

Results of The Leveller Fee Referendum

From date 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026
To date 10:01 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Number of invitees 5,392
Number of valid responses 805
Invitee response rate 14.9%

According to their website, “The Leveller” is a publication covering news, current events, and culture at Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, the Ottawa/Gatineau region and, to a lesser extent, the wider world. It is intended to provide readers with a lively portrait of their campus and community and of the events that give it meaning. It is also intended to be a forum for provocative editorializing and lively debate on issues of concern to post-secondary students, staff, and faculty as well as Ottawa residents.

At present, the \$2.17 per-term fee that supports “The Leveller”, indexed annually to the Consumer Price Index, is a mandatory, non-opt-out levy for graduate students. This referendum question asks whether students wish to introduce choice for those who do not want to contribute to this compulsory fee.

Do you support making the existing \$2.17 per term fee, pro-rated for part-time students and indexed annually to the Consumer Price Index, for “The Leveller” refundable (opt-out) starting in May 2026?

Response	Number of Votes	% of Valid Votes
Yes, I support making the existing fee for "The Leveller" refundable (opt-out) starting in May 2026.	488	64.8%
No, I do not support making the existing fee for "The Leveller" refundable (opt-out) starting in May 2026.	265	35.2%
Abstain	52	N/A

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