

## INVESTING IN Students & Youth

Keeping and attracting young Islanders at home is critical to the success of our province. Their contributions, perspectives, and creativity make Prince Edward Island an innovative, prosperous place to succeed. The Island Advantage will help students access higher education and launch their careers.

### NEW Island Advantage Bursary

A new Island Advantage Bursary will see all Island students attending college or university on PEI **receive up to an additional \$3,600 for a four-year program** towards the cost of their tuition. When combined with the George Coles and other provincial bursaries, students will receive \$2,200 a year in free grants towards their tuition. 2,256 students received the George Coles or other provincial bursaries in 2017.

### Debt Reduction Grant will increase to \$3,500

The Debt Reduction Grant will increase to \$3,500 a year, meaning students – *no matter where they study if they choose to return to PEI* – can see **up to \$14,000 of their provincial student loan forgiven**. Approximately 1,300 students are eligible for this grant.

*These historic investments total*

## \$3.3 million

Prince Edward Island's largest-ever single investment in non-repayable assistance for post-secondary students

### FREE TUITION

*for more than 1,000 Islanders*

New grants for lower-income students attending one of our province's three public post-secondary schools mean tuition will be completely covered by federal and provincial funding.

**Increased investments in graduate mentorship program and other student mentorship and employment opportunities to help Islanders LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS HERE AT HOME.**

