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U15 Welcomes Global Skills Strategy

OTTAWA, ON — June 12, 2017 — The U15 Group of Canadian Research Universities welcomes the federal government’s announcement today of the Global Skills Strategy. The Strategy contains significant measures that will strengthen universities’ ability to attract and retain top international talent.

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, the Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and Rodger Cuzner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour announced the Strategy today in Toronto.

The Global Skills Strategy includes a work-permit exemption for academic stays of less than 120 days, and an improved immigration process for academic chairs, both measures The U15 encouraged the government to adopt.

“The U15 applauds the important changes announced in the federal government’s Global Skills Strategy,” says U15 Chair Guy Breton, Rector of the University of Montreal. “These measures will make it easier for Canadian universities to attract the top international talent that Canada needs, and will foster the culture of innovation required for Canada to prosper in the globally competitive research environment.”

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