

**Presentation**

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# Keeping our universities competitive

A revised proposal



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**Tuition:  
Canadian students from  
outside Quebec**



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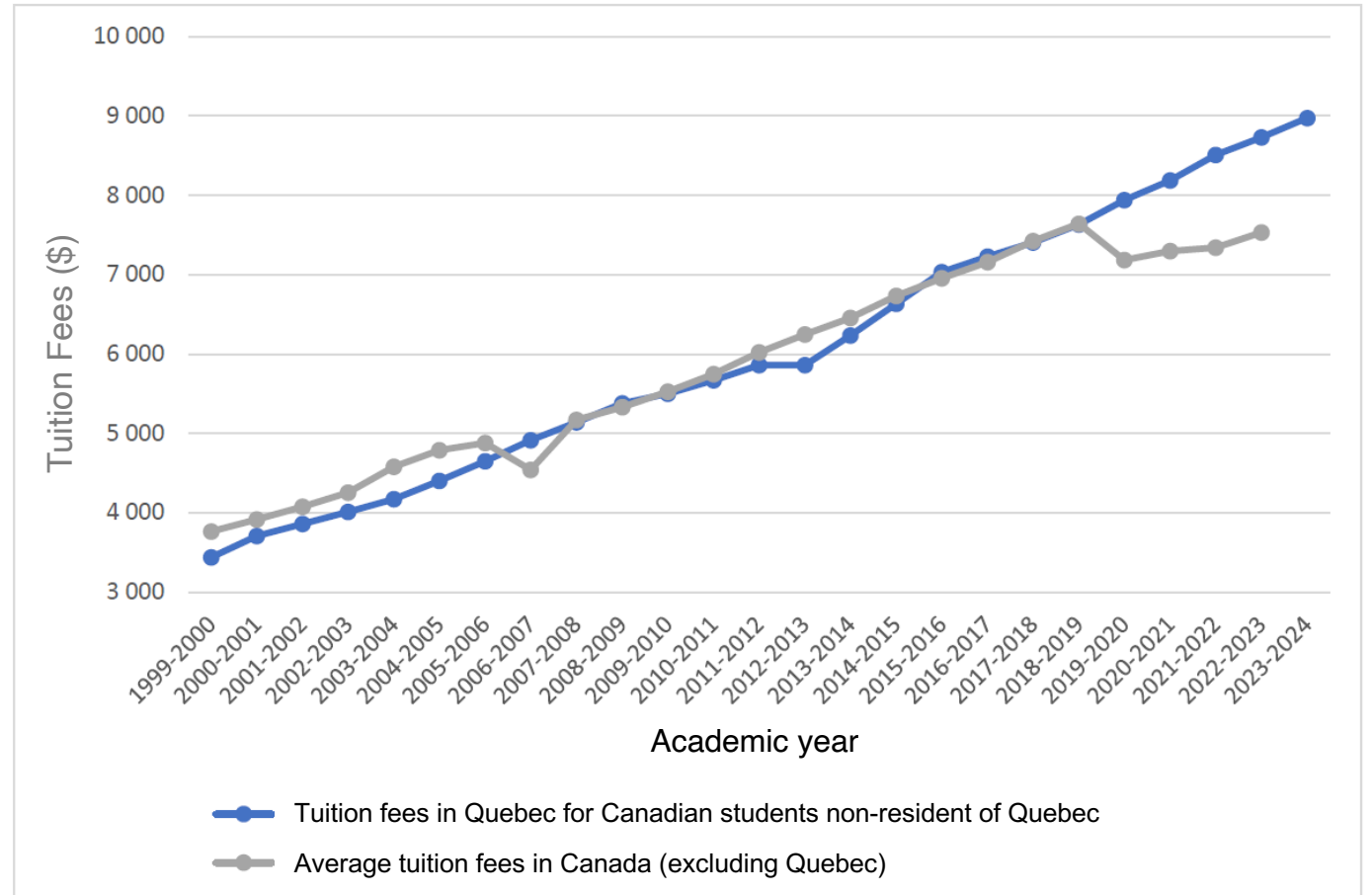
# Current situation for Canadian students outside of Quebec

- Tuition fees in Quebec are already higher than the average for the rest of Canada (~\$9,000 vs. \$7,500).
- Tuition fees are the same for all disciplines in Quebec, unlike in other provinces.

