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Reaction to Federal Budget announcement

Dr. Claudia Malacrida, associate vice-president (research) at the University of Lethbridge, was one of nine panelists who participated in Canada's Fundamental Science Review, serves on the Federation of Social Science and Humanities Board of Directors, and serves on the governing council for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

Following is her reaction to today's Federal Budget announcement and specifically funding as it relates to scientific research.

"The Fundamental Science Review Panel collected over a thousand responses and sat at tables with hundreds of colleagues across disciplines, career stages and provinces to ask about their work. The passion, dedication and frustrations expressed, and the fears that resources – both intellectual and material – were wasting under the current system, were universal and powerful. I am pleased that this government has taken strong steps towards filling the gaps identified through the report."

"Some of the key gaps identified by the Federal Science Review Panel included obvious gaps in terms of equity, diversity and inclusion. Because we have failed to adequately support and recognize women, disabled, GLBTQ, indigenous and racialized people in their research careers, we have lost tremendous knowledge and input. This budget offers a concrete pathway to begin redressing those gaps."

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