

A large group of graduates in green gowns and white stoles are celebrating at a graduation ceremony. They are throwing their black mortarboard caps into the air, creating a dense cloud of caps against a clear blue sky. The graduates are in the foreground, and their arms are raised in excitement. In the background, there are green trees and tall stadium light poles. The overall atmosphere is one of joy and accomplishment.

**ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project  
Status Update – Fall PESC Summit, Montreal, QC  
October 22, 2019**



# Welcome! Bonjour!

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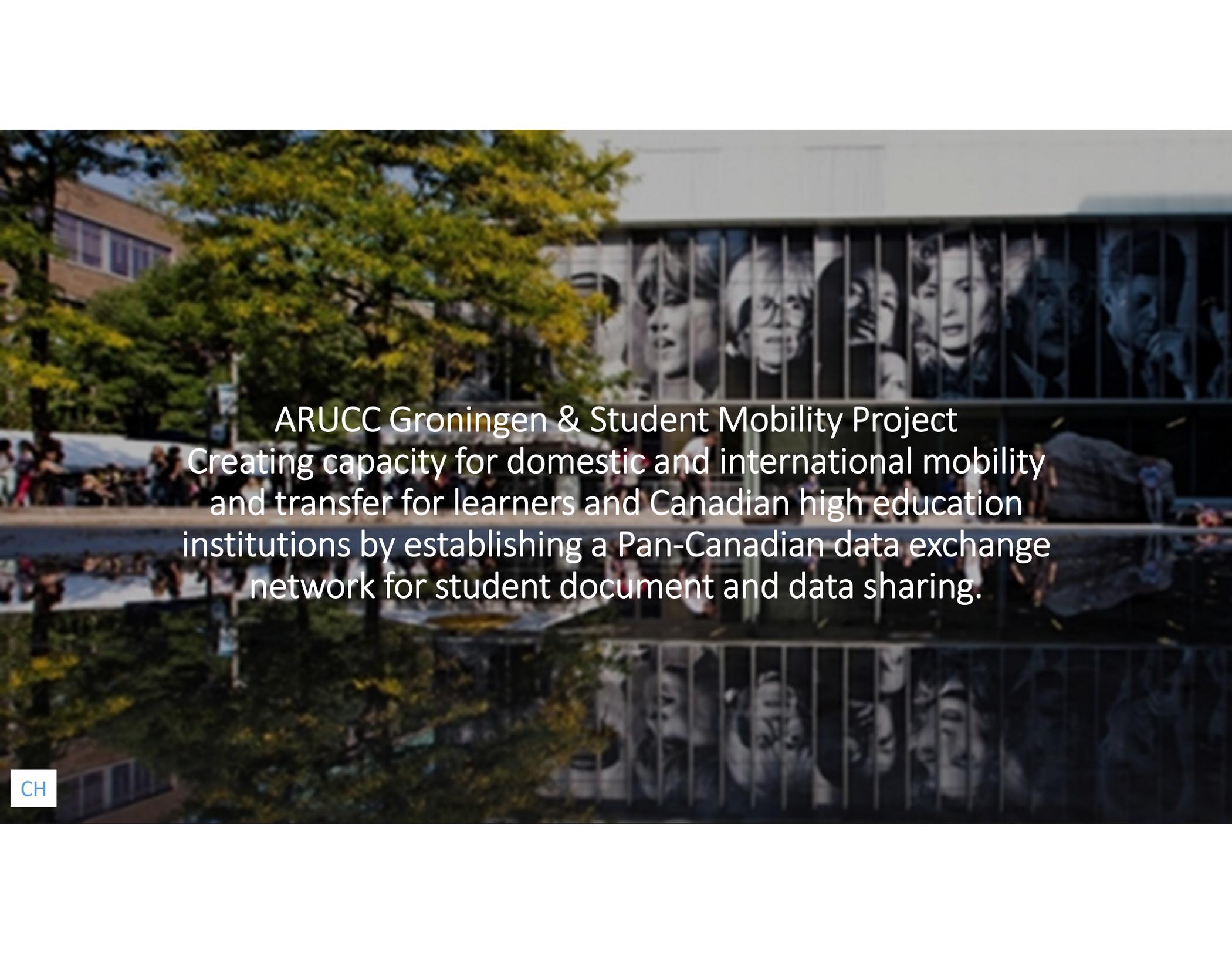
# Introductions

