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# CAUT Survey on the State of the Academy

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Dear UTFA Colleagues,

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), of which UTFA is a member, is seeking to understand academic staff experiences and attitudes towards the job, the workplace and the post-secondary education sector. **The State of the Post-Secondary Academic Profession Survey** will help identify current issues and needs of academic staff at universities and colleges. Results will help inform CAUT advocacy, as well as the tools and resources that are needed to support academic staff associations in meeting member needs.

CAUT affiliates are asked to distribute this request to their members. We invite you to read their formal request and complete the survey **before January 16, 2023**. Your voice is essential for providing credible data.

Regards,

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**Memorandum 22:56**

**Date:** November 25, 2022
**To:** Presidents and Administrative Officers; Local, Provincial and Federated Associations
**From:** David Robinson, Executive Director

**Re:** Survey for Post-Secondary Faculty and Researchers

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) is launching its inaugural **State of the Post-Secondary Academic Profession Survey**. The survey will build longitudinal information about issues and needs faced by academic staff at Canadian universities and colleges. This data will help CAUT and its member associations advocate for members' interests.

**What is this survey?**
The online survey will collect information directly from post-secondary academic staff employed at universities and colleges across Canada about their experiences and attitudes towards selected topics including:

- attitudes towards the PSE sector;
- attitudes towards the workplace;
- employment conditions / work activities.

The survey may also include additional questions, related to current topical issues, for example, questions on COVID or experiences of Indigenous faculty. As well, the survey will request demographic information that will enable analysis on equity, diversity and inclusion (gender, sexual identity and expression, visible minority status, Indigenous identity, self-reported disability, and use of official languages).

**Who can participate?**
The survey is open to all post-secondary academic staff at Canadian universities, colleges and polytechnics regardless of union membership. While the survey is entirely voluntary, we are asking for your assistance in ensuring as many academic and general staff as possible are included in this critical study.

Please **circulate this survey** to your members and to other associations of academic and general staff, if any, on your campus.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Caroline Lachance, Research Officer, at **lachance@caut.ca**.

**The deadline for completion is January 16th, 2023**

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