Introduction
Students at a number of colleges across Canada are completing this survey so that more can be learned about students, their educational goals and their financial situations. The survey has been undertaken by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation in partnership with participating colleges. Information obtained from this survey will help to inform policy decisions about student assistance. Your participation in this study is voluntary and all responses will be completely anonymous. The raw data collected from this survey will be kept confidential by your institution and the research company hired to analyze the results (PRA Inc.).

Section A: Prior to your current year of college
1. What is the highest grade level you had completed BEFORE starting your current program? (Please choose ONE response only)
   - Less than Grade 9
   - Some high school credits completed
   - High school diploma/equivalent (GED/academic upgrading)

2. What kinds of post-secondary education had you completed BEFORE starting your current program? (Please choose ALL that apply)
   - No post-secondary education prior to current program
   - Some apprenticeship training
   - Completed apprenticeship training
   - Journey-person certification
   - Some college/university credits completed
   - Certificate/Diploma (college/university)
   - Undergraduate university degree
   - Postgraduate/advanced diploma (college/university)
   - Graduate degree (Master's or PhD)

3. In the 12-month period before beginning your current year of studies, what was your main academic activity? (Please choose ONE response only)
   - Attending high school
   - Attending GED/academic upgrading program
   - Attending a college
   - Attending a university
   - Not involved in academics 12 months before beginning your current program (Please go to Question 5)

4. Were you involved in this academic activity full or part time?
   - Full-time
   - Part-time
   - Not applicable

5. In the 12-month period before beginning your current year of studies, what was your main non-academic activity? (Please choose ONE response only)
   - Working full-time (30 hours per week or more)
   - Working part-time only (less than 30 hours per week)
   - Unemployed and seeking work
   - Unemployed and not seeking work
   - Co-op/practicum/internship
   - Full-time homemaker/caring for family members
   - Retired
   - Other (Specify)
   - Not applicable (Full-time student only, during the 12 months prior to current year of studies)

Section B: Your current program at this college
6. Are you currently attending this college as a: (Please choose ONE response only)
   - Full-time student
   - Part-time student

7. In which type of program are you currently registered? (Please choose ONE that best describes your program)
   - Access or upgrading program
   - Career or technical program (certificate or diploma)
   - University preparation or transfer program
   - Post diploma or advanced diploma program
   - Degree program
   - Other (Specify)

8. Including the summer months when you may/may not have classes, how long would your current program of studies take to complete on a full-time basis?
   - Less than 1 year
   - 1 year to less than 2 years
   - 2 years to less than 3 years
   - 3 years to less than 4 years
   - 4 years to less than 6 years
   - 6 years or more

9. How long has it been since you started your studies at any post-secondary institution?
   - Less than 1 year
   - 1 year to less than 2 years
   - 2 years to less than 3 years
   - 3 years to less than 4 years
   - 4 years to less than 6 years
   - 6 years or more

10. How much longer do you expect it will take you to complete all your post-secondary studies?
    - Less than 1 year
    - 1 year to less than 2 years
    - 2 years to less than 3 years
    - 3 years to less than 4 years
    - 4 years to less than 6 years
    - 6 years or more

11. Did you have to delay enrolling in your current program at this college due to lack of adequate financial resources?
    - Yes
    - No (If 'No,' please go to Question 13)

12. If yes to Q11, for how long did you have to delay enrolling in your current program? Please specify the number of years and months in the boxes provided.
    - YEARS & MONTHS
    - Not applicable, have not delayed studies
13. Since starting your post-secondary education, have you ever interrupted your studies for one or more terms/semesters/trimesters (not including intersessions, summer sessions, or a work term)?
   ○ Yes  ○ No (If 'No,' please go to Question 17)

14. If yes to Q13, for what reason(s) did you interrupt your studies? (Please choose ALL that apply)
   ○ a) Insufficient funds
   ○ b) Time conflict with work
   ○ c) Time conflict with family/personal responsibilities
   ○ d) Academic difficulties
   ○ e) I decided to change my program
   ○ f) I moved
   ○ g) My family/friends were not supportive
   ○ h) Other (Specify) ______________

15. If yes to Q13, what was the main reason for interrupting your studies? (Write the letter from Q14.)

16. If yes to Q13, for how long did you interrupt your studies?
   ○ Less than 1 year
   ○ 1 year to less than 2 years
   ○ 2 years to less than 3 years
   ○ 3 years to less than 4 years
   ○ 4 years to less than 6 years
   ○ 6 years or more
   ○ Not applicable, I have not interrupted my studies

17. Have you ever had to reduce your course load due to a lack of money?  ○ Yes  ○ No

Section C: Sources of financing

Reminder: Your individual answers to all questions on the survey will remain completely confidential, and no one will know your identity. Only statistical results for the group will be reported.

