



March 20, 2024

Wendy Gervais, Chair
Board of Governors
Gabriel Dumont Institute
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Dear Wendy Gervais:

Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Budget provides record investments in our province's present and future, with a focus on education, health care, and the well-being of our communities. Our rapidly growing economy is attracting more people and creating more jobs, and our strong and innovative post-secondary sector is essential in supporting that growth. *Building the Workforce for a Growing Economy: The Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy*, announced earlier this month, underscores our commitment to supporting a thriving, talented workforce.

This budget year marks the conclusion of the four-year multi-year funding agreement. Our government's multi-year funding commitment and your dedicated planning and improvement efforts have ensured that Saskatchewan's post-secondary sector remains financially sustainable and aligned with the priorities of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for the Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030*.

As we begin the collective work to establish a new agreement, we appreciate the discussions this past year regarding the importance of stable, predictable funding, as well as the growing pressure on budgets and financial sustainability efforts. We heard your concerns and are very pleased to provide a 2.2 per cent one-time increase to your 2024-25 operating grant. This positive adjustment to your funding will be reflected in an amendment to the current multi-year funding agreement. We appreciate your commitment to reporting on the progress and impact of your efforts and look forward to ongoing collaboration on the development of a new multi-year funding agreement.

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The 2024-25 Budget tabled today includes \$13,089,400 for Gabriel Dumont Institute for the period April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. The attached appendices (Appendix 1 – Detailed Schedule of Funding, and Appendix 2 – Funding Details) provide additional details about government’s investment and its intended uses.

Budget investments in training are aligned to ensure Saskatchewan’s labour force can keep pace with the opportunities created by industry. The *Saskatchewan Labour Market Strategy* will provide a blueprint for post-secondary institutions and industry to prioritize investments in programs, services and initiatives that connect people to jobs, recognize skills and address labour needs for emerging sectors.

Continuing investments are identified in this budget, in support of *Health Human Resources Action Plan* opportunities for students to access critical health related education programs. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure these expansions are successful.

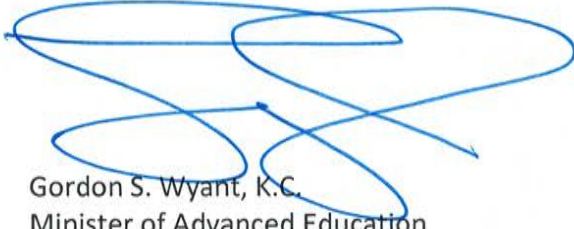
Demand for skilled tradespeople to support capital infrastructure projects across the province is ongoing. Investments in construction-related trades programming, offered by the post-secondary training system, to address labour market need remains a priority.

Ministry officials will be in contact with representatives at your institution to discuss the following 2024-25 accountability requirements and due dates:

- **Agreement to Submit Required Multi-Year Funding Reporting** – due April 15, 2024 (as per Eligibility Criteria 1 in the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding*);
- **Multi-Year Business Plan** (Dumont Technical Institute only)– due April 29, 2024 (40 days after budget allocation notification);
- **Multi-Year Funding Accountability Reports** – due June 28, 2024, and January 31, 2025 (as per Eligibility Criteria 2 and 3 in the MOU);
- **Revenue and Expenditure Reports** (Gabriel Dumont Institute and Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program only)– due June 28, 2024; and
- **Performance Framework Report** – due January 31, 2025.

We appreciate the contributions from your institution as we work together to ensure a bright future for Saskatchewan, by providing our residents with the high-quality education and training they need and deserve.

Sincerely,



Gordon S. Wyant, K.C.
Minister of Advanced Education



Jeremy Harrison
Minister of Immigration and Career Training

Attachments

cc: Brett Vandale, Acting Executive Director, Gabriel Dumont Institute
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APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
Gabriel Dumont Institute/Dumont Technical Institute

Funding Schedule April 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025

	2024-25 Funding	2023-24 Funding
GABRIEL DUMONT INSTITUTE		
Base Operating Grant	\$ 2,310,100	\$ 2,310,100
2.2% Increase (one-time)	51,000	—
Operating Grant as per MYF MOU*	\$ 2,361,100	\$ 2,310,100
Collective Agreement Support	87,000	87,000
GDI Total Operating Funding	\$ 2,448,100	\$ 2,397,100
DUMONT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE		
<u>Operating Funding</u>		
Base Operating Grant	1,937,200	1,937,200
2.2% Increase (one-time)	43,000	—
Operating Grant as per MYF MOU*	\$ 1,980,200	\$ 1,937,200
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	347,000	347,000
Collective Agreement Support	112,000	112,000
Disability Supports Grant	50,000	50,000
DTI: Total Operating Funding	\$ 2,489,200	\$ 2,446,200
<u>Training Programs and Services</u>		
Adult Basic Education Grant	2,045,000	2,045,000
Adult Basic Education - Essential Skills for the Workplace	200,000	200,000
Total Essential Skills Programming	2,245,000	2,245,000
Skills Training Allocation	2,110,000	2,135,000
DTI: Total Training Programs and Services	\$ 4,355,000	\$ 4,380,000
<u>Capital Funding</u>		
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	—	127,000
DTI: Total Capital Funding	—	\$ 127,000
DTI Total	\$ 6,844,200	\$ 6,953,200

