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Saskatchewan

Minister of Advanced Education

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March 19, 2025

Cadmus Delorme, Chair
Board of Governors
University of Regina
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Dear Cadmus Delorme:

Saskatchewan's 2025-26 budget will deliver on education, health care and affordability for people across the province. It supports students in pursuing post-secondary education and focuses on training programs that address labour market demands and bolster economic growth.

A strong post-secondary education sector is critical to Saskatchewan's economy. The *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2021-22 to 2024-25* is being extended for an additional year, allowing time to work through the potential impacts of the federal government's reduction of foreign student visas before engaging in another multi-year funding agreement. This extension supports an ongoing commitment to accountability and sustainability while responding to the goals and actions of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for the Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030*.

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$126,553,200 in the University of Regina from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026. Further details on the allocation of this funding and its intended use are provided in the attached appendices.

The 2.2 per cent increase provided in 2024-25 has been annualized as a permanent increase to your base operating funding for 2025-26. In addition, all signatories to the *April 1, 2025 Amendment to the Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2021-22 to 2025-26* will receive a 1.0 per cent one-time increase in the 2025-26 operating grant. This positive funding adjustment will enhance your institution's efforts in fostering student success while meeting the increased need for skilled graduates.

Also included are ongoing investments to support the *Health Human Resources Action Plan*, providing more opportunities for students to train in essential health-related educational programs. The government is committed to working with post-secondary and health partners to ensure the success of our health training expansion.

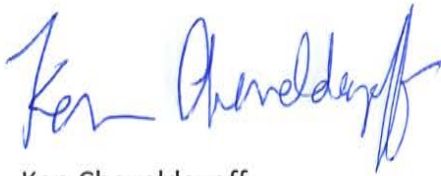
Capital funding in the 2025-26 budget supports improved learning environments that align academic programs with labour market needs, helping advance a resilient and adaptable workforce.

Ministry officials will be in contact with representatives at your institution to discuss the following eligibility criteria within the *April 1, 2025 Amendment to the Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2021-22 to 2025-26*:

- **Criteria 1: Confirmation to comply with the manner and form of the accountability requirements** – due April 15, 2025;
- **Criteria 2: Tuition Schedules** – due May 15, 2025; and
- **Criteria 3: Multi-Year Funding Accountability Reporting Plan** – due November 15, 2025.
 - Reporting on the 2021-2024 targeted funding has concluded. Multi-year funding reporting will be reduced from twice annually to once a year.

Saskatchewan thrives thanks to an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce that strengthens our growing economy. Government appreciates the University of Regina's role in supporting Saskatchewan's growth and looks forward to continued collaboration with your institution.

Sincerely,



Ken Cheveldayoff
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Jeff Keshen, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Regina
Dianne Ford, Vice-President, Administration, University of Regina
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
University of Regina

Funding Schedule April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026

	2025-26 Funding	2024-25 Funding
<u>Operating Funding</u>		
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 108,525,800	\$ 108,525,800
2.2% Increase (2024-25)	2,388,000	2,388,000
Base Operating Grant	\$ 110,913,800	
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i> (see Appendix 2)	5,775,500	4,307,400
1% Increase (one-time)	1,109,000	—
Total Operating Funding	\$ 117,798,300	\$ 115,221,200
<u>Other Funding</u>		
Supplementary Funding - Facilities	730,000	922,000
Total Operating and Other Funding	\$ 118,528,300	\$ 116,143,200
<u>Capital Funding</u>		
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal	6,574,000	6,084,000
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i> (see Appendix 2)	700,000	1,150,000
Cooling Tower Replacement	—	6,300,000
Student Health Centre Clinic	—	610,000
Total Capital Funding	\$ 7,274,000	\$ 14,144,000
<u>Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship</u>		
Innovation Scholarships	383,900	383,900
Opportunity Scholarships	325,000	325,000
International Education Scholarships	42,000	42,000
Total Scholarship Funding	\$ 750,900	\$ 750,900
Total Funding	\$ 126,553,200	\$ 131,038,100

APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
University of Regina

Base Operating Funding

First Nations University of Canada Infrastructure

The 2025-26 base operating grant includes **\$499,100** to compensate the University of Regina for infrastructure costs associated with the First Nations University of Canada. This includes adding the 2024-25 increase of \$10,600 (2.2%) to the base grant and a \$4,900 (1%) increase (one-time). Funding has been provided since 2006-07 for services such as snow removal, library usage and access to fitness facilities. This funding remains in place until the First Nations University of Canada begins paying for these costs directly.