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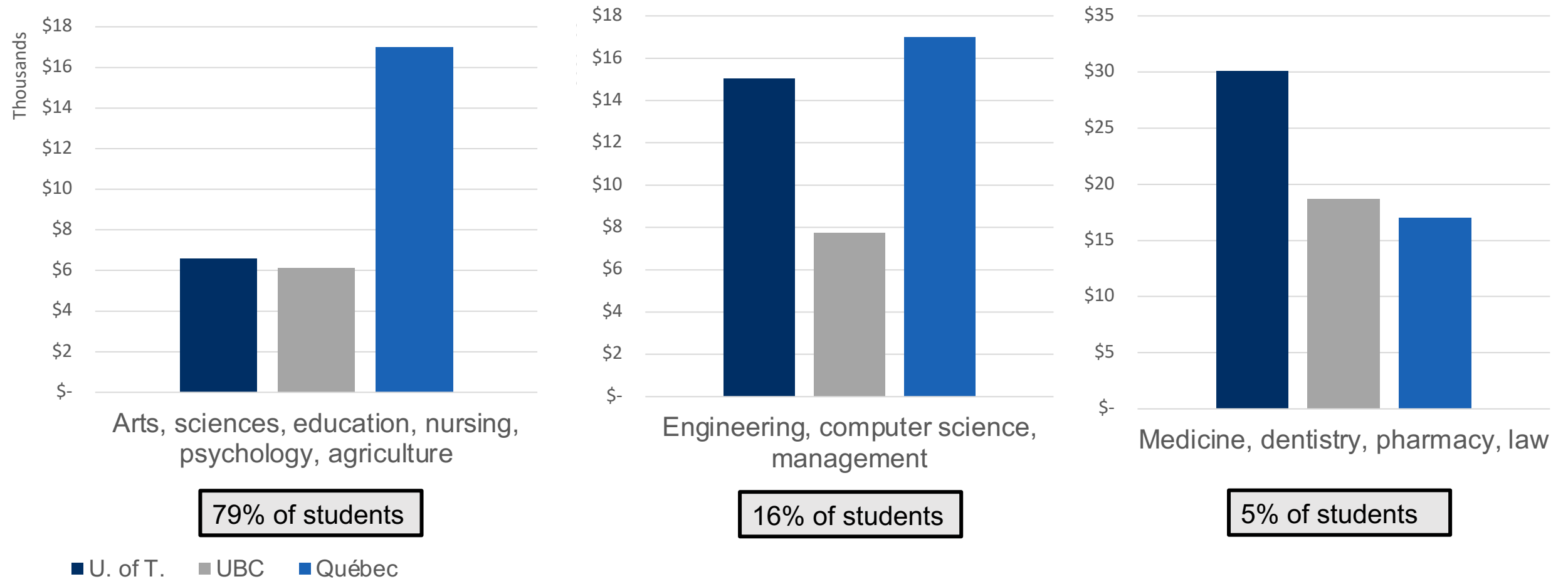
Advisory Committee on Student Affordability, "[Tuition Fees for University Students 2023-2024](#)", Notice to the Minister of Higher Education, 2023

**Chart 1:** Evolution of tuition fees for Canadian students non-resident of Quebec compared to the Canadian average for undergraduate students, from 1999-2000 to 2023-2024 (in current dollars)



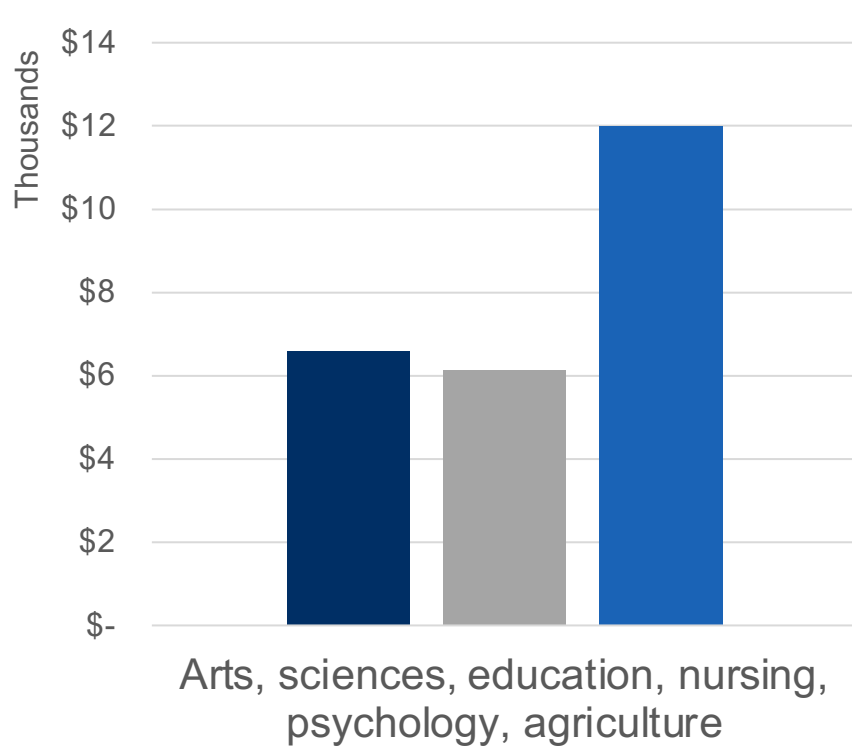
# Proposal from the Ministry on October 13

