The Fundamental Science Review & Why it Matters to Students, Science, and the Canadian Budget

First review of its kind in 40 years • Commissioned by the Canadian government & Science Minister in June 2016 • Mandated to evaluate the functioning of the government’s funding and support for science • A panel of 9 experts chaired by Dr. David Naylor who consulted Canadians • Report officially unveiled April 2017

**KEY ISSUES**
- Canada dropped out of top 30 for research intensity
- Multidisciplinary research not well funded
- Funding per researcher in decline
- Underrepresentation of women and minority groups

**KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**
- Create a National Advisory Council on Research innovation for broad oversight
- Increase funding for investigator-led fundamental research by $485M over 4 years
- Develop coordinated policies to achieve better equity and diversity outcomes
- Increase support for multidisciplinary research
- Harmonize and re-evaluate scholarship and fellowship programs to better support training and attract international talent

**IMPACT ON STUDENTS & YOUNG RESEARCHERS**
- Supports our training, our critical transferable skills, our research, and all laboratory staff
- Fosters a curiosity-driven society in which we can build our futures
- Enables us to be competitive on the international stage
- Supports our career-building process & our progress into the middle class
- Promotes expansion of diversity from the student population to leadership level

**THERE IS STILL MORE WORK TO DO**, since bringing back broad support for fundamental research in federal government and across Canada will take time. Here’s what you can do to help Canada #ChooseScience

1. **SIGN OUR LETTER**
2. **WRITE YOUR OWN LETTER**
3. **MEET & TWEET YOUR MP**
4. **SEND US VIDEOS & TELLYOURSTORIES**

OUR **#STUDENTS4THEREPORT OPEN LETTER** has gained national attention and has been sent to Prime Minister Trudeau and Ministers Duncan (Science), Morneau (Finance), and Bains (Innovation, Science, and Economic Development), with a clear message: **YOUNG RESEARCHERS #SUPPORTTHEREPORT**

>1200 signatures

& endorsed by associations representing over 300,000 students

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