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## Saskatchewan's gain P.E.I.'s drain?

The province should take note of Saskatchewan's recent pitch to attract university and college grads from across the country. It's a strategy that could work well for Saskatchewan - possibly to the detriment of those provinces who end up losing their college and university grads.

Saskatchewan is prepared to refund graduates as much as \$20,000 of their tuition fees no matter where they studied if they move to Saskatchewan to start their careers. The money would be paid back over seven years.

Obviously \$20,000 won't write off the total debtload many graduates carry when they emerge with their degree or diploma, but it's a significant contribution. The Saskatchewan gesture illustrates what some provinces are doing to not only stem the brain drain from their own turf, but to aggressively reverse it. And it's a reminder of the ongoing challenge Prince Edward Island faces in keeping its young people here. It's one thing to make education affordable enough to get young people into our post-secondary institutions; it's another to keep them here after they graduate so the province can prosper from their skills and knowledge. Strategies like Saskatchewan's have just made that challenge for P.E.I. a little harder.

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