

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel and Expenses
(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Advanced Education
Title of Travel	Mission to Mexico
Location	Mexico City and Mérida Yucatán, Mexico
Date(s)	May 1–4, 2022
Participants	Honourable Gene Makowsky, Minister of Advanced Education Amanda Plummer, Chief of Staff to Minister Makowsky Livia Castellanos, Executive Lead, International Education and Jurisdictional Initiatives, Advanced Education
Purpose of Travel	To build partnerships, strengthen relationships, and build new opportunities for post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan and Mexico to collaborate around student mobility and research.
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$5,946.65
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$16.25
Accommodation (including room charges, and all related taxes and fees)	\$1,561.67
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$664.47
Conference & Registration Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)	\$603.03
Subtotal	\$8,792.07
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	\$138.82
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$381.60
Subtotal	\$520.42
TOTAL	\$9,312.49

Overview of Travel and Objectives

Minister Makowsky met with government partners, post-secondary institution partners, and students in Mexico City and Mérida, Yucatán.

The mission built on the province's new International Education Strategy to meet the commitments outlined in the *Saskatchewan Growth Plan*.

Key activities focused on building partnerships, strengthening relationships, and building new opportunities for post-secondary institutions in Saskatchewan and Mexico to collaborate around student mobility and research.

Travel Activity

While in Mexico City the Minister:

- met with officials from the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City;
- gave a keynote address to faculty, students and authorities at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM);
- witnessed the renewal of a Student Exchange agreement between University of Saskatchewan and UNAM;
- witnessed a signing of a memorandum of understanding between the University of Saskatchewan and the National Polytechnic Institute of the United Mexican States (IPN); and,
- met with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Mexico.

While in Mérida, the Minister:

- joined the Constitutional Governor of the State of Yucatán at an event to celebrate 130 students from Yucatán who were selected to travel to Saskatchewan for language training this summer, with the first cohort arriving the week of May 16th;
- promoted the province and the post-secondary education sector in a keynote speech at the Technological Metropolitan University (UTM); and,
- witnessed the signing of a letter of intent between the Saskatchewan Polytechnic and the Autonomous University of Yucatán.