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The ARUCC National Network launches a new website for the ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project!

The national registrars' association, ARUCC, and its partners, PCCAT, CUCCIO, and CanPESC, have launched a new website for the ARUCC National Network. The website provides information about the development of Canada's first online platform for exchange of official, digitized documents and credentials related to post-secondary studies. Once created, the Network will improve the portability of official documents for higher education in Canada. With greater document portability, students will be able to access, transfer between, and transition into the workplace from Canadian post-secondary colleges and universities with greater ease.

https://www.aruccnationalnetwork.ca/

"We are very excited about the launch of the new, bilingual website as we prepare to create an innovative approach to support applicants and students, as they navigate their Canadian post-secondary experience and move into the workforce," says Charmaine Hack, registrar at Ryerson University. "Endorsed by more than 80 institutions, national and provincial associations, student associations, and industry, the Network represents a significant joint effort to transform how post-secondary learners are supported across provincial and territorial boundaries. We need to work together to create a trusted and secure way for students to share their post-secondary credentials and documents when they want, with whom they want, and from wherever they are located."

The team working to transform supports for learners includes close to 30 higher education leaders from across Canada. Hundreds of stakeholders and learners have aided the project's research and consultation work to ensure an appropriate model for Canada. During this current phase, a team of national post-secondary and information technology experts is reviewing potential digital platform providers, a process that began with the recent closing of the RFP call.

"Canadian post-secondary institutions must create a trusted way to support student mobility with the right partners. We need a *Made for Canada* solution that emphasizes interoperability, flexibility, and security," says Brian Stewart, deputy CIO at the University of Alberta and chair the CUCCIO, the Canadian University Council of Chief Information Officers. "Modernizing

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infrastructure to support innovative and trusted exchange of credentials and documents is never more important than during emergencies just as we are experiencing today."

Next steps include finalizing the RFP review process which will encompass conducting a comprehensive security assessment. This will ensure a choice that fits the privacy regulatory context and diversity of higher education communities in Canada.

Canadian post-secondary institutions and application centres are providing endorsement, expertise, resources, and funding support for this project. Given the importance of supporting students and working in partnership with government and industry, the project leadership welcomes additional [funding](#) including from industry and government to help make accessible, digital credential exchange a reality for the 3 million students moving into, between, and beyond Canadian post-secondary colleges and universities.

"A hallmark of this project has been its collaborative, consensus building approach that considers the diverse needs across Canada," says Karen McCredie, interim executive director of EducationPlannerBC. "We are working hard to make sure existing application centres and hubs are a core part of this project to support our regional communities of learners and post-secondary institutions."

The website - https://www.aruccnationalnetwork.ca/ - provides an overview of the project and illustrates the benefits for students, Canadian post-secondary institutions, and their partners.

About ARUCC - https://arucc.ca/en/

ARUCC is a member-driven Canadian not-for-profit organization. Its mission is to advance registrarial best practices and learner success and mobility within the higher education sector. ARUCC members include colleges, universities, institutes, application centres, and other organizations from across Canada.

About PCCAT - https://pccatweb.org/pccat/

PCCAT is a Canadian not-for-profit consortium that seeks to create and support the implementation of policies and practices supporting student mobility and transfer to improve access to post-secondary education in Canada. Its members include representatives of post-secondary institutions, industry, government, and provincial and national associations dedicated to supporting and advancing learner mobility.

About CanPESC - https://www.pesc.org/canadian-pesc-user-group.html

CanPESC is a user group of the American based Postsecondary Electronic Standards Council. Its mandate is developing shared interoperability across Canadian post-secondary institutions and higher education by supporting the implementation of data exchange standards to facilitate learner mobility through data portability. Its members include Canadian colleges, universities, application centres, and government, and other organizations and industry partners involved in higher education data exchange.

About CUCCIO - https://www.cuccio.net/en/

CUCCIO is Canada's community of information technology leaders in higher education, working together to help Canadian universities excel through the innovative and effective use of IT. Incorporated in 2006, CUCCIO is the result of almost 40 years of information-sharing, collaboration, knowledge creation and advocacy among provincial and regional associations of IT leaders in post-secondary education. Today, CUCCIO is a non-profit, member-funded corporation representing more than 70 universities Canada-wide, who collectively serve over 90% of Canada's university students.

For more information about the ARUCC National Network, visit the website or contact the project's executive lead, Joanne Duklas at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca