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U15 Executive Heads Discuss Science, Innovation and Equity with Prime Minister Trudeau and Science Minister Kirsty Duncan



(Ft R: Amit Chakma, Western U; Daniel Woolf, Queen's U; Elizabeth Cannon, U Calgary; Minister Kirstie Duncan, Meric Gertler, U Toronto; David Turpin, U Alberta) (Back R: Patrick Deane, McMaster U; Richard Florizone, Dalhousie U; Suzanne Fortier, McGill U; Santa Ono, U British Columbia; The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister; Feridun Hamdullahpur, U Waterloo; Guy Breton, U Montreal; Suzanne Corbeil, U15; Peter Stoicheff, U Saskatchewan)
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Ottawa, ON (March 11, 2017) – The Executive Heads of the U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities gathered in Ottawa this week, meeting Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Science Minister Kirsty Duncan to discuss investments and reforms that will help ensure Canada's place as world-leading innovation economy.

The meetings took place following the recent release of the report of the Fundamental Science Review Panel, chaired by former University of Toronto President David Naylor.

"We welcomed the opportunity to meet with the Prime Minister and Minister Duncan, and share their commitment to building a better Canada, with a world-leading innovation economy that delivers benefits for all Canadians," says U15 Chair Guy Breton, Rector of the University of Montreal.

"We also discussed the ways we are advancing our shared commitment to build an equitable and diverse Canadian research environment."

During our meeting, The U15's Executive Heads thanked the Prime Minister and Minister Duncan for their support for research and innovation to date, Breton says. "We also stressed the importance of moving forward with both the investments and improved coordination that the Fundamental Science Review report calls for."

The recommended investments and reforms will be critical in ensuring Canadians have the skills and knowledge required to prosper in a fast-evolving world, Breton says.

The U15 looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Prime Minister, the Science Minister and the federal government to build our world-class research and innovation ecosystem.

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