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## **Canada's Psychologists Encouraged by Research Funding Increases in Federal Budget**

**Ottawa, ON (March 23, 2016)** – The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA), the largest national association for psychologists in Canada, applauds the commitment to increase research funding in the first budget presented by the Trudeau government.

“This budget is a welcome move in the right direction,” said Dr. Kevin Kelloway, President, CPA. “It signals that this government recognizes the value of research to Canada’s success and the leadership of Canadian scientists when it comes to research and innovation.”

The budget announced increased funding to Canada’s research granting councils by \$95 million per year starting in 2016-2017. Of this, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council will each receive \$30 million. The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council will also receive \$16 million this year. This builds on funding announced in 2015 and will result in a total funding increase of \$141 million per year.

“Post-secondary researchers and institutions will benefit greatly from the assistance outlined in the new budget,” said Dr. Lisa Votta-Bleeker, Deputy CEO and Director, Science Directorate, CPA. “We’re also pleased that the budget included supports for post-secondary education with major investments in the Canada Student Grants Program and reforms to student loan repayment.”

Along with a \$2 billion infrastructure commitment to modernize research facilities at post-secondary institutions, the government committed a further \$19 million to support indirect costs of research associated with these federally sponsored research initiatives.

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### **About the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA)**

The Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) is the national association for the science, practice and education of psychology in Canada. With over 7,000 members and affiliates, CPA is Canada's largest association for psychology. To learn more, visit [www.cpa.ca](http://www.cpa.ca).

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