



Advanced Education, Skills & Immigration

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Dear Mr. Chambers and Dr. Docherty:

The Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration continues to promote access to advanced education opportunities for Manitobans through strong, competitive post-secondary institutions providing the quality education Manitobans have come to expect. As the pandemic eases into an endemic, economic recovery and growth remains a top priority. The department will continue to work closely with post-secondary institutions and employers so Manitobans can gain the right skills to succeed and build their careers here at home.

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

The overall post-secondary funding envelope for 2022/23 is \$702.4 million. Brandon University will be receiving \$38,945,916.00 to support operational needs. Funding should be invested into programming that supports successful outcomes for students and efforts to ensure that post-secondary education remains accessible. [REDACTED]

As you know, after consulting our universities and colleges regarding the possible expansion of nursing programs, government announced its plans to add new nursing education seats across the province. The department appreciates the responsiveness of our post-secondary institutions in starting to address this immediate and critical need. In support of this effort the 2022/23 funding allocation to Brandon University includes an increase in support for Brandon University's approved nursing seat expansion.

