



Sault College News Release

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Sault College Receives Federal Funding in Support of Infrastructure Development

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON October 14, 2016) – As announced today by the Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Sault College is the proud recipient of \$5 million from the Federal Government as part of the post-secondary institutions Strategic Investment Fund (SIF). This funding, in addition to the funding received from the various levels of government, will support the development of the new institute of Environment, Education and Entrepreneurship – the iE3.

“Today’s \$5 million funding announcement is a significant milestone for Sault College. With funding totaling approximately \$18.2 million, including the \$10.6 million from the Province of Ontario, we can make our vision a reality,” says Dr. Ron Common, Sault College President. “Sault College is honoured to work in partnership with the various levels of government to upgrade our infrastructure and offer current and future students an innovative, more modern and accessible environment for learning.”

The iE3 will be home to Sault College’s Natural Environment, Geographic Information Systems and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) programs. It will provide state-of-the-art experiential learning spaces, with the needed capacity to accommodate identified, domestic and international, enrollment growth opportunities in these program areas.

Benefits of the new iE3 are substantial, emerging from new classrooms and labs for students and faculty, industry collaboration zones, and a dedicated area for student services. The iE3 will also allow Sault College to develop new curriculum and programs in the ICT-Environment space, such as drone based remote surveillance and digital forest and environmental inventorying, giving our students the best opportunity to thrive in a new economy.

“In addition to these, the iE3 will have design and equipment features that will help attract students to Sault College and Sault Ste. Marie, will create jobs during the construction phase, and looking into the future, will help to reduce Sault College’s greenhouse gas emissions,” adds Dr. Ron Common.

Sault College boasts high scores in overall student satisfaction, ranking either first or second by students for the last five years. It is investments, such as this, that help to sustain this ranking and help to make Sault College a leader in post-secondary education.

“We’re excited to advance our campus in a way that will benefit our students, community, and economy and allow us to move towards a sustainable future,” says Dr. Ron Common. “We are truly appreciative of the funding received in support of this initiative,” he adds.

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About Sault College

The vision of Sault College is to provide a transformative life experience through empowering those who study with us to think and learn in progressive, innovative ways, including those we have not yet imagined. Sault College grants Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario. Educating over 2,300 full-time and 4,000 part-time students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$158 million. Over \$1.8 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards are distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest Great Lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario.

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