

Response email from Principal Patrick Deane to 901's President Astrid Hobill

Thank you for your letter and invitation to your town hall meeting. While I regret that I am unable to attend, I appreciate your concerns regarding the rising cost of living and affordability. It is unfortunate that inflationary pressures are negatively affecting individuals, organizations, and institutions here in Kingston and across the country.

The university's academic and research mission, of which graduate students are a vital part, can only succeed when we are able to offer students the outstanding education and high-quality supports and services that help them succeed. To that end, Queen's is supportive of a funding model—inclusive of grants, the tuition framework, and financial assistance—that protects the financial sustainability and quality of Ontario's universities, while also ensuring access for students.

Queen's also recognizes the importance of graduate student funding, and the university continues to advocate to both the federal and provincial governments for increased support for graduate students.

Thank you again for your invitation and for raising this important issue.