



Our Ref. 115267

March 19, 2019

Mary Burgess
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Burgess

I am pleased to inform you that the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training (the Ministry) will provide BCcampus with a one-time funding allocation of \$1.26 million to support the initiatives outlined below:

- \$1.0 million to promote the use and development of Open Education Resources (OER), as outlined in your February, 2019 submission to the Ministry, with a focus on the Open Source Homework System, Zed Creds in ECE and STEM, and Pedagogical Capacity Building; and,
- \$260,000 to support the Engineering Curriculum Initiative, including the development of common learning resources. Further details of the initiative will be formalized by the Ministry and BCcampus in discussion with the Engineering Articulation Committee.

Pursuant to the terms of the existing Memorandum of Understanding for BCcampus between the Ministry and Simon Fraser University, the grant will be provided to Simon Fraser University with the next available operating funds transfer.

The funds must be used for the above intended purpose and may be deferred until March 31, 2020. If you do not anticipate expending all of the funds by that date, please contact the Ministry by February 1, 2020, to discuss alternatives such as reallocation to alternate priorities or additional time to implement the planned activities. If a reallocation or alternative implementation strategy cannot be reached, the Ministry may require the repayment of unused funds. As a condition of this funding, BCcampus is required to report on project status and outcomes to the Ministry through the BCcampus Annual Report by May 1, 2020.

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The Ministry requests that public announcements related to this funding are jointly formalized with the Ministry. Please have your staff contact Rodney Porter, Communications Director, by phone at (250) 952-6508, to arrange for an opportunity to publicly announce funding.

If you have any questions regarding the funding, please contact Dean Goodman, Executive Director, Post-Secondary System Policy and Liaison Branch, at 250-508-4269 or Dean.Goodman@gov.bc.ca regarding Open Education Resources or Susan Burns, Director, Technology, Arts and Sciences Education, Post-Secondary Programs Branch, at 250-356-6114 or Susan.Burns@gov.bc.ca regarding the Engineering Curriculum Initiative.

On behalf of the Ministry, thank you for your commitment to the success of this initiative.

Sincerely,



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