

STRONG POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS FOR RESILIENT FRANCOPHONE COMMUNITIES

ACUFC Key Messages – 2025 Federal Election Campaign

- The Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne (ACUFC) is a national platform for 22 postsecondary institutions across eight provinces and one territory.
- The ACUFC calls for the prompt implementation of the Official Languages Act which now makes mention of the postsecondary sector.
- Colleges and universities in Francophone minority contexts are key in meeting federal targets for individual bilingualism, Francophone immigration and the Francophone workforce.
- These postsecondary institutions seek to attract more students who have French as their mother tongue or as an additional language and to increase their capacity to meet the needs of the communities they serve.



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Considering this context, we must **ACT ON TWO FRONTS**



Encourage Canadian students to choose postsecondary education in French

For example:

- Introduce new financial incentives to pursue postsecondary studies in French
- Expand the availability and accessibility of academic programs to better meet the expectations of the student population
- Support institutions in remaining attractive and competitive compared to those in the majority-language sector



Increase the capacity to support socio-economic development across the country

For example:

- Support institutions in responding to the evolving needs of the labour market
- Facilitate the conduct of applied and theoretical research in French
- Ensure the necessary means are in place to continue welcoming a Francophone international student population

Colleges and universities of the Canadian Francophonie will continue to serve as a unifying force in Canadian society, helping build inclusive, innovative, and resilient communities.

Find out more about the 22 members of the Association des collèges et universités de la francophonie canadienne at www.acufc.ca.