18. Over the course of your current year of studies, including summer months when you may/may not have classes, how much money will you have received or drawn upon from the following sources? (Please choose only ONE response for each item.)

   a. Work income/take home pay (received during current year of study)
   ○ $0
   ○ $1 - $1,000
   ○ $1,001 - $2,000
   ○ $2,001 - $4,000
   ○ $4,001 - $7,000
   ○ $7,001 - $10,000
   ○ Over $10,000

   b. Personal savings (not from current work income)
   ○ $0
   ○ $1 - $500
   ○ $501 - $1,000
   ○ $1,001 - $2,500
   ○ $2,501 - $3,500
   ○ $3,501 - $5,000
   ○ $5,001 - $7,500
   ○ Over $7,500

   c. Student line of credit/personal bank loan
   ○ $0
   ○ $1 - $200
   ○ $201 - $500
   ○ $501 - $1,000
   ○ $1,001 - $1,500
   ○ Over $1,500

   d. Money from family (e.g. parents, spouse, other family)
   ○ $0
   ○ $1 - $250
   ○ $251 - $500
   ○ $501 - $1,000
   ○ $1,001 - $1,500
   ○ Over $1,500

   (Continued at the top of the next column.)
23. How much money do you spend, in a typical month, for the following items? (Choose ONE response for each item.)

- a. Utilities not included in rent: gas/oil, heat, cable, phone, Internet, etc. [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- b. Food: groceries and dining out (excluding meal-plans) [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- c. Entertainment: theatre, movies, magazines, etc. [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- d. Transportation: bus, parking, car expenses, etc. [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- e. Medical: prescription drugs, user fees, etc. [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- f. Daycare [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- g. Personal debt payments: lines of credit, credit cards, family, student and/or personal loans [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- h. Clothing and personal incidentals: toothpaste, shampoo, etc. [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- i. Contributing to savings: RRSP, savings bonds, savings accounts, etc. [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400
- j. Child support/alimony payments [ ] $0 [ ] $1 - $50 [ ] $51 - $100 [ ] $101 - $200 [ ] $201 - $400 [ ] Over $400

Section E: Debt

24. Thinking of your studies so far, how much education-related debt (student loan or other related loans/debts) do you currently have?
- None [ ] $0 [ ] $5,001-$7,500 [ ] $15,001-$20,000
- $1-$2,500 [ ] $7,501-$10,000 [ ] $20,001-$30,000
- $2,501-$5,000 [ ] $10,001-$15,000 [ ] Over $30,000

25. How much education-related debt (student loan or other related loans/debts) do you expect to have, in total, by the time you complete your current program?
- No debt anticipated [ ] $5,001-$7,500 [ ] $15,001-$20,000
- $1-$2,500 [ ] $7,501-$10,000 [ ] $20,001-$30,000
- $2,501-$5,000 [ ] $10,001-$15,000 [ ] Over $30,000

26. How many years after graduation do you think it will take to repay your student debt?
- No debt anticipated [ ] 4 to 7 years [ ] Don't know
- Less than 1 year [ ] 8 to 11 years
- 1 to 3 years [ ] More than 11 years

Section F: Work and the future

27. Please rate your level of concern with the following issues. (Please choose ONE response for each question.)

- a. Having enough funding to complete your college education?
- b. The amount of debt you think you will have by the time you complete your post-secondary education?
- c. The amount of time it will take to repay your student debt?
- d. Having enough money while you are a student to cover additional costs, such as car repairs, daycare, uninsured medical costs, or other costs for you or your family members?

