



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

Memorandum 24:11

Date: March 11, 2024

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

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **Take Action on the 2024 Federal Budget**

The federal government will table the federal budget on April 16. CAUT members and staff have been meeting with parliamentarians and government officials, encouraging them to adopt the recommendations contained in the [Know More: Invest in Canadian Research, Science and Post-Secondary Education](#) pre-budget consultation document.

One of our recommendations, the proposed changes to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act* (CCAA), is poised to pass into law.

On the call for more research funding, there is a need for extra support from our members as the budget is in the final stages of preparation.

CAUT has joined the [Coalition for Canadian Research](#) to call for **2 key items** in Budget 2024:

- Boosting granting council budgets for core programming by at least ten percent, or \$400 million annually for five years.
- Increasing the number and value of graduate student scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships by \$200 million over 2 years.

A strong push from CAUT members across the country will go a long way to make sure these asks are in the 2024 federal budget.

What Can You Do to Help?

1. Encourage members of your association to act by sending them an email with information about the CCR campaign. This message includes a sample email you can cut and paste to use to contact your membership.
2. [Amplify CAUT's social media](#) on Budget 2024 advocacy.
3. [Amplify the Coalition for Canadian Research's social media](#) on Budget 2024 advocacy.
4. Engage in other local efforts that promote our budget demands.

SAMPLE EMAIL TEXT

Suggested Subject Line: Help Secure Money for Research in Federal Budget 2024

{Insert Greeting}

CAUT has partnered with a group of stakeholders to create the Coalition for Canadian Research. The coalition is calling on the government to include the following key items in the upcoming federal budget:

- Boosting granting council budgets for core programming by at least ten percent, or \$400 million annually for five years.
- Increasing the number and value of graduate student scholarships and post-doctoral fellowships by \$200 million over 2 years.

You can help make this a reality by letting Prime Minister Trudeau know that you support these requests.

The Coalition has built a Budget 2024 campaign website that makes taking action very easy.

3 Steps to Take Action:

1. Click through to the campaign website here – CLICK
2. Click the 'Take Action' button in the top right-hand corner of the site's homepage.
3. Click the 'Send a Letter' button and an email will be generated in your default email application.

Feel free to change the text in the auto-generated email as you see fit.

There is no data collection happening as part of this campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact Isaac Cockburn at cockburn@caut.ca.

About the Coalition for Canadian Research

The Coalition for Canadian Research brings together the combined voices of post-secondary institutions, research hospitals, leading life sciences companies, university and hospital-based researchers, university faculty, health charities, student leaders, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and early career researchers across Canada.

Members of the coalition are:

Canadian Association of University Teachers
Association of Faculty of Medicines of Canada
Canadian Alliance of Student Associations
Evidence for Democracy
Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences
HealthCareCAN
Health Charities Coalition of Canada
Research Canada
Support our Science
U15 Canada
Universities Canada

If you have any questions and to share your feedback, please contact Isaac Cockburn at cockburn@caut.ca.