- ARUCC Project Steering Members
- ARUCC Executive Members
- Executive Lead for Project
- Four Project Partners



**Pan-Canadian in Focus  
International in Scope**

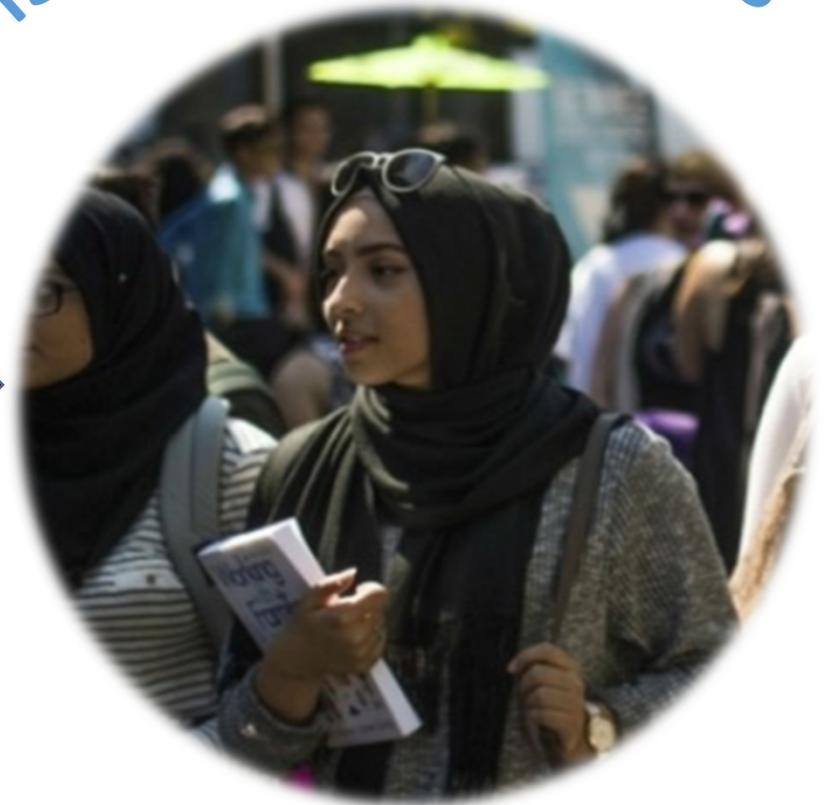


A photograph of a university building with a mural of diverse student faces, overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue box containing white text.

ARUCC Groningen & Student Mobility Project  
Creating capacity for domestic and international mobility  
and transfer for learners and Canadian high education  
institutions by establishing a Pan-Canadian data exchange  
network for student document and data sharing.

