

Press release Toronto, November 27, 2009 - Seneca will receive federal funding over the next five years for flight training research as part of the College and Community Innovation Program (CCI).

The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (Science and Technology) made the announcement as part of \$20.1 million in new funding for colleges to work with their communities and local businesses to get new innovations from the campus into the marketplace.

The research will contribute to revitalizing Canada's flight training industry by finding new, innovative uses of technology for flight training; advancing Canada's knowledge and applied research expertise in the field of pilot technical and non-technical skill transfer; and fostering sustainable applied research partnerships.

This funding is an important acknowledgement of Seneca's research reputation and history of excellence in the aviation industry, says Seneca College President David Agnew. It will help create science and technology-ready graduates who have learned not only through hands-on experience, but through applied research that will directly affect the aviation industry in Canada.

The CCI Program is a joint initiative of the [Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada](#) (NSERC), the [Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada](#) and the [Canadian Institutes for Health Research](#). NSERC is a federal agency whose vision is to help make Canada a country of discoverers and innovators for the benefit of all Canadians.

