

The Fundamental Science Review & Why it Matters to Students, Science, and the Canadian Budget

First review of its kind in 40 years • Commissioned by the Canadian government & Science Minister in June 2016 • Mandated to evaluate the functioning of the government's funding and support for science • A panel of 9 experts chaired by Dr. David Naylor who consulted Canadians • Report officially unveiled April 2017

KEY ISSUES



Canada dropped out of top 30 for research intensity



Multidisciplinary research not well funded



Funding per researcher in decline



Underrepresentation of women and minority groups

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



Create a National Advisory Council on Research Innovation for broad oversight



Increase funding for investigator-led fundamental research by \$485M over 4 years



Develop coordinated policies to achieve better equity and diversity outcomes

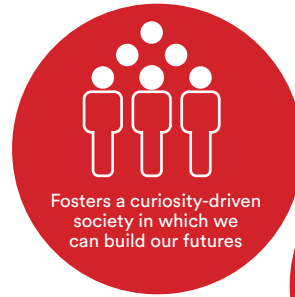


Increase support for multidisciplinary research



Harmonize and re-evaluate scholarship and fellowship programs to better support training and attract international talent

IMPACT ON STUDENTS & YOUNG RESEARCHERS



Fosters a curiosity-driven society in which we can build our futures



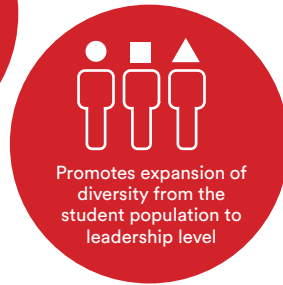
Enables us to be competitive on the international stage



Supports our training, our critical transferable skills, our research, and all laboratory staff



Supports our career-building process & our progress into the middle class



Promotes expansion of diversity from the student population to leadership level

→ **THERE IS STILL MORE WORK TO DO**, since bringing back broad support for fundamental research in federal government and across Canada will take time. Here's what you can do to help Canada [#ChooseScience](#)

- 1 SIGN OUR LETTER**
- 2 WRITE YOUR OWN LETTER**
- 3 MEET & TWEET YOUR MP**
- 4 SEND US VIDEOS & #TELLYOURSTORIES**

OUR [#STUDENTS4THEREPORT](#) OPEN LETTER has gained national attention and has been sent to Prime Minister Trudeau and Ministers Duncan (Science), Morneau (Finance), and Bains (Innovation, Science, and Economic Development), with a clear message: **YOUNG RESEARCHERS #SUPPORTTHEREPORT**

>1200 signatures

& endorsed by associations representing over 300,000 students

