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OPG, DURHAM COLLEGE AND UOIT PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT
\$5 million Support for Students

Oshawa – Ontario Power Generation (OPG) will continue its support of post-secondary students in Durham Region by renewing a decade-long partnership with Durham College (DC) and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). The \$5-million investment will support capital expenditures, educational programs, equipment, scholarships and bursaries for students at both institutions.

“We believe this partnership creates educational and research opportunities for students who go on to become leaders in our industry and our community,” says Jeffrey Lyash, OPG President and CEO. “OPG is proud to continue our partnership with Durham College and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.”

“We are offering students access to the highest level of curricula in technical areas specific to the current nuclear industry,” says Don Lovisa, Durham College, President. “This renewed funding commitment will enable us to enhance our equipment and facilities and provide our students with a learning environment designed to prepare them for immediate entry into the workforce.”

“This partnership provides support for students facing financial barriers,” says Tim McTiernan, UOIT, President. “OPG’s investment provides our students with much needed access to high-quality education. It also demonstrates our university’s significance as an educator of Canada’s energy leaders.”

The funding, to be provided in annual installments over the next five years, will help with the acquisition of training and mock-up equipment for both the college and university. The funding will also support the university’s nuclear-engineer-in-residence position with its [Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science](#).

DC will continue to align its science, apprenticeship, skilled trades and technology programs to meet employment criteria outlined by OPG in order to produce qualified graduates that meet the entry requirements for operations and maintenance programs within the energy industry.

Under the terms of the partnership, the college and university will work together on the implementation of bridging programs between the two institutions. This will enable DC students to enter UOIT degree programs with advanced standing in order to produce graduates with a greater range of technical skills and knowledge.

The collaboration between the three organizations began in November 2005 to meet the need for ‘career-ready’ workers available for employment in the Canadian nuclear industry and provide training opportunities for OPG employees to build their skills through industry-related college and university programs.

About OPG

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About Durham College

At Durham College (DC), the student experience comes first. With campuses in Oshawa and Whitby and a learning site in Pickering, the college offers more than 12,000 full-time post-secondary and apprenticeship students access to more than 140 full-time and 16 apprenticeship programs in a number of different disciplines, enabling them to develop the skills required to meet the demands of today's job market.

The Oshawa campus features the state-of-the-art Student Services building and the college will soon break ground on the Centre for Collaborative Education, a legacy project tied to DC's 50th anniversary in 2017. The new facility will bring together local, Indigenous and global communities, providing a new home for several of the college's most innovative and groundbreaking programs. The Whitby campus features the Centre for Food, including Bistro '67, a full-service, teaching-inspired restaurant, and Pantry, a retail store featuring food prepared by students in the college's culinary programs. For more information, visit www.durhamcollege.ca or call 905.721.2000.

About UOIT

The University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) advances the discovery and application of knowledge through a technology-enriched learning environment and the delivery of innovative market-driven programs responsive to the needs of students and industry. With more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in more than 75 programs, UOIT promotes social engagement, fosters critical thinking and integrates outcomes-based learning experiences inside and outside the classroom. UOIT's commitment to accelerating economic growth and social innovation is realized through faculty research collaborations with leading organizations such as Ontario Power Generation, IBM, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) and the Durham Regional Police Service. To find out more, visit uoit.ca.

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Backgrounder – Renewal of OPG–DC–UOIT partnership

Today, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) announced the next phase of its partnership with Durham College (DC) and the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT). Under the terms of the five-year agreement, OPG is committing an additional \$5 million to continue the long-standing partnership between the three institutions. Today's announcement builds on the \$10 million already invested by OPG in the university and college over the past decade.

The funding will support both post-secondary institutions and provide OPG with 'career-ready' graduates that are essential to its current and future business plans. This includes its nuclear station operations and key nuclear projects planned to ensure electricity supply for the future.

The continued partnership will enable all three organizations to work together toward the effective education and training of employees for the Canadian nuclear sector, including nuclear operations and project work.

KEY FACTS – PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS:

- DC and UOIT will work together to implement academic bridging programs to support the movement of qualified college and university students between the two institutions;
- DC will continue to align its science, apprenticeship, skilled trades and technology programs to meet employment criteria outlined by OPG; and
- UOIT will continue to develop post-graduate and professional development opportunities to prepare OPG employees for career advancement.

KEY FACTS – INVESTMENT:

- \$2 million (\$1 million to each institution) in support of program development that will provide highly-educated graduates to work in the engineering, maintenance and operations positions at OPG's nuclear generating stations;
- \$1.75 million for special training mock-up and display equipment to enhance the students' learning experience and augment classroom training;
- \$340,000 for student support (scholarships and bursaries); and
- \$910,000 (\$455,000 to each institution) for capital improvement support.

The unique collaborative partnership between OPG, DC and UOIT has resulted in benefits to each of the partners, and collectively for Durham Region and the province of Ontario. It is an excellent example of what can be achieved when mutually-beneficial opportunities are recognized and successfully implemented by a team of committed partners.



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