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Some of you may be aware that CAUT has launched a “Get Science Right” campaign focusing on how federal government policy and funding decisions are threatening science and research. Some specific problems which have been identified are:

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- shifting funding away from basic research
- stacking granting council governing boards with administrators and people from the corporate sector
- changing federal granting council priorities
- diverting scarce financial resources to “stars”
- muzzling government scientists, librarians, and archivists
- promoting undue corporate influence in university research

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You will notice Posters highlighting some of these problems going up across campus.

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We would encourage you to go to the dedicated getscienceright.ca website for further information (including video testimonials), and for ideas on what action you can take. Note that while the campaign is titled “Get Science Right”, the campaign is not limited to scientific research and some of the testimonials are from researchers in the humanities and social sciences.

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As many of you know, here on our campus access to Tri-Council funding has become increasingly difficult. Of course, the recent decision to suspend the Internal Research Grants program has been a ‘double-whammy’. The UPEIFA has expressed serious concerns about this to Dr. Gilmour (as well as the other VPs and the President).

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