in Canada.

Cheryl is a prolific scholar and multi-faceted champion who has made a profound difference in the lives of young women.