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Minister of Advanced Education

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Regina, Canada S4S 0B3

March 18, 2026

Dr. Keith Martell, Chair
Board of Governors
University of Saskatchewan
E290 – 105 Administration Place
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Dear Dr. Keith Martell:

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 \$346,002,650 in the University of Saskatchewan 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*.

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As a signatory to the *Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Education Multi-Year Operating Funding Memorandum of Understanding 2026-27 to 2029-30*, the University of Saskatchewan 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.

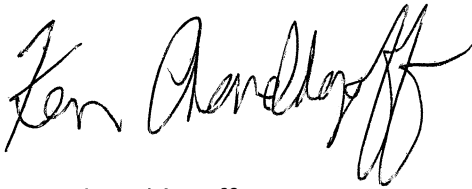
The Government of Saskatchewan provides targeted operating and capital funding for approved initiatives and projects. These funds must be used exclusively for eligible expenses related to the approved purpose and in compliance with all reporting and accountability requirements. Any use of targeted funds 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 Saskatchewan'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 particularly prominent.

Ken Cheveldayoff
Minister of Advanced Education

Attachments

cc: Dr. Vince Bruni-Bossio, President and Vice-Chancellor, University of Saskatchewan
Deidre (Dee) Henne, Chief Financial Officer, University of Saskatchewan
Greg Fowler, Vice-President, Administration and Chief Operating Officer,
University of Saskatchewan
Louise Michaud, Deputy Minister of Advanced Education

APPENDIX 1
Detailed Schedule of Funding
University of Saskatchewan

Funding Schedule April 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

	2026-27 Funding	2025-26 Funding
<u>Operating</u>		
Prior Year Base Operating Grant	\$ 268,438,300	
1% Increase (2025-26)	2,684,000	
Subtotal	\$ 271,122,300	
MYF MOU* 3% Increase	8,133,700	
Base Operating Grant	\$ 279,256,000	\$ 268,438,300
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	28,177,000	18,535,200
Western College of Veterinary Medicine Agreement	11,248,750	10,502,250
Supplementary Funding - Facilities	228,000	459,000
1% Increase (2025-26)	—	2,684,000
Total Operating	\$ 318,909,750	\$ 300,618,750
<u>Capital Transfers</u>		
Preventative Maintenance and Renewal	14,894,000	14,844,000
<i>Health Human Resources Action Plan</i>	10,430,000	7,000,000
Western College of Veterinary Medicine Expansion	500,000	250,000
Total Capital Transfers	\$ 25,824,000	\$ 22,094,000
<u>Student Supports</u>		
Saskatchewan Innovation and Opportunity Scholarship	1,268,900	1,268,900
Total Student Supports	\$ 1,268,900	\$ 1,268,900
Total Funding	\$ 346,002,650	\$ 323,981,650

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

APPENDIX 2
Funding Details
University of Saskatchewan

Operating

The 2026-27 total operating grant of **\$318,909,750** for the University of Saskatchewan (USask) includes:

College of Medicine

The total funding to the College of Medicine in 2026-27 is **\$61,518,000**, which is comprised of:

- **\$44,536,000** in operating funding to support the Dean's Office, the Biomedical Sciences Unit, the School of Rehabilitation Science, and Library and Information/Communications Technology. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$420,000 (1%) to the base grant and a \$1,297,000 (3%) increase in 2026-27; and
- **\$16,982,000** for targeted operating funding (listed below) for Master of Occupational Therapy and Master of Speech Language Pathology, Master of Physician Assistant Studies and Undergraduate Medical Education Program.

Required reporting will continue to include quarterly forecasts and an annual report.

Western College of Veterinary Medicine

The total funding to the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) in 2026-27 is **\$14,796,750**. This includes:

- **\$11,248,750** subject to the 2025-2030 WCVM Interprovincial Agreement. This includes increases of \$155,000 (1.75%) and \$591,500 for year four of the five-seat expansion.
- **\$3,548,000** for indirect costs (overhead/administration/facility costs) and expansion operating costs since 2007-08. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$34,000 (1%) to the base grant and a \$103,000 (3%) increase in 2026-27.

Meewasin Valley Authority

The 2026-27 operating grant includes **\$679,400** in targeted funding as flow through for the Meewasin Valley Authority. This includes adding the 2025-26 increase of \$6,000 (1%) to the base grant and a \$19,800 (3%) increase in 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 training programs that support these critical health care occupations. Ongoing seat expansions in Nursing, Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Psychology programs, continued and new seat expansion for the Undergraduate Medical Education program, as well as continuing support for the new domestic programs for Physician Assistants, Occupational Therapists and Speech Language Pathologists. The 2026-27 Budget provides **\$28,177,000** targeted operating funding in support of the following:

Programs	Funding Purpose	2026-27	2025-26
Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Nursing – Nurse Practitioner (Started 2022-23)	Continuation of the 62-seat expansion in Registered Nursing and 5-seat expansion in the Nurse Practitioner program, including support for distributed learning sites	\$ 7,115,000	\$ 6,246,200
Nurse Practitioner and Virtual Reality Initiative	New 13-seat expansion in the Nurse Practitioner program (Start 2026-27)	404,000	—
	Continuation of the 5-seat expansion in the Nurse Practitioner program (Started 2025-26)	155,000	150,000
	Continuation of the Virtual Reality Initiative ¹ in Nursing	210,000	155,000
Master of Occupational Therapy and Master of Speech Language Pathology – College of Medicine	Continuation of the Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology domestic implementation starting fall 2026 with 40 seats annually per program	8,813,000	2,673,000
Master of Physician Assistant Studies – College of Medicine (Started 2025-26)	Continuation of the Physician Assistant domestic implementation with 20 seats annually	3,820,000	4,280,000
Clinical Psychology MA/PhD (Started 2023-24)	Continuation of the 6-seat expansion in Clinical Psychology MA/PhD	3,311,000	3,311,000
Undergraduate Medical Education Program – College of Medicine	New 20-seat expansion 12 in Saskatoon and 8 in Regina (Start 2026-27)	2,629,000	—
	Continuation of the 8-seat expansion (4 seats Started 2023-24 and 4 seats Started 2024-25)	1,720,000	1,720,000
Total Health Human Resources Action Plan Funding		\$ 28,177,000	\$ 18,535,200

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

Capital Transfers

The 2026-27 Budget includes **\$14,894,000** in Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding. The base allocation plus any individual projects that have received approval and funding are shown below.

Base Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Allocation	\$ 13,894,000
WVCM Air Exchanger – Renovation to Existing Systems	500,000
Emergency Generator Renewal at Preston Substation	500,000
Total Preventative Maintenance and Renewal Funding	\$ 14,894,000

The 2026-27 Budget also includes:

- **\$10,430,000** to support the *Health Human Resources Action Plan* with ongoing planning, equipment purchases, and continued renovations to the Health Sciences Building to accommodate the new Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology programs.

- **\$500,000** for ongoing planning and design for the Western College of Veterinary Medicine expansion including the development of a project business case outlining:
 - Viable expansion options including detailed cost estimates for each;
 - Proposed sequencing and phasing for each option; and
 - Availability of additional funding sources including federal funding or third-party donations.

The business case is to be submitted through a future budget cycle for consideration and approval prior to any construction proceeding.

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	\$ 606,000	\$ 606,000
Opportunity	518,000	518,000
International Education	144,900	144,900
Total	\$ 1,268,900	\$ 1,268,900

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**.