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March 20, 2024

Dr. John Hepburn
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Dear Dr. John Hepburn:

Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Budget supports a stronger provincial economy through priority investments in programs, services, and infrastructure. The education and health sectors are key areas of focus as the province carefully manages its finances to achieve growth that works for everyone.

This year, we are pleased to provide a total investment of \$1,150,000 for Mitacs Inc. Funding will support students and postdoctoral fellows in research and development internships in Saskatchewan industries and international student research opportunities. This includes continued funding for the Indigenous Pathways Initiative. We look forward to learning more about the impact of Mitacs' programs in advancing the priorities of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for the Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030*.

The Ministry of Advanced Education will follow-up with Mitacs to finalize a 2024-25 agreement, allocate funding to Mitacs' programs, and develop an Order in Council to authorize the funding. Please contact Darcy Cherney, Director, Universities Unit, at darcy.cherney@gov.sk.ca or 306-787-2267 should you have additional questions.

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We appreciate the contributions of your leadership team as we work together to advance research and development and help students and businesses grow, innovate and succeed in Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Gordon S. Wyant', with several loops and flourishes.

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

cc: Ernest Yee, Senior Advisor, Partnerships, Mitacs Inc.
Rebecca Carter, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education
Darcy Cherney, Director, Sector Management and Relations,
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