Wascana Centre/Provincial Capital Commission

The 2025-26 budget includes **\$262,000** as flow through funding for Wascana Centre administered by the Provincial Capital Commission. This includes a \$2,600 (1%) increase (one-time).

Targeted Operating Funding

Health Human Resources Action Plan

To ensure a stable healthcare workforce across the province, the Government of Saskatchewan is funding a number of healthcare training initiatives including the continuation of seat expansions for in-demand training programs. The 2025-26 budget provides **\$5,775,500** targeted operating funding in support of the following:

Programs	Funding Purpose	2025-26	2024-25
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Collaborative Nurse Practitioner Started 2022-23	Continuing support of 62-seat expansion in Registered Nursing and 5-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program	\$ 2,675,700	\$ 2,547,000
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing Started 2024-25	Continuing support of 48-seat expansion in Registered Nursing (24 seats started in 2024-25 and 24 seats starting in 2025-26)	1,536,300	669,000
Collaborative Nurse Practitioner and Virtual Reality Initiative Starting 2025-26	New 5-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program Note: \$365,000 includes \$205,000 for the new Nursing Virtual Reality Initiative ¹	365,000	—
Clinical Psychology MSc/PhD	Continuing support of the incremental expansion of 8 additional Clinical Psychology MSc seats and 20 additional PhD seats at full implementation	1,198,500	1,091,400
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 5,775,500	\$ 4,307,400

¹ Details regarding the Virtual Reality Initiative funding disbursement will be provided separately.

French Language Funding

The *Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction 2019-20 to 2022-23* (Agreement), and subsequent extension expired on March 31, 2024. Negotiations to sign a new multi-year agreement are ongoing and French Language Funding levels for 2024-25 and onward are expected to be complete by March 31, 2025.

Capital Funding

The 2025-26 budget includes **\$6,574,000** in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for the University of Regina. The base allocation plus any individual projects that have received approval and funding are shown below.

Base Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Allocation	\$ 5,324,000
Complete substation infrastructure electrical improvements	500,000
Replace the Education Building's Fifth Floor Roof	500,000
Partial funding for elevator replacements in the Administration-Humanities Building	250,000
Total Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding	\$ 6,574,000

The 2025-26 budget also includes **\$700,000** for the following capital projects as part of the *Health Human Resources Action Plan*:

Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (24-seat expansion) Started 2024-25	Complete construction of two hi-flex classrooms (ED390 and ED391), purchase hi-flex classroom equipment, and office set-up	\$ 450,000
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing (62-seat expansion) and Collaborative Nurse Practitioner (5-seat expansion) Started 2022-23	Complete office renovations for additional faculty	250,000
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 700,000

Institutions are required to complete capital project reports. The Government of Saskatchewan will provide revised templates, guidelines and deadlines to enhance the reporting process. Any proposed changes to the use of capital funds must be approved by the Ministry of Advanced Education to ensure consistency with the original project objectives and government priorities.

Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship

The Ministry of Advanced Education will disburse Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship payments in **October 2025**. Annual allocations are subject to budget appropriation and institution ability to match funds in the previous year. Reporting and fundraising progress will be revisited with institutions prior to the 2026-27 budget.

By **June 30, 2025**, post-secondary institutions are to submit a letter to the Ministry of Advanced Education regarding scholarship priority areas (i.e., student categories and programs) for the upcoming year, as well as a plan that outlines how any unspent funding will be utilized. Institutions are also required to report actual (July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025) scholarship activity by **July 31, 2025**.