

Council on Post-Secondary Education

Funding of New Programs (2000 - 2001)

Background:

The Strategic Initiatives Fund contains two envelopes - the Strategic Program Envelope and the Systems Restructuring Envelope. The Strategic Program Envelope provides new funding for new or expanded programs at the universities. Institutions that receive funds from this envelope receive additional base-funding in order to be able to offer the program on a continual basis. New college programs are now funded through the College Expansion Initiative. The System Restructuring Envelope funds time-limited projects (up to 3 years) at both colleges and universities that support the restructuring of educational delivery within the institution. Projects must identify how education will be restructured, and must fall within certain criteria (aboriginal focus, technology-based, prior learning assessment, etc).

The following university programs were approved in 2000/01 using funds in the Strategic Program Envelope

Strategic Program Envelope

Institution	Program Description
University of MB	BA in ASL/English Interpretation - a joint program with Red River College for the education of sign language interpreters
University of MB	Masters of Music - a new program which will offer 3 areas of specialization, choral, composition and strings performance
Brandon University	Bachelor of Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies - a new program, the first of its kind in Canada to develop specialists trained to manage natural and man made disasters throughout the world

System Restructuring Envelope

Funds new projects - three years or less at both the colleges and universities, designed to restructure the system in some way

Institution	Project Description
University of MB	Library Services projects to upgrade and link catalogue services
University of Wpg	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition - a project to develop PLAR services at the University to ensure that students have the opportunity to receive credit in areas in which they have already developed the required skills and knowledge
Red River College	Tech Prep for Math - a program to review the delivery of

	math preparatory courses, leading to an on-line delivery system
Assiniboine CC	Business Administration by distance - development of a distance education option for the second year of this program
Keewatin CC	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition - a project to develop PLAR services at the College to ensure that students have the opportunity to receive credit in areas in which they have already developed the required skills and knowledge
ETP	Virtual Entrance to the Multi-Media market - a project to develop links between the IT students and the community and industry for whom they will be working for skill development
CUSB	Science - a project to complete the second in a series of CD-ROMs on the subject of biology
CUSB	Meeting place for French Teachers - project to develop a process to upgrade on-line the skills of French language teachers
CUSB	Masters in Canadian Studies - development of a new degree available only on-line