* MYF MOU = Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding
2021-22 to 2024-25 Amendment

	2024-25 Funding	2023-24 Funding
SASKATCHEWAN URBAN NATIVE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM		
Base Operating Grant	3,602,900	3,602,900
2.2% Increase (one-time)	79,000	—
Operating Grant as per MYF MOU*	\$ 3,681,900	\$ 3,602,900
Collective Agreement Support	81,000	81,000
SUNTEP Total Operating Funding	\$ 3,762,900	\$ 3,683,900
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship		
Opportunity Scholarships	34,200	34,200
Total Scholarship Funding	\$ 34,200	\$ 34,200
Total Funding	\$ 13,089,400	\$ 13,068,400

Funding Source:		
Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education	\$	8,734,400
Saskatchewan Ministry of Immigration and Career Training	\$	4,355,000
Total Funding	\$	13,089,400

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APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
Gabriel Dumont Institute/Dumont Technical Institute

Base Operating Funding

The base operating funding total does not include \$10,000 paid by the Ministry of Advanced Education directly to the Saskatchewan Research Network (SRNET) for your institution's yearly membership that provides the benefits of cybersecurity and shared procurement services while connecting Saskatchewan's education, research and innovation sectors.

Higher Education Enterprise Resource Planning Project

Although not reflected in your Budget Letter, the Government of Saskatchewan has provided Carlton Trail College with \$1,900,000 in project funding to administer, on behalf of all regional colleges and Gabriel Dumont Institute for the implementation of a comprehensive Higher Education Enterprise Resource Planning System. The new system will support current and future business requirements (e.g., student information system, human resource, and finance components) to meet student and institution needs.

Targeted Operating Funding – Dumont Technical Institute

Health Human Resources Action Plan

To ensure a stable healthcare workforce across the province, the Government of Saskatchewan is funding a number of health care training initiatives. Dumont Technical Institute's 2024-25 Budget provides **\$347,000** targeted operating funding to continue supporting 14 seats in the Continuing Care Assistant program and 14 seats in the Licensed Practical Nursing program (year two).

Disability Supports Grant

The 2024-25 Budget includes **\$50,000** to assist students with disabilities in non-post-secondary education studies, including Adult Basic Education, Canadian Adult Education Credential, skills training and apprenticeship programs. This funding is intended for exceptional education-related services and equipment that support the student's disability and individual circumstances. Dumont Technical Institute is responsible for providing guidance and arranging the necessary accommodations to meet the student's needs and successfully participate in their studies.

Post-secondary institutions are required to report on the number of students supported and the types of supports provided through this funding **in your annual report**.

Training Programs and Services– Dumont Technical Institute

Essential Skills Programming

For 2024-25, the Ministry of Immigration and Career Training will provide **\$2,245,000** for the delivery of Adult Basic Education, and Adult Basic Education-Essential Skills for the Workplace. This funding is intended to support adult learners to develop basic employment skills, increase education and/or certification levels and gain prerequisites for further training that will lead to labour market attachment.

Skills Training Allocation

The Ministry of Immigration and Career Training will provide Dumont Technical Institute **\$1,115,000** for base Skills Training programming in 2024-25. The Skills Training Allocation is for the delivery of accredited training programs that meet the labour market needs of employers across various sectors in your region and of the provincial economy.

- **Health Human Resources Action Plan**

The Dumont Technical Institute Skills Training Allocation also includes **\$345,000** to continue, as requested in 2023-24, training in health occupations, as follows.

Licensed Practical Nursing (year two)	14-additional seats	\$ 195,000 ¹
Continuing Care Assistant	14-additional seats	150,000 ²
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 345,000

¹ Targeted funding for 2024-25; not an ongoing increase to the base allocation

² Targeted funding for ongoing increase to base allocation

- **Skilled Trades Expansion**

The Dumont Technical Institute Skills Training Allocation also includes **\$650,000** to increase training in construction-related trades programming as part of an investment in skilled trades training. Programming includes carpentry, welding, plumbing, construction trades, labourers, and heavy equipment operators. This is targeted funding and not an ongoing provision to the base allocation.

Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship

The Ministry of Advanced Education will disburse Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship payments in **October 2024**. 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 2025-26 Budget.

By **June 28, 2024**, 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. By **July 31, 2024**, institutions are required to report actual (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024) scholarship activity.