



### UNIVERSITIES SUPPORT A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

## **CLEAN-ENERGY JOBS ARE GROWING**

- at an annual rate of +3.4%
  (2020-2030)
- nearly 4X faster than the Canadian average

(CLEAN ENERGY CANADA, 2019)





## GLOBAL SKILLS GAP FOR THE NET-ZERO ECONOMY

 Only 1/8 workers worldwide possess the skills needed

(GLOBAL GREEN SKILLS REPORT, LINKEDIN, 2023)

#### UNIVERSITIES OFFER SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

- 328+ sustainability and climate-focused degree or certificate programs offered at 51 universities across Canada
- Thousands of sustainability and climate-focused courses offered across all faculties
- Sustainability-focused co-ops and hands-on experiences

(CLIMATE STRATEGIES SURVEY, UNIVERSITIES CANADA, 2023)

#### **KEY SUCCESS FACTORS TO REACH NET-ZERO**

- Public investment in research
- Hands-on learning through co-ops, mentorship, living labs
- Collaboration among academia, government and industry on training
- Business involvement in upskilling



# BENEFITS OF INVESTING IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Talent attraction
- Resilient workforce
- Enhanced Canadian economy