

ONTARIO INVESTS IN DURHAM COLLEGE

McGuinty Government Helps Update Learning Environments for Students

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Colleges across Ontario, including Durham College, will receive a total of \$60 million in provincial funding over three years to help them purchase new, modern equipment for classrooms and labs.

Our Durham College will receive \$382,370 this year. Additional installments will be made over the next two years.

Types of equipment this funding could be used for could include:

- Computers or software for classroom use
- Books or digital materials for libraries
- Equipment or machinery for lab instruction

All of [Ontario's 24 colleges](#) of applied arts and technologies will receive a portion of funding which they can spend on equipment most needed at the institution.

This funding is part of the \$1.5 billion in investments announced in the [2008 Budget](#) for Ontario's colleges, universities and training programs. It represents the government's commitment to ensuring Ontario students have access to the best learning environments with the most current equipment and technology.

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"Durham College has some of the best technology programs around. This funding will help Durham keep up with changes in the industry and make sure students in Ajax-Pickering remain some of the most highly sought-after workers," said Joe Dickson MPP, Ajax-Pickering.

"Ensuring that students have state-of-the-art equipment and technology to learn means that our students have access to the high-quality education they deserve," said Wayne Arthurs, MPP for Pickering-Scarborough East. "Our commitment to invest in the programs that Durham College provides to its students will not only benefit the learners, but the economy as a whole."

"To compete in tomorrow's global economy, today's students must be trained on the most modern, up-to-date equipment and software available. Investing in our students is an investment in Ontario's future," said Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities [John Milloy](#).

"We are truly pleased by today's announcement and the provincial government's continued investment in a thriving and vibrant Ontario college system," said Leah Myers, president of Durham College. "Here at Durham College we know that in order for our students to succeed in the work force upon graduation, they require access to the equipment and technology in use by today's employers."

QUICK FACTS

- 90.1 per cent of [Ontario college graduates](#) last year have already found employment, and 92.6 per cent of their employers are glad they hired them.
- More than [1 million students have graduated](#) from Ontario's colleges since they were founded in 1967. In 2005, more than 59,000 students graduated from colleges in Ontario, up from 37,000 per year, ten years earlier.