



Canadian Association of University Teachers  
Association canadienne des professeures et professeurs d'université

## Memorandum 22:21

**Date:** April 13, 2022

**To:** Presidents and Administrative Officers  
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

**From:** David Robinson, Executive Director

**Re:** **Federal Budget 2022**

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On April 6, 2022, the federal government released a budget that — while strong on delivering essential programs that will benefit precarious workers, students and others — offers little to address the impacts of the chronic underfunding of post-secondary education.

CAUT continues to call for a national post-secondary education strategy between Ottawa and the provinces and territories which would include a minimum of \$3 billion in direct federal funding.

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I encourage you to share the message below with your members to encourage them to take action and push for a national post-secondary education strategy:

The federal government has released Budget 2022. Though there are welcome investments in expanded public health services, this budget offers little for post-secondary education and research.

CAUT has analyzed the key announcements in Budget 2022 which are of direct interest to academic staff. Read more [here](#).

Academic staff can pressure the federal government to show leadership by making needed investments in post-secondary education.

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Take a minute to [call on your Member of Parliament](#) to support the debate of this private members' bill in the House of Commons.