

Investing to Address Climate Change:

Moreover, such a responsible investing approach will also foster the transition to a low-carbon economy, by directing capital to investments in promising areas that are poised to offer alternative, more sustainable solutions. Furthermore, by applying a responsible investing framework to their entire portfolio, investors ensure that the carbon-emitting behaviour of *all* businesses and sectors of the economy are subjected to equal and rigorous scrutiny.

Universities have a duty to manage their long-term investment portfolios in ways that acknowledge and account for these developments. With these considerations in mind, the signatories to this charter pledge to abide by the following principles and practices, and encourage other Canadian universities to do the same:

1. Adopt a responsible investing framework to guide investment decision-making, in line with recognized standards such as the UN-supported Principles of Responsible Investment (UN-PRI). Such a framework should:
 - a. Incorporate ESG factors into investment management practices
 - b. Encourage active engagement with companies to foster disclosure of ESG (including climate) related TFR9, and adoption of operational practices that reduce carbon emissions and foster ESG-positive behaviour more broadly
2. Regularly measure the carbon intensity of our investment portfolios, and set meaningful targets for their reduction over time