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ONCAT's institutional funding opportunity supports Ontario post-secondary institutions to expand transcript digitization with MyCreds™

ONCAT renews funding to continue supporting seamless transfer with ARUCC and MyCreds™

The Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) and the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) announced in fall 2021 a new institutional funding opportunity that provides financial support for Ontario colleges, universities, and Indigenous institutes to onboard transcripts to MyCreds™ as part of ONCAT's mission to support learner mobility and seamless transfer experiences. Today, ONCAT is pleased to announce the renewal of this funding opportunity.

MyCreds™ is a national shared service project led by ARUCC that provides learners with virtual credential wallets, offering 24/7 access to view and share their digital academic documents and credentials including transcripts.

To date, more than 12 Ontario post-secondary institutions have received funding from ONCAT and are using this support to help cover costs relating to the development and/or the expansion of transcript digitization capacity through MyCreds™. This extended funding opportunity is available for institutions that are new to MyCreds™ and for those that have already joined and wish to expand their capacities for digital transcript exchange. Information about submitting an Expression of Interest is available on the ONCAT Projects and Funding site and the deadline to apply is November 21, 2022.

Ontario is home to an internationally respected post-secondary education system with 22 publicly assisted universities and 24 publicly assisted colleges, and 9 Indigenous institutes. More than 63% of learners in the province are already using the MyCreds™ network to conveniently and securely share their transcripts and academic documents virtually.

An information session about this particular funding opportunity will be posted soon. For institutions that are new to MyCreds™ or in the preliminary stages of exploring the platform, please register for a demonstration session or reach out to ARUCC at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca to learn more about the onboarding process.

"We are pleased to be expanding ONCAT's funding support for MyCreds™ over the next year," says Dr. Adrienne Galway, Executive Director, ONCAT. "The interest shown from Ontario post-secondary institutions in onboarding to the network has been fantastic. We look forward to continuing to support ARUCC and our colleges, universities and Indigenous Institutes as we strive enhance learner mobility, postsecondary pathways and seamless transfer experiences."

"Our colleges, universities, and Indigenous institutes are thrilled with ONCAT's extension of the grant funding for MyCreds™," says Charmaine Hack, Project Chair, ARUCC MyCreds™; VP Strategic Enrolment Management, Centennial College. "This extension of the provincial funding will allow us to meaningfully improve the supports for mobile learners. As a shared, not-for-profit service led by our community, we

are working hard to ensure comprehensive and collaborative options for learners. These partnerships are critical to our success."

About MyCreds
MyCreds™ is a national, shared service and platform that provides students and graduates access to a secure, online, password protected learner credential wallet. This virtual wallet allows them to view and share their verified and official transcripts, credentials, and academic documents in a digitized format on a 24/7 basis – anytime, anywhere. It also enables sharing between organizations with the learner's permission. Secure, cryptographically signed documents can be sent conveniently and require no further verification. MyCreds™ is the first and only national bilingual system of its kind in Canada. Visit www.mycreds.ca for more details or contact ARUCC's Executive Lead, Joanne Duklas at info@aruccnationalnetwork.ca.

About ONCAT
Established in 2011, the Ontario Council on Articulation and Transfer (ONCAT) was created to enhance academic pathways and reduce barriers for students looking to transfer among Ontario's public colleges and universities, and Indigenous institutes. ONCAT's work is to support the development of a transfer system that is easy to navigate and seamless for students. To achieve this, ONCAT focuses on different funding strategies to improve the system. ONCAT works directly with its many stakeholders to support not only research that improves transfer system planning, but also pathway development projects and institutional processes that meet the needs of students.

About ARUCC
The Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada (ARUCC) owns MyCreds™. ARUCC is a federally incorporated not-for-profit led by Canada's colleges and universities. Ontario institutions formally serve on the ARUCC board through the Ontario University Registrars' Association (OURA) and the Ontario College Committee of Registrars, Admissions, and Liaison Officers (CRALO). ARUCC provides leadership in the post-secondary education field and service to its member institutions nationally and internationally, helping foster the advancement of registrarial practices and learner-focused service delivery in Canada.

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