



Economic Development & Jobs | Advanced Education, Skills & Immigration

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Dear [names]:

The new Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration aims to promote access to advanced education opportunities for Manitobans through strong, competitive post-secondary institutions providing the quality education and skills development for today's and tomorrow's workforce. The new, stand-alone department will ensure further linkages and alignment between the program offerings at institutions and the skills needed to equip the labour force of the future.

Our collaborative efforts will be guided by our shared priorities detailed in your mandate letter, recommendations from the Auditor General, as well as the vision in the Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy. Together we will continue to promote student success, foster partnerships with industry, increase work-integrated learning opportunities, advance international education and ensure that we remain good stewards of public funds and maintain balanced budgets.

Institutions have indicated that providing budget information early in the calendar year would allow for better budget planning and decision-making. It is the expectation that institutions will use the information to present a final, board-approved balanced budget to government promptly upon receiving this information.

To this end, below are the funding decisions made by Government for the upcoming fiscal year.

The overall post-secondary envelope for 2021/22 is \$682.5 million. This includes capital support of \$11.6 million for major capital, renovations and equipment across the system. Government is also investing \$10.0 million in deferred maintenance this year to maintain and enhance existing spaces.

{Institution specific information}

We appreciate the work that has been done to maintain access and affordability for Manitoba students. Respecting the intent of keeping tuition affordable for students, institutions should target 3.75% as the maximum university tuition increase and \$250 per college programs this year. Institutions may propose variable tuition increases by program under certain conditions. To assist in this regard, as in previous years, the department will provide a template for approval of allowable tuition increases. If you have any questions regarding tuition increases, please contact Mr. Grant Prairie, Director of Policy and Programs, Post-Secondary Education at Grant.Prairie@gov.mb.ca or 204-945-8564.

Having received this information in advance of Budget 2021, the department is requesting that institutions return to government with a board-approved budget no later than February 11, 2021 to facilitate the provincial Budget development. Department staff will be in touch to provide the appropriate submission of information.

As we continue to protect Manitobans and emerge from the pandemic, the post-secondary sector will play an important role in our economic restart after a year of disruption to education systems.

I look forward to our continued collaboration as we ensure the success of Manitoba students and restart our economy. If you have any questions please contact Ms Colleen Kachulak, Assistant Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Skills, at Colleen.Kachulak@gov.mb.ca.

Sincerely,

“Original signed by”

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Acting Deputy Minister
Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration

- c. Honourable Wayne Ewasko, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration
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