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Re. City Summer Student Program

Dear Councillor Farkas,

The Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) is writing to you in support of your motion co-sponsored with Mayor Nenshi to fully reinstate funding for The City of Calgary's summer student jobs program.

SAMRU strongly believes in the positive benefits of experiential and work-integrated learning for students as it complements the knowledge obtained during one's studies and allows for hands-on learning opportunities. Furthermore, graduating from your degree with relevant and diverse work experiences prepares students for the realities of the working world post-graduation. It also helps students finance their degree as they obtain work experience and encourages them to find their passion while still completing their studies.

The benefits of providing work experiences to students, in addition to the minimal program cost to The City, coupled as it is with the subsidies provided through the province's Summer Temporary Employment Program (STEP) and Ottawa's Federal Student Work Experience Program (FSWEP), should make fully reinstating this funding an easy decision for Council.

SAMRU thanks you and Mayor Nenshi for taking this initiative, and we look forward to Council's decision.

Sincerely,

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