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### **LUTHER COLLEGE RECEIVES GRANT FOR HANDS-ON LEARNING TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY**

Luther College at the University of Regina is a new recipient of funding in partnership with the Business + Higher Education Roundtable, with support from the Government of Canada.

The funding agreement is in place until Winter, 2025. It will allow the College to provide students with hands-on experience working in the community towards sustainability initiatives.

Luther College is a strong proponent of work-integrated learning as it connects to our values of innovation, creativity, exploration, and critical thinking. Work integrated learning enriches curriculum, provides students with internship opportunities, guidance from industry experts, and encourages students to engage as active citizens.

“With a strong commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, we have consistently championed initiatives that drive positive change in our community,” says Colleen Strauch, the Director of the Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Studies Network who received the grant on behalf of Luther College. “This grant enables us to bridge the gap between theory and practice, equipping students with the knowledge they need to address the urgent challenges of our time. We believe that by nurturing these skills, we are not only shaping the future workforce but also accelerating our progress toward a sustainable, net-zero world.”

Community connection and sustainability are both pillars of Luther College’s strategic plan. “The BHER grant is gratefully received in order to help build capacity and Work Integrated Learning opportunities for our students, particularly in areas related to sustainability and community development. One of our core values is stewardship for the world we live in, which is why we want to support students to develop green skills as we work towards a net-zero economy,” says Luther College President Dr. Marc Jerry.

“Our long-term vision is to ensure young people have the skills, knowledge, and experience to succeed in green careers, and at the same time ensuring Canada has the highly-skilled net-zero workforce it needs to remain globally competitive,” said Andrew Bieler, Director of Partnerships & Experiential Learning, BHER.

Luther College is excited about the work-integrated learning placements that are currently underway this semester, and the impact that this learning will have on our community in Regina and area.



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### ABOUT LUTHER COLLEGE

Luther College, Regina operates a historical independent high school accredited by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education and a post-secondary campus federated with the University of Regina. Our vision is to make transformative change for a more grace-filled, just, and joyful world.

### ABOUT BHER

The Business + Higher Education Roundtable (BHER) is a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization bringing together some of Canada's largest companies and leading post-secondary institutions. Since 2015, BHER has worked to harness the strengths of Canada's business and post-secondary education sectors to build opportunities for young Canadians, boost innovation and drive collaboration. Learn more at [www.bher.ca](http://www.bher.ca). Visit our [WIL HUB](#) for ways to explore, invest in and create WIL opportunities.

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