The Project

Is About Learners



# Core Outcomes

Quality Assurance

Learner Mobility

Labour Mobility

Data Privacy &

Sovereignty

Flexibility & Autonomy

Efficiency



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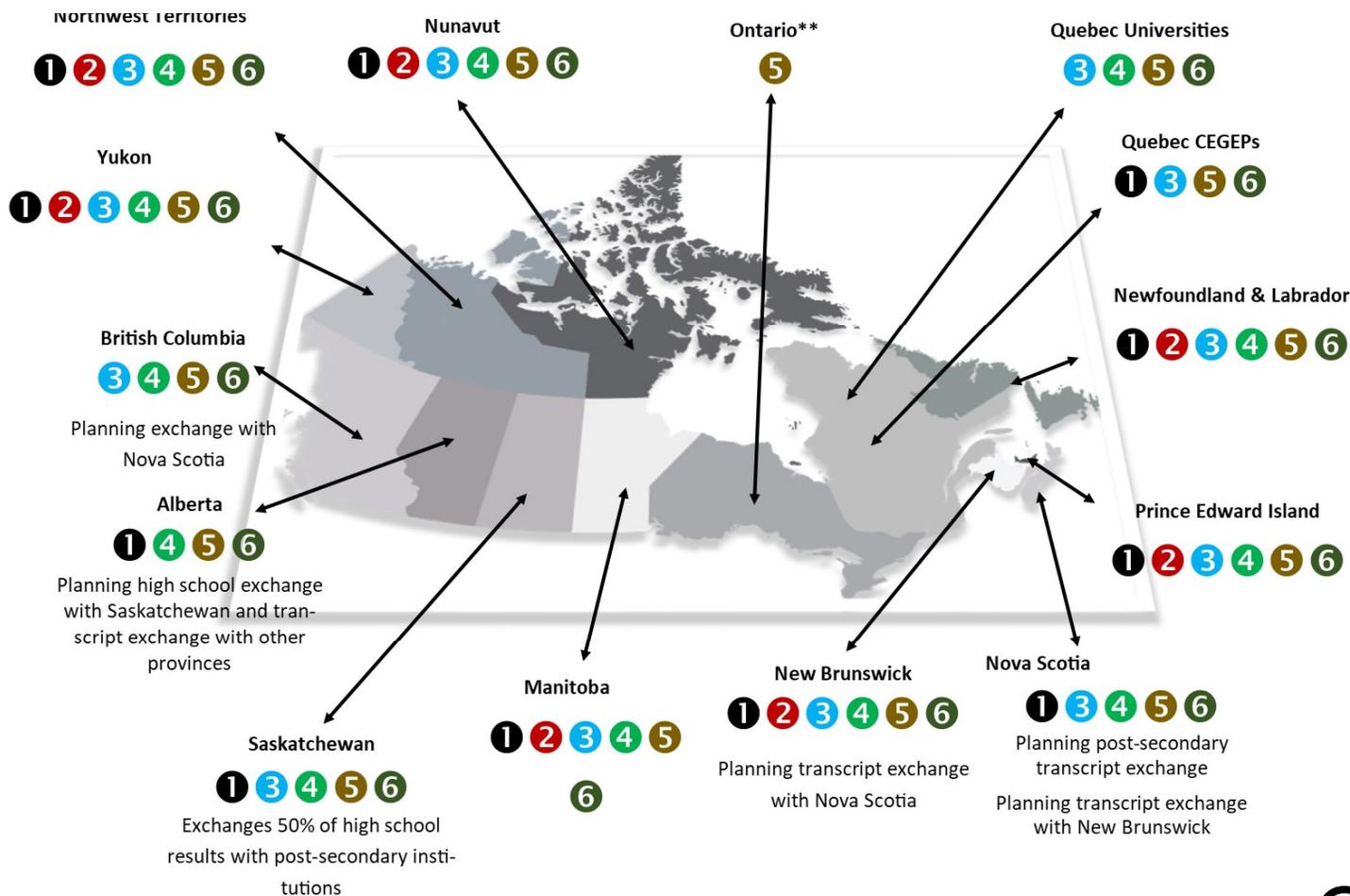
# 80+ Institutions & Organizations Endorse Our Project

- Universities Canada
- Colleges and Institutes Canada
- Canadian Federation of Students
- Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance
- AACRAO
- Pan-Canadian support: institutions, provincial organizations/government entities; ARUCC 2018 biennial conference



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- 1 No inter-provincial data exchange
- 2 No high school or CEGEP data exchange
- 3 No graduate student data exchange
- 4 No connection to trusted third parties other than government (e.g., WES, regulatory bodies, etc.)
- 5 No pan-sector, provincial or national data exchange for **out-bound** post-secondary **credential** verification (not incl. apps/transcripts)
- 6 No pan-sector, provincial or national data exchange to support **inbound** post-secondary **credential** verification

\*\*Full information not available

# Close Gaps

# Address Service Failures

CHALLENGES



## Inbound to PSIs?

- Most documents arrive in non-useable format – close to 90% handled manually
- Inter-provincial mobility – 6% to 19%+ growth
- In-bound international - 154% growth in last 8 years
  - China, India, South Korea, US, France, Vietnam

## Outbound to external third parties?

- Increased govt need to validate official offers - 47% increase in international study permits in last 8 years
- Confirmations of enrolment – 40%+ increases across a host of services
- Confirmations of graduation – 10%+ increase in graduates in last five years

**Growing Learner Mobility**  
**Increasing Document & Identity Fraud!**

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# Two Core Functionalities

- Creating a way for learners to view, curate, and share their credentials and documents whenever and with whomever they want
- Creating national level, official document and data exchange capacity for Canadian post-secondary institutions to enhance services provided for students - This involves establishing direct connections to trusted institutions and organizations across Canada and around the world.

