

Results of School of Industrial Design Computer Fee Referendum

From date 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 11, 2025
To date 10:01 PM on Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Number of invitees	191
Number of valid responses	80
Invitee response rate	41.9%

The School of Industrial Design Computer Fee for the Bachelor of Industrial Design program was established to help collectively pay for computer resources shared by undergraduate School of Industrial Design students and includes the cost of licensing software for Solidworks and KeyShot studio; upgrades for and maintenance of computing hardware and software; the cost of some equipment and parts, such as Wacom tablets and network equipment; providing free access to the 3D printers in the Maker Space; supporting new technological initiatives and innovations within the School of Industrial Design, and other essential technological infrastructure that enhances your learning experience.

The Computer Fee was last increased to \$95 from \$70 per year in 2011 and has remained unchanged since that time. However, as technology evolves and the demand for advanced computing resources grows, the costs associated with maintaining and upgrading these resources have significantly increased and are no longer sustainable. Consequently, the School of Industrial Design needs to adjust the Computer Fee (renamed to Technology Fee) to ensure it can continue providing students with the best possible tools and facilities.

Therefore, the School of Industrial Design is seeking the following outcomes with this referendum: a \$35 increase to the existing \$95 (annual) Technology Fee for the Bachelor of Industrial Design program to support technology costs (for a total of \$130 annually), the equal splitting of the \$130 fee between fall and winter semesters, to allow for equal billing, and for the \$130 fee to be assessed for both full- and part-time students.

To ensure that technology resources shared by Bachelor of Industrial Design students remain available and technologically relevant, do you support a \$35 increase to the existing \$95 Technology Fee for the Bachelor of Industrial Design program (totaling \$130 annually)?

This would also entail the School of Industrial Design splitting the \$130 fee into two equal payments of \$65, to be charged in the fall and winter term, and assessing the fee for both full-

and part-time students. The \$130 fee would be tied to the Consumer Price Index and effective September 2025.

Response	Number of Votes	% of Valid Votes
Yes, I support the increase to the Technology Fee for the Bachelor of Industrial Design program, starting in fall of 2025, split between fall and winter terms, and assessed for both full- and part-time students.	78	97.5%
No, I do not support the increase to the Technology Fee for the Bachelor of Industrial Design program, starting in fall of 2025, split between fall and winter terms, and assessed for both full- and part-time students.	2	2.5%
Abstain	0	N/A

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