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Briefing note for members of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences

Without a plan to attract and support our next generation of researchers, Budget 2023 is a missed opportunity for Canada. Despite a call for action from students, researchers, and our post-secondary sector, the Budget lacks urgently-needed investments in Canada's graduate students and early-career researchers.

Over the past two decades, Canada's graduate students and postdoctoral fellows have faced rising living costs and stagnating funding levels. Dedicated support is needed to reverse the declining value of this funding, and to ensure it remains competitive and keeps pace with rising inflation. Investment in Canada's research talent and skilled workforce will bolster our capacity to solve our most important challenges here in Canada and internationally.

In a Budget targeting affordability, the green economy, and health and dental care, there were few measures aimed at strengthening Canada's research sector and its global relevance. One encouraging sign is the budget's commitment to promote French-language research, a priority the Federation continues to advocate for. We will be seeking out more details about this commitment in the days ahead.

The federal government has said it is looking for ways to further strengthen Canada's research support system, drawing on stakeholder consultations and the [Report of the Advisory Panel on the Federal Research Support System](#). This must lead to concrete action, including specific investments in research talent and fundamental research.

The Federation will continue advocating alongside our community to increase support for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. We will build on our [2021 Think Big report](#) to highlight how the humanities and social sciences are helping to solve Canada's most pressing challenges. We will continue to engage the government on support for the open exchange of Canadian research, which will put knowledge in the hands of more people working on those solutions.

Building a strong, sustainable, equitable and inclusive research community will require partnerships with government and across the post-secondary sector, which we will continue to foster. Watch for our future advocacy updates and opportunities to get involved.



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