# Business Cases - Document and Data Flows

## IN-BOUND

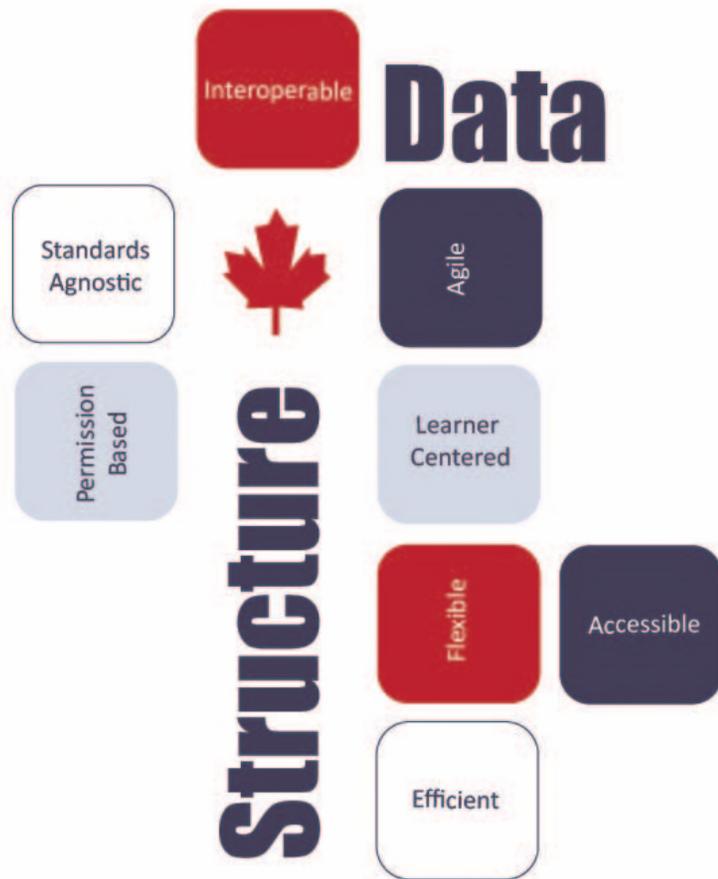
- Post-secondary transcripts
- Credentials
- International documents

The 'How' and the 'What' can vary - Document/data exchange, blockchain, AI, etc.

## OUT-BOUND

- Post-secondary transcripts
- Credentials
- Status Documents
  - Offers of Admission
  - Confirmations of Enrolment (and fees paid)
  - Confirmations of pending or actual graduation





## What we need...

Learner Centered  
 Flexible  
 Agile  
 Interoperable  
 Standards Agnostic  
 Permission Based  
 Accessible  
 Efficient

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# Where we're at

- Summer/Fall 2019: developing the purchasing and legal framework for the project; finalizing governance consultation process; developing a framework for identifying and working with pilot institutions and hubs; identifying and sourcing funds for the project.
- Much work to-date regarding governance consultation and legal support
- Technical Advisory Committee met biweekly from January to June, providing expertise and advice related to the technical aspects of the business case and RFP
- Full-day retreat scheduled for Friday Oct 25<sup>th</sup>
- RFP Committee established; expect to launch RFP in Fall 2019
- Fundraising continues, as does consultation

[https://arucc.ca/uploads/Groningen/Groningen\\_2019/Consultation\\_Page/ARUCC\\_Groningen\\_Project\\_Update\\_-\\_Fall\\_2019\\_versoin\\_2019\\_10\\_08\\_FINAL.pdf](https://arucc.ca/uploads/Groningen/Groningen_2019/Consultation_Page/ARUCC_Groningen_Project_Update_-_Fall_2019_versoin_2019_10_08_FINAL.pdf)

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# Groningen Declaration Network 2021 Meeting: Ottawa

Week of May 3, 2021

(2020 meeting: India)





Thank you!

Project Website  
<http://arucc.ca/en/projects/task-force-groningen.html>

