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Ms. Anita Cocchia  
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Dear Ms. Cocchia:

I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) will provide the British Columbia Electronic Library Network (BCELN) with the 2015/16 funding allocation of \$50,000 as committed in our letter of August 2014. This funding is to continue development, in consultation with the Ministry, of a Shared Digital Resources and Institutional Repository Network.

The funding will support the second year of the project which will include continued development of the institutional repositories, development of a discovery layer (cross-repository search function) and establishment of a plan for project sustainability. It will build on the work underway to deliver on AVED's April 17, 2014 core review announcement to create the foundational piece for a cross-sector provincial digital library.

While moving forward on the project, BCELN will maintain connections with other partners in the library sector to ensure that systems and platforms developed adhere to a set of criteria that will result in a scalable, sustainable product that can be leveraged outside of the post-secondary sector. BCELN will keep the Ministry informed of progress on and outcomes from these cross-sector discussions and criteria development through monthly reporting, and will be accountable for meeting the objectives and the expectations for this project as outlined in the business case submitted to the Ministry.

The funding will be provided to Simon Fraser University with the next available electronic funds transfer.

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Sincerely,



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