28. During an average week in the school term, how many hours do you work for pay?
- Never or rarely [ ] 11 to 20 hours
- 1 to 5 hours [ ] More than 20 hours
- 6 to 10 hours

29. If you are working for pay while studying, is this mainly:
(Choose ONE only)
- To pay for necessities (e.g. food, clothing) for you/your family
- To pay for non-essentials (e.g. entertainment, leisure)
- To pay for school or school-related debt
- None of the above
- Not applicable (I don't work for pay)

30. How concerned are you that the hours you are working for pay are having a negative impact on the time you can devote to your studies?
- Not at all concerned [ ] Very concerned
- Mildly concerned [ ] Not applicable (Don't work for pay)
- Moderately concerned

31. In the past year, how many hours per week, on average, did you work for pay during the summer or other school-related breaks?
- Never or rarely [ ] 21 to 30 hours
- 1 to 10 hours [ ] More than 30 hours
- 11 to 20 hours
32. What is the main activity that you are planning after completing your current program? *(Please choose ONE response only).*
   - Take another college program
   - Take a university program
   - Seek employment
   - Continue working at job/business you currently have
   - Start your own business
   - Other (Specify) ________________________________

33. How confident are you that you will be able to obtain a job related to your current field of study after you graduate?
   - Very confident
   - Somewhat confident
   - Not very confident
   - Not at all confident
   - Don't know
   - Not applicable *(Do not plan to seek employment after graduation)*

Section G: Background information

34. What is your gender?  ○ Female  ○ Male

35. How old were you on January 1, 2006? *(Please print your age in the boxes provided).*

36. What language do you speak most often?
   - English  ○ French  ○ Other (Specify) ________________________________

37. Where was your permanent home before you came to this college/institute? *(Please choose ONE response only).*
   - British Columbia
   - Alberta
   - Saskatchewan
   - Manitoba
   - Ontario
   - Quebec
   - New Brunswick
   - Prince Edward Island
   - Nova Scotia
   - Newfoundland and Labrador
   - Nunavut
   - Northwest Territories
   - Yukon
   - Outside Canada (Specify)

38. Did you have to move in order to attend college?
   - Yes  ○ No *(If 'No,' please go to Question 40)*

39. If you moved to attend college, what is the approximate distance you moved?

   Approximate distance moved in kilometres

40. Where are you currently living? *(Please choose ONE response only).*
   - With parents, guardians, or relatives
   - In on-campus housing (residence, dormitory)
   - In housing rented off-campus (paying all costs yourself)
   - In housing rented off-campus (sharing costs with others)
   - In personally owned home
   - Other (Specify) ________________________________

41. Do you consider yourself to have a disability? *(Please choose ALL that apply)*
   - No  ○ Yes, mental health  ○ Yes, physical
   - Yes, learning  ○ Yes, other ________________________________

42. Do you consider yourself to be a person of Aboriginal or native ancestry? *(e.g. First Nations, North American Indian, Inuit, Metis, etc.)*  ○ Yes  ○ No

43. Do you consider yourself to be a member of a visible minority group? *(Visible minorities are those, other than Aboriginal peoples, who are, because of their race or colour, a visible minority in Canada.)*
   - Yes (Specify) ________________________________  ○ No

44. How would you describe your citizenship? *(Please choose ONE response only.)*
   - Born in Canada and both parents born in Canada
   - Born in Canada and only 1 parent born in Canada
   - Born in Canada and neither parent born in Canada
   - Not born in Canada and now a Canadian citizen
   - Landed immigrant/Permanent resident
   - Visa student
   - Refugee

45. Are you...? *(Please choose ONE response only.)*
   - Married or with long-term partner
   - Single (incl. divorced/separated from a spouse)

46. How many dependent children do you have? *(That is, children for whom you are financially responsible.)*
   - None  ○ One  ○ Two  ○ Three or more

47. Are you responsible for any adult dependents? *(That is, an adult who requires your financial aid or support and who resides with you.)*  ○ Yes  ○ No

48. What is the highest level of education your father completed? *(Please choose ONE response only.)*
   - Less than high school graduation
   - High school diploma
   - College/Technical Institute
   - Apprenticeship/Trade Certification
   - University
   - Don't know

49. What is the highest level of education your mother completed? *(Please choose ONE response only.)*
   - Less than high school graduation
   - High school diploma
   - College/Technical Institute
   - Apprenticeship/Trade Certification
   - University
   - Don't know

*Thank You For Your Time!*