



Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) 2022-23 Preliminary Survey of Enrolments

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HALIFAX, NS – Strong growth in international student recruitment continues to play a significant role in driving total enrolment increases across Atlantic Canada's universities.

Today, the Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) released its [2022-2023 Preliminary Survey of Enrolments](#) (the Survey).

The total enrolment of **full-time visa students** increased by **15.5 percent** year-over-year, an increase of nearly **3,000 new students** (from **18,884** to **21,812**).

Total full-time enrolments (undergraduate and graduate) **increased by 2,256 students**, a year-over-year increase of **nearly 3 percent** (from **79,250** to **81,506**).

Also notable is a year-over-year increase of **5.7 percent in full-time graduate students**. An **increase of 621 students** (from **10,932** to **11,553**).

Prof. Dawn Russell, Chair, AAU and President and Vice-Chancellor, St. Thomas University, said that "consistent year-over-year enrolment growth is evidence that our collective commitment to programs, policies and partnerships that position students at the core of each AAU member university's mission is widely understood by students and their families."

She added that "the message is getting out internationally, nationally, and regionally, that Atlantic Canadian campuses are welcoming, safe and secure. Growing internationalization of our campuses and communities demonstrates the strong connection between our universities and successful regional and provincial population growth strategies."

The Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) represents the interests of universities across the region, ensuring public visibility for the vital role they play in preparing future leaders of our communities, in path-breaking research and innovation, and in contributing to the economic prosperity of life in Atlantic Canada.

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