

WHERE DO ONTARIO'S POLITICAL PARTIES STAND ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES?



DALTON MCGUINTY
LIBERAL PARTY

TUITION FEES

The Liberals will not take a position on tuition fee increases until after the election. The Liberals have increased fees by up to 59% since 2006. Under their watch Ontario became the most expensive province in which to study.

GRADE
F

STUDENT DEBT

The promise to introduce a grant for students from families who make under \$160,000 will help to reduce student debt and enhance affordability.

GRADE
A

FUNDING

The promise of \$310 million is welcomed. Undergraduate teaching-only campuses is not. Funding needs to be injected across the sector to hire more faculty and increase quality.

GRADE
C

RESEARCH

The Liberals have made no commitments to fund research. In fact, they want to remove research from the missions of their promised new satellite campuses.

GRADE
F



TIM HUDAK
PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY

TUITION FEES

The PCs have not made any commitments to regulate, freeze or reduce tuition fees.

GRADE
F

STUDENT DEBT

While they promised to make more students eligible to collect student debt, this will not help reduce student debt or increase access.

GRADE
D

FUNDING

Like the Liberals, the PCs have committed to funding 60,000 more student spaces, but have not promised to inject funds to help improve quality.

GRADE
D+

RESEARCH

While the PCs have not committed to funding any research, they plan to review boards and commissions to identify waste. This will include HEQCO.

GRADE
D



ANDREA HORWATH
NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

TUITION FEES

The NDP has promised to freeze college, undergraduate and graduate tuition fees if elected.

GRADE
B

STUDENT DEBT

The NDP has committed to eliminating interest on student loans.

GRADE
A-

FUNDING

The NDP has committed to increasing funding to above the national average. Ontario currently ranks last.

GRADE
A

RESEARCH

The NDP has promised to invest in early researcher awards and create whistleblower protection legislation for researchers. Because they did not commit to re-introducing continuing fees, the NDP receive a C.

GRADE
C



MIKE SCHREINER
GREEN PARTY

TUITION FEES

If elected, the Green Party has committed to freezing tuition fees, then increasing fees at the rate of inflation.

GRADE
C+

STUDENT DEBT

The Green Party has committed to stopping the collection of differential fees for students but has not promised to reduce student debt.

GRADE
C

FUNDING

The Green Party supports the creation of a multi-year funding framework but did not commit to increasing Ontario's per student funding or reducing class sizes.

GRADE
B

RESEARCH

If elected, the Green Party would implement a reduced tuition fee for graduate students finished their coursework.

GRADE
A-



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