



STUDENT LOAN LICATION



So you want a post-secondary education in British Columbia? I can't blame you. We have a beautiful province overflowing with opportunity and excellent educators.

However, before you commit to a post-secondary education in BC, you should be made aware of the main issues of receiving an education in BC.

If you think the BC government is on your side as a student, you are painfully misinformed and incorrect.

First, tuition is too damn high

and the resources for student-aid continue to shrink every year. Truth is, the BC government has doubled the tuition fees for undergraduate and trades program students over the past three years.

Pursuing a post-secondary education has never been more complicated. The natural defense of rising tuitions is that of scholarships, bursaries, and student loans. If receiving student loans, the average BC student should expect non-refundable grants with high interest rates.

Worst of all, those who take a student loan will be forced to spend their post-undergraduate careers licking the government's boots by repaying their loans in a work place that does not pertain to their education or certified job field. If student loans are not a feasible option, students will spend the length of their school years attempting to balance work and academia, a dangerous combination.

At this point in time, students should expect their financial stability, social life, and academic career to suffer as they attempt to balance the bullshit that the BC government continues to throw at students while robbing them blind.

Think you are financially in the clear because you will become a graduate student after this semester? I certainly hope not. Those wishing to pay for graduate school in BC will be paying 14% more than the national average.

If you think the BC governments constant tampering with the post-secondary education system is 15 lbs. of bullshit in a 5 lbs. bag and want to do something about the increases and cuts in funding, the Squash the Squeeze campaign is for you.

Squash the Squeeze is a new campaign created by the Canadian Federation of Students to help eliminate the debts and rising tuition fees that cripple the financial stability of students across BC.

Want to tell the Minister of Advanced Education that enough is enough?

Visit

www.squashthesqueeze.ca
and sign the petition.