Average tuition for students in other provinces, grouped by disciplines

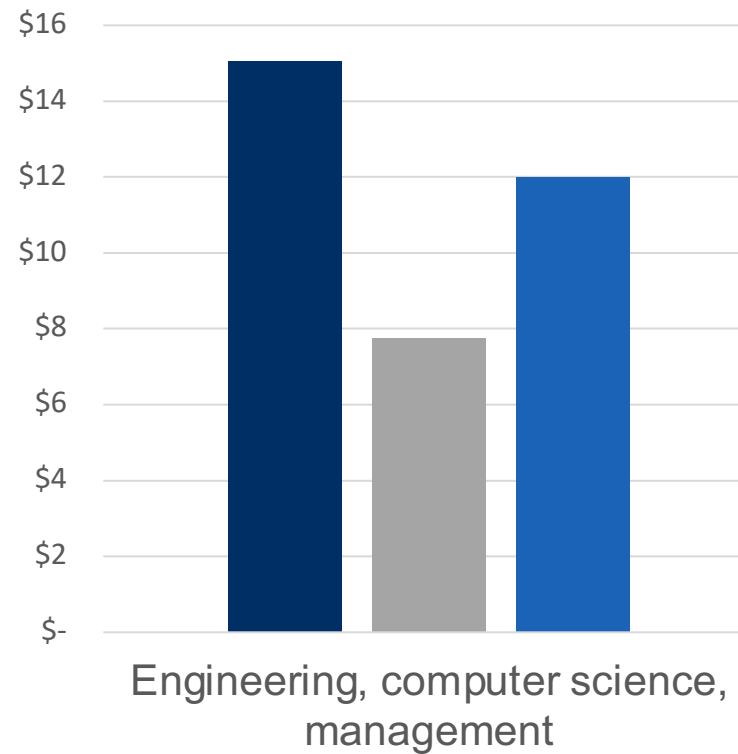


# Alternate scenario: \$12,000

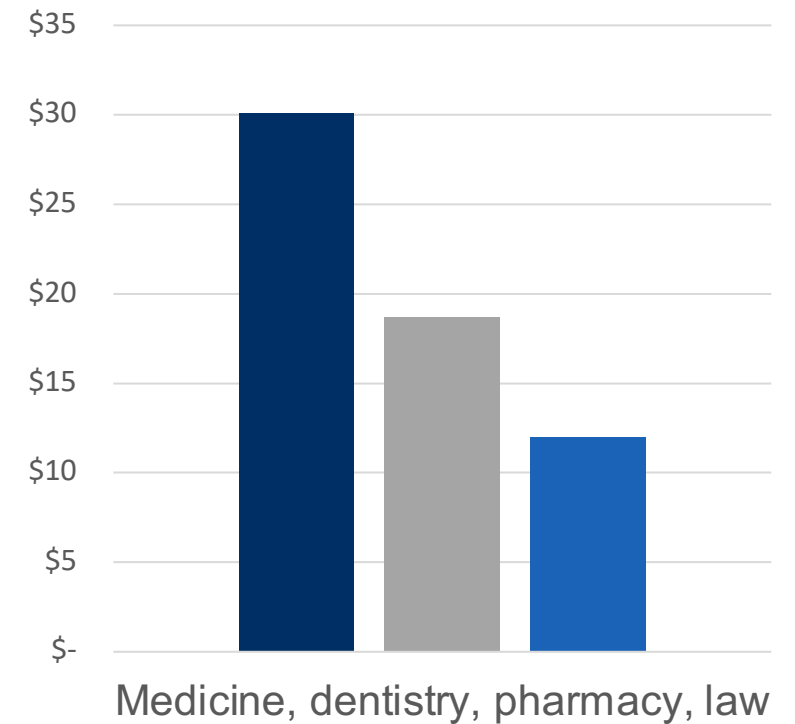
Average tuition for students in other provinces, grouped by disciplines



