Fast Facts on B.C.'s post-secondary system

Since 2001, $1.5 billion invested in new and better campuses all around B.C., largest expansion in B.C. history – 60 projects in all

New universities created since 2001:
- Capilano University
- Emily Carr University of Art and Design
- Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- Royal Roads University
- Simon Fraser University
- Thompson Rivers University
- University of British Columbia
- University of Fraser Valley
- University of Northern British Columbia
- University of Victoria
- Vancouver Island University

More degrees and choices than ever before – 238 new degrees since 2001

Tuition increases limited to the rate of inflation – two per cent per year since 2005

More than $400 million available in student aid each year

Student aid entirely interest-free for up to ten years during full-time study

Annual operating grants increased by 40 per cent since 2001

Building for Today and Tomorrow

This means better choices and better access, so students can get the education they need to succeed in B.C.'s booming economy and contribute to the province's social structure. Graduate and undergraduate degrees in a broad range of fields. Professional skills, from law to medicine. Other health-care fields, including pharmacy, occupational and physical therapy and nursing. And in the teaching-focused universities, everything from trades and technology to high school completion and English as a second language.

And all of this closer to home.
Our government made a commitment to make B.C. the best-educated, most literate jurisdiction in North America. Thanks to the largest investments in the history of post-secondary education including unprecedented capital expansion, we are well on our way. Our government has spent over a quarter of a billion dollars on projects from Medicine Hat to Vancouver Island. This expansion includes six new universities we’ve created since 2001 (Vancouver Island University, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Capilano University, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, University of the Fraser Valley and Thompson Rivers University) and a new UBC campus in the Okanagan, for more choices and more access to university degrees for students, closer to home.

University of British Columbia – Vancouver campus
$416.2 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- a Life Sciences Building the size of six football fields
- $16.5 million for the construction of the 135,000 square-foot Beaty Biodiversity Research Centre and purchase of equipment
- $17.3 million for the renovation and construction of the Museum of Anthropology

University of British Columbia – Okanagan campus
$148.4 million in capital investments since its creation in 2005 includes:
- 13 different building projects to accommodate student and staff needs
- expansions to the Arts and Sciences
- a new medical science building
- a new engineering and computer science building
- a new social sciences and mathematics building

Simon Fraser University
$227.8 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- the new Surrey campus
- a downtown Vancouver campus for the School of Contemporary Arts
- a new Health Sciences Centre at the Burnaby campus
- a new Faculty of Management Building with state-of-the-art digital and video equipment
- updated trades training equipment

University of Victoria
$178 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- a new medical science building
- a new engineering and computer science building
- a new social sciences and mathematics building

Vancouver Island University
$59 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- a Centre for Shellfish Research
- a new Faculty of Management Building with state-of-the-art digital and video equipment
- updated trades training equipment

University of the Fraser Valley
$52.4 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- A new 6.2-hectare Chilliwack campus featuring a state-of-the-art Trades and Technology Centre
- new homes for UNBC’s Terrace, Quesnel and Prince Rupert campuses

University of Northern British Columbia
$64.3 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- a health sciences centre to educate doctors in the North
- the 13,484 square-meter Charles Jago Northern Sport Centre
- new homes for UBC’s Tensas, Quesnel and Prince Rupert campuses

University of Victoria, Engineering/Computer Science Building

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Thompson Rivers University
$51.4 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- a new campus for Williams Lake
- the new 17,203 square-metre Cloverdale Trades and Technology Centre
- upgrades and expansions of academic buildings
- new equipment and technology upgrades for the university’s horticulture program

University of the Fraser Valley
$52.4 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- the first new academic building at Royal Roads University since it made the transition from military college to university 12 years ago
- expansions to the Arts and Sciences
- new homes for UNBC’s Terrace, Quesnel and Prince Rupert campuses

University of British Columbia – Fraser Valley
$3.4 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- an expansion and courtyard conversion at the North Vancouver campus
- the new Waller Lake
- a BILS/Open Learning building in Kamloops

Royal Roads University
$105.7 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- the new 17,203 square-metre Cloverdale Trades and Technology Centre
- new equipment and technology upgrades for the university’s horticulture program

University of Fraser Valley
$24.2 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
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- a new Surrey campus
- a downtown Vancouver campus for the School of the Contemporary Arts
- a new Health Sciences Centre at the Burnaby campus

Emily Carr University of Art + Design
$2.4 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- the new Intersections Digital Studio
- upgrades and expansions of academic buildings
- new equipment and technology upgrades for the university’s horticulture program

Kwantlen Polytechnic University
$73.5 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
- the new 17,203 square-metre Cloverdale Trades and Technology Centre
- upgrades and expansions of academic buildings
- new equipment and technology upgrades for the university’s horticulture program

Capilano University
$5 million in capital investments since 2001 includes:
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- a BILS/Open Learning building in Kamloops

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