

# **We think that every Canadian who wants to learn should have the opportunity to do so**

That's what the proposed *Canadian Opportunities Strategy* is all about. It expands access to knowledge and skills for all Canadians by:

## **Helping Manage Student Debt**

- Tax relief for 1 million Canadians repaying their student loans that will allow students, like business, to benefit from investing in their future.
- Improvements to the Canada Student Loans Program including interest relief and a longer repayment period for about 100,000 graduates

## **Providing Financial Assistance to Students**

- 100,000 Canada Millennium Scholarships to full and part-time students each year over 10 years – worth an average of \$3,000 per year
- Canada Study Grants worth up to \$3,000 a year for 25,000 students with children or other dependants

## **Helping Canadians Upgrade Their Skills**

- Tax free RRSP withdrawals for adults going back to school
- Tax relief for about 250,000 part-time students including 50,000 part-time students with children

## **Supporting Advanced Research and Graduate Students**

- More funding for Canada's granting councils; more than \$400 million in additional resources

## **Helping Families Save for Education**

- A new Canada Education Savings Grant that will directly enrich the contributions made to each registered education savings plan

## **Supporting Youth Employment**

- An Employment Insurance premium holiday for businesses that hire additional young Canadians age 18-24
- Funding doubled for youth employment programs aimed at those who have dropped out of high school

*We're investing in the future of Canada*

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