



Government
— of —
Saskatchewan

Minister of Advanced Education

Legislative Building
Regina, Canada S4S 0B3

March 18, 2026

Adynea Russell, Chair
Board of Governors
University of Regina
University Secretariat Office
Room 510, Administration-Humanities Building
3737 Wascana Parkway
REGINA SK S4S 0A2

Dear Adynea Russell:

Saskatchewan's 2026-27 Budget will protect the stability of our post-secondary sector with ongoing predictable investments. Ministry of Advanced Education funding will support students as they pursue higher education and will invest in training opportunities that align with labour market needs and our growing economy.

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to invest \$136,004,900 in the University of Regina for the fiscal year April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027. Appendix 1 provides a high-level summary of the funding allocation, while Appendix 2 outlines comprehensive details, including the breakdown and intended application of these funds.

A strong post-secondary education sector is essential to building Saskatchewan's labour force and economy. That's why our government is proud to support the new *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*. This agreement delivers funding certainty for post-secondary institutions, requires annual tuition increases to be within the range of 0 to 3.0 per cent for students and includes annual accountability reporting which demonstrates progress in priority areas that support the goals of *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan*.

As a signatory to the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*, the University of Regina will receive an annual 3.0 per cent increase to its base operating grant beginning in 2026-27. As shown in Appendix 1, the 1.0 per cent increase provided in 2025-26 has been made permanent.

Achievements under the four pillars of the *Health Human Resources Action Plan*—Recruit, Retain, Train, and Incentivize—demonstrate the value of investments that expand opportunities for students in essential health-related programs. These investments reflect the province’s strong commitment to working closely with post-secondary institutions and health partners to grow health training programs and strengthen Saskatchewan’s future workforce.

Capital funding in the 2026-27 Budget is focused on addressing urgent labour market needs, particularly within the trades and health care sectors. Investments are prioritized to ensure post-secondary institutions are equipped to prepare students for the province’s evolving workforce needs. The Budget also continues to prioritize investment in preventative maintenance to address safety, functionality, and the provision of healthy learning environments.

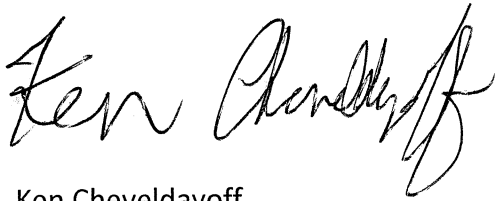
The Government of Saskatchewan provides targeted operating and capital funding for approved initiatives and projects. These funds must be used exclusively for eligible expenses related to the approved purpose and in compliance with all reporting and accountability requirements. Any use of targeted funds outside the approved scope requires prior written authorization from the Ministry of Advanced Education.

Ministry officials will be in contact with representatives at your institution to discuss the following accountability criteria within the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*:

- **Confirmation to comply with the manner and form of the accountability requirements** – due April 15, 2026;
- **Multi-Year Funding Accountability Report** – due July 15, 2026; and
- **Tuition Schedules** – due March 15, 2027.

Saskatchewan's future prosperity and success depend on an educated population and a skilled, innovative workforce. We appreciate the University of Regina's role in helping us meet the goals in *Saskatchewan's Growth Plan* and look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Cheveldayoff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ken" being more prominent and the last name "Cheveldayoff" written in a more compact, flowing style.

Ken Cheveldayoff
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Jeff Keshen, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Regina
Dianne Ford, Vice-President, Administration, University of Regina
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
University of Regina

Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

	2026-27 Funding	2025-26 Funding
<u>Operating</u>		
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 110,913,800	
1% Increase (2025-26)	1,109,000	
Subtotal	\$ 112,022,800	
MYF MOU* 3% Increase	3,361,200	
Base Operating Grant	\$ 115,384,000	\$ 110,913,800
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	8,063,000	5,775,500
French Language Funding	1,398,000	—
Supplementary Funding - Facilities	585,000	730,000
1% Increase (2025-26)	—	1,109,000
Total Operating	\$ 125,430,000	\$ 118,528,300
<u>Capital Transfers</u>		
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal	6,824,000	6,574,000
Nursing and Social Work Renovations (Saskatoon)	3,000,000	—
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	—	700,000
Total Capital Transfers	\$ 9,824,000	\$ 7,274,000
<u>Student Supports</u>		
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship	750,900	750,900
Total Student Supports	\$ 750,900	\$ 750,900
Total Funding	\$ 136,004,900	\$ 126,553,200

