



# The Economic Value of Thompson Rivers University Capital Projects

## FACT SHEET

**T**HIS analysis considers the economic impact of recent capital projects at Thompson Rivers University (TRU). These projects include campus maintenance, renovations of the first and second floors of TRU's Old Main Building, and the construction of the Industrial Training & Technology Centre (ITTC) and Nursing & Population Health (NPH) Building. These projects will expand the university's capacity and allow it to positively affect a greater number of students and, through those students, the economy at large

### SHORT-RUN CAPITAL SPENDING IMPACT

- From FY 2016 to FY 2021, \$87.4 million will be spent for the capital projects, creating a significant amount of new economic activity that will ripple throughout the TRU Region.<sup>1</sup>
- This new economic activity amounts to a present value of **\$41.4 million** in total added income for the TRU Region's economy.

### LONG-RUN OPERATIONS SPENDING IMPACT

- As the ITTC and NPH Building become operational, they will increase TRU's day-to-day expenditures, including expenses to support additional employees, new equipment, and spending on other supplies and services. These operations spending impacts began in FY 2019.
- From FY 2019 to FY 2026, the last year of this analysis, the increased operations spending resulting from the capital projects will create a present value of **\$11.4 million** in added income for the region.

### LONG-RUN STUDENT SPENDING IMPACT

- Beginning in FY 2020, the capital projects will allow TRU to serve additional students it would not have otherwise had the capacity to serve. Some of these students will relocate from outside the region. Other students from the TRU Region may leave the region if not for the added capacities at TRU. The money that these students will spend toward living expenses in TRU Region is attributable to the increased capacity provided by the capital projects.
- From FY 2020 to FY 2026, this spending will create a present value of **\$5 million** in income to the TRU Region's economy.

PRESENT VALUE IMPACTS,  
FY 2016 TO FY 2026



**\$41.4 million**

Short-run Capital Spending Impact



**\$11.4 million**

Long-run Operations Spending Impact



**\$5 million**

Long-run Student Spending Impact



**\$8.9 million**

Long-run Alumni Impact



**\$66.7 million**

TOTAL IMPACT

<sup>1</sup> This is TRU's college region designated by the Government of British Columbia. It is comprised of a group of census subdivisions in south central British Columbia.



### LONG-RUN ALUMNI IMPACT

- The capital projects will allow TRU to serve additional students, which will help the university respond to the demands of a growing economy. The first additional students will graduate in FY 2020. This analysis is capped at FY 2026; however, the number of added alumni trained as a result of the capital projects will continue to grow long after.
- The added earnings and increased productivity of these students will create long-run impacts across the regional economy. From FY 2020 to FY 2026, the additional alumni will add a present value of **\$8.9 million** in total added income to the region.

### TOTAL IMPACT

- From FY 2016 to FY 2026, the present value of short- and long-run impacts created by the capital projects will provide a total economic impact of **\$66.7 million** in total added income for the TRU Region's economy.
- The total annual impact from the long-run operations and student spending, as well as alumni will be at least **\$7.4 million** in total added income for TRU Region. This is equivalent to supporting **84 jobs** every year.

TOTAL IMPACTS FROM FY 2016 TO FY 2026, UNDISCOUNTED

