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CREATIVE CANADA:

Excellence based on ingenuity and knowledge

element: A highly qualified, innovative workforce

message: The Evolving Canadian Workforce Relies on Educated Individuals

Between 1999 and 2004 approximately 1.3 million new jobs are expected to be created

element: A world-class network of teaching and R&D institutions

message: Canada is the Place to Study!

Among OECD countries, Canada has the highest gross enrollment figures in public and private post-secondary education

Canada is known for its large, research intensive institutions

Canada has extensive liberal arts programs

Canada provides studies in English or French

Certain Canadian universities specialize in distance education

Canadians are the pioneers of cooperative education

There are 92 higher education institutions/universities in Canada

The largest university in Canada is the Université du Québec, which was founded in 1968 and is a network of 12 universities with more than 150,000 students

The oldest French language university in North America is the Université Laval, founded in 1852 in Sainte-Foy, Quebec

More than half of the full-time students are women

One quarter of Canadian students are over 24 years old

Canada has the second highest percentage of citizens attending university in the world

Canadian university researchers have had much success. For example:

- Canadians discovered insulin, pabulum, and the more recent plastics that are biodegradable in the sun
- Canadian researchers have developed Canola into Canada's 3rd largest crop
- Canadians identified the gene that causes cystic fibrosis
- A Canadian researcher invented the electronic pacemaker
- Canadian researchers created ultra precise satellite navigation, and surveying systems