*MYF MOU = Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30

APPENDIX 2

Funding Details

University of Regina

Operating

The 2026-27 total operating grant of **\$125,430,000** for the University of Regina (U of R) includes:

First Nations University of Canada Infrastructure

The 2026-27 operating grant includes **\$514,100** to compensate the University of Regina for infrastructure costs associated with the First Nations University of Canada. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$4,900 (1%) to the base grant and a \$15,000 (3%) increase for 2026-27. Funding has been provided since 2006-07 for services such as snow removal, library usage and access to fitness facilities. This funding remains in place until the First Nations University of Canada begins paying for these costs directly.

Wascana Centre/Provincial Capital Commission

The 2026-27 operating grant includes **\$269,900** as flow through funding for Wascana Centre administered by the Provincial Capital Commission. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$2,600 (1%) to the base grant and a \$7,900 (3%) increase for 2026-27.

Health Human Resources Action Plan

To support the ongoing needs of Saskatchewan's health system, the Government of Saskatchewan continues to invest in critical health care training programs and initiatives such as ongoing seat expansions in Registered Nursing, Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Psychology, and the jointly developed Virtual Reality Initiative in nursing. The 2026-27 Budget provides **\$8,063,000** targeted operating funding in support of the following:

Programs	Funding Purpose	2026-27	2025-26
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Collaborative Nurse Practitioner (Started 2022-23)	Continuation of the 62-seat expansion in Registered Nursing and 5-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program	\$ 2,676,000	\$ 2,675,700
Saskatchewan Collaborative Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Continuation of the 48-seat expansion in Registered Nursing (24 seats Started 2024-25 and 24 seats Started 2025-26)	3,354,000	1,536,300*
Collaborative Nurse Practitioner and Virtual Reality Initiative	New 13-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program (Start 2026-27)	348,000	—
	Continuation of the 5-seat expansion in the Collaborative Nurse Practitioner program (Started 2025-26)	155,000	160,000
	Continuation of the Virtual Reality Initiative ¹ in Nursing	173,000	205,000
Clinical Psychology MSc/PhD (Started 2023-24)	Continuation of the 4-seat expansion in Clinical Psychology MSc/PhD	1,357,000	1,198,500
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 8,063,000	\$ 5,775,500

*The 2026-27 Budget Letter is presented on a comparative budget-to-budget basis. The Ministry of Advanced Education also provided an additional \$669,000 (March 31, 2025) for this program.

¹Details regarding Virtual Reality Initiative funding disbursement will be provided separately.

French Language Funding

A new *Canada-Saskatchewan Agreement on Minority-Language Education and Second Official Language Instruction 2024-25 to 2027-28* (Agreement) was signed in 2025. The La Cité and Le Bac programs at the University of Regina will receive **\$898,000** and **\$500,000** respectively for French Language in 2026-27 as part of their Regular Funding under the Agreement.

Capital Transfers

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$6,824,000** in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding for the University of Regina. The base allocation plus any individual projects that have received approval and funding are shown below.

Base Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Allocation	\$ 5,324,000
Library Building Electrical Infrastructure	500,000
Education Building Elevator Modernization	500,000
Main Station Upgrades	500,000
Total Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding	\$ 6,824,000

The 2026-27 Budget also includes **\$3,000,000** to support renovations for relocating the Nursing and Social Work programs at the Saskatoon Campus.

Institutions are required to complete quarterly capital project reports. The Ministry of Advanced Education has provided revised templates, guidelines, and deadlines to enhance the reporting process. Any proposed changes to the use of capital funds must be approved by the ministry to ensure consistency with the original project objectives and government priorities.

Student Supports

The Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship (SIOS) allocation for 2026-27 noted below is subject to institution ability to match funds in the previous year. The Ministry of Advanced Education will review reporting and fundraising progress with institutions prior to the 2027-28 Budget.

SIOS Component	2026-27	2025-26
Innovation	\$ 383,900	\$ 383,900
Opportunity	325,000	325,000
International Education	42,000	42,000
Total	\$ 750,900	\$ 750,900

Payment to be issued October 2026.

By **June 30, 2026**, post-secondary institutions are to submit a letter to the ministry regarding scholarship priority areas (i.e., student categories and programs) for the upcoming year, as well as a plan that outlines how any unspent funding will be utilized. Institutions are also required to report actual (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) scholarship activity by **July 31, 2026**.