

Education: Math grants get OK

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Math graduate students will receive \$100,000 from Victoria in an effort to place student interns into B.C. businesses. The goal of the funding, announced yesterday by the province, is to move more math students from the classroom into the workforce for hands-on experience.

This will enable businesses to benefit from a unique mathematical skill set, which is being seen as a new driver of innovation in the Canadian economy, said Arvind Gupta, scientific director of the Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems, a national research network that brings together university researchers and companies in a collaborative effort to solve industry problems.