

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Funding for post-secondary education in the provincial budget

There was no increase in operating grants for post-secondary education in the provincial budget. Correcting for inflation, this is actually a cut of at least 1.8%, and follows the massive \$147 million cut made last year. The effects of such annual budget cuts are clear: the quality of education and support services provided by post-secondary institutions in Alberta will be degraded.

Increasing funding for post-secondary education must be a priority for the provincial government. The participation rate in Alberta is only 17%, compared to 28% in Newfoundland. Mount Royal University continues to turn away increasing numbers of qualified applicants – students who could be admitted if the government provided adequate operating funding.

The Mount Royal Faculty Association urges the provincial government to collaborate with post-secondary institutions to create affordable, accessible education so that all Albertans have an opportunity to contribute to the future of the province.

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