



#### #HalfYourCSG CASA campaign

- The campaign emphasizes CASA's ask in Budget 2023 of permanently maintaining the current funding levels for Canada Student Grants, effectively doubling grant maximums for students across Canada.
- Grant funding supports countless students across the country and CASA is looking to let the federal government know what cutting half of the current CSG funding would mean to students who rely on it.
- If you are a student who uses Canada Student Grants and would be impacted by these funding cuts, CASA wants to hear from you! You can submit your personal story at this link: [https://www.casa-acae.com/half\\_your\\_csg\\_survey](https://www.casa-acae.com/half_your_csg_survey)
- You can find more information here: <https://www.casa-acae.com/halfyourcsg>

#### International student healthcare :

- currently awaiting correspondence from Shared Health CEO Adam Topp on the matter
- The Manitoba Immigration Advisory Council ( council, co-chaired by the Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Immigration and Dr. Lloyd Axworthy, reviews immigration in Manitoba, from promotion to retention of newcomers. It has provided clear recommendations and concrete actions to the Manitoba government including strengthening the Canada-Manitoba Immigration Agreement.) has released its final report and within it came this piece : “ the council would like Manutoba to revisit the contingencies for international student healthcare coverage.”
- Advocacy wins! The announcement of this suggestion within the official IAC report to the premier and province and is incredibly exciting , and we hope it is the first step in seeing major change for international students in Manitoba

#### Social Work Students Menstrual Product Drive

- The Social Work Students Association (SWSA) is hosting a menstrual product drive throughout the entire month of March!
- If you would like to donate menstrual products, there are donations bins: We have donation bins placed in:
  - Dafoe library
  - Social work students lounge
  - First year lounge
  - Faculty of arts lounge
  - Women's centre



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TO: UMSU Board of Directors  
FROM: VP Advocacy, Victoria Romero  
DATE: **March 2, 2023**  
RE: Report to the Board, March 2023

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#### Harm Reduction -SJA ADPC-COP

- Accidental Drug Poisoning Crisis , Community of Practice virtual event
- Vancouver virtual summit , hear from harm reductionists local to British Columbia speak on their wins, losses, and strategies for building community
- You can register for the event via this link: <https://calendly.com/oprt/vancouver-summit-virtual-link?month=2023-03&date=2023-03-23>