79% of students



16% of students



5% of students

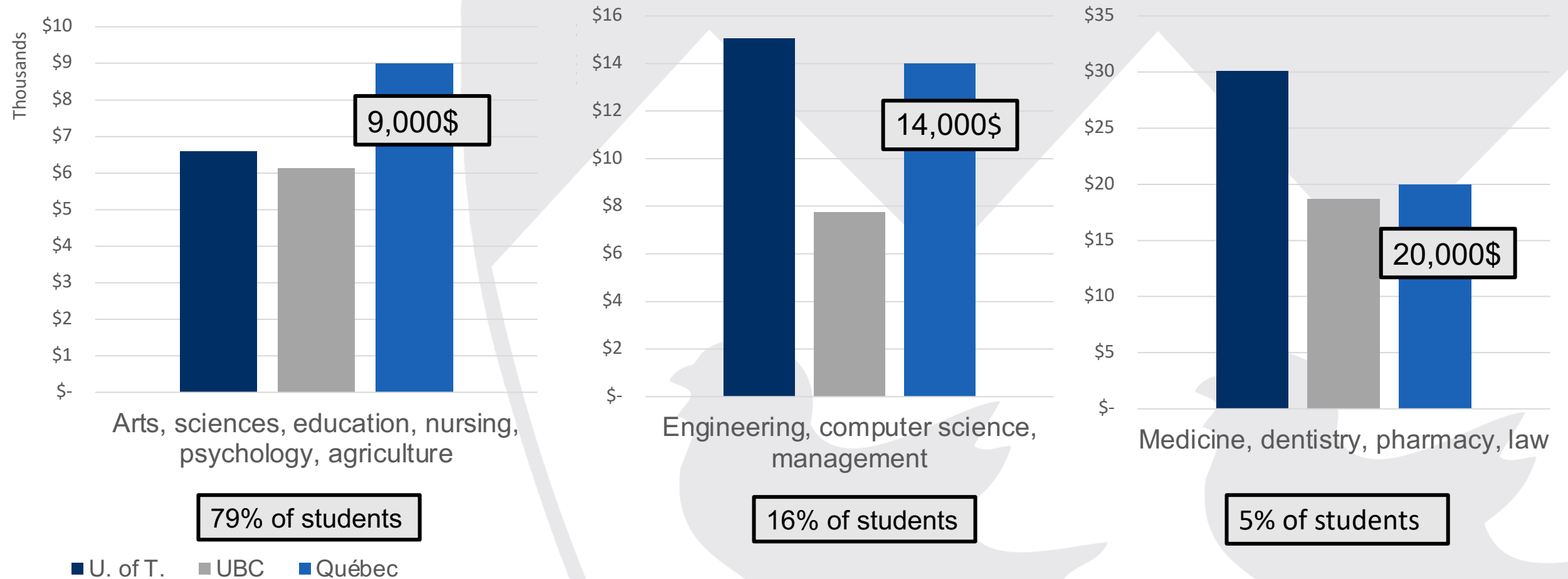
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# The impact of the proposed measures is already apparent

- **Applications from students from other provinces are down 20% at McGill and 16% at Concordia compared to the same time last year.**
- Rating agency Moody's has issued a credit negative outlook on McGill and Concordia's credit ratings:
  - If the universities' credit ratings deteriorate, it will be more expensive for them to borrow, and infrastructure projects will have to be reconsidered.

# Our proposal: competitive differential tuition

Average tuition for students in other provinces, grouped by disciplines





# International students



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# International students: the current situation

International undergraduate and graduate non-research students are "deregulated".

- Tuition fees are set by the universities; the Ministry provides no funding to universities for these students.
- Some students from French-speaking countries are exempt and are subject to the same rules as students from the rest of Canada.

# International students: changes proposed by the government on October 13

For international undergraduate and graduate non-research students:

- Tuition fees would be set by the universities
- The Ministry would collect \$17,000 of these fees
- The Ministry would provide grants to universities for these students

For each international student:

- The Ministry would make a net gain of approximately \$5,000
- Universities would lose about \$5,000 net

# Our proposal

## Cancel this change.

Work with the Ministry and other universities to increase net funding for all universities using the current system.

# Measures to teach French



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## A concrete proposal

Implement programs to learn the French language and immerse students in Québec culture.

Establish a framework for evaluating the retention of students in Quebec after graduation.

**A clear objective: that 40% of non-French-speaking undergraduate students reach level 6 in French by the time they graduate.**

# Summary of our proposal



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# Our proposal

- Cancel changes to funding for international students and work together to improve funding for all universities
- Implement a system of differential tuition by discipline for Canadian students outside Quebec:
  - \$9,000 for arts, sciences, education, nursing, psychology, agriculture
  - \$14,000 for engineering, computer science and administration
  - \$20,000 for medicine, dentistry, law, pharmacy
- Launch a realistic and ambitious French language program aimed at ensuring that 40% of non-French-speaking undergraduate students reach a Level 6 in French by graduation