

UPEI Student Union Applauds Government Move to Enhance Youth Job Opportunities



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Charlottetown, PE – The University of Prince Edward Island Student Union applauds the Government of Prince Edward Island for expanding the eligibility requirements for the Graduate Mentorship Program.

Previously, recent graduates had to have a current or recent claim for Employment Insurance. The new eligibility requirements, which do not require Employment Insurance eligibility on the part of the applicant, are a step in the right direction for a program designed to employ more recent Island graduates.

While this move is a step in the right direction, more can be done for recent graduates of post-secondary education. The UPEI Student Union supports the expansion of the program to those who are not originally from Prince Edward Island, as it is currently exclusive to Island residents.

This excludes those from other provinces and international students, who make up almost 30% of students at the University of Prince Edward. Supporting employment measures such as the Graduate Mentorship Program for those groups could do much to ensure the retention of skilled young people on Prince Edward Island.

About the UPEI Student Union

The UPEI Student Union is a non-profit democratic representation of students. We are dedicated to fostering pride in the university, the betterment of university life, and enhancing the student experience at UPEI. We value our independence as an organization while maintaining effective relationships with the university and surrounding community.

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