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Canadian researchers welcome investments in federal budget

[Ottawa] The Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR) is encouraged by the investments in science and research in the 2024 federal budget. For the first time since 2018, the budget announced increased funding for core research funding grants through the federal granting councils, and it provided a major investment to increase graduate student scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships for the first time in almost two decades. This investment will deliver urgently needed support to Canada's next generation of researchers.

"Our consortium pulls together researchers from many fields, and they're welcoming the investments in Budget 2024," said Hannah Paveck, Chair of the CCR. "Increased funding will help innovative and important research projects get off the ground and make meaningful impact. These increases to core research grants as well as scholarships and fellowships are a major step forward for the research sector in Canada."

Key measures proposed in Budget 2024 include:

- \$1.8 billion increase over five years for core research grant funding through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).
- Increases to the value and the number of graduate scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships.
 - Master's scholarships increasing to \$27,000 annually.
 - Doctoral Scholarships increasing to \$40,000 annually.
 - Post-doctoral fellowships increasing to \$70,000 annually.
- \$26.9 million over five years for a harmonized grant management system at the federal granting councils.
- \$30 million over three years to support Indigenous participation in research.

It is encouraging to see Budget 2024 address calls for strengthened federal investment from across the research community and by the [Advisory Panel on the Federal Research Support System](#).

"Research and new knowledge across fields are essential to addressing Canada's most urgent challenges," said Paveck. "We're happy to see the federal government acknowledging this and working with the research community to make our system better."

As part of the government's response to the Advisory Panel's recommendations, this budget announces important proposed changes to the federal research system: a new "capstone research funding organization" and a new advisory Council on Science and Innovation. The CCR looks forward to contributing to future consultations on the design and implementation of this new research funding organization and advisory council, and to working with government and partners across the research

sector to ensure that these changes to the federal research system provide long-term benefit to Canada's research community. We also look forward to updates on how the changes in funding support to the core funding agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) will be delivered in the future.

The CCR is the largest advocacy coalition in Canada dedicated to fostering a flourishing research community, promoting research funding in all disciplines, and supporting post-secondary education. The CCR includes 20 organizations that represent more than 50,000 researchers and 500,000 students across disciplines.

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