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**Attention:**

University of Manitoba History Department Head, Tina Chen  
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The Manitoba Association of Library Technicians (MALT) extends their support to the Association for Manitoba Archives (AMA) in their position for rejecting the proposed changes to the University of Manitoba/University of Winnipeg Joint Archival Studies and History Program. In an age of rapidly evolving digital preservation, properly trained and skilled archivists are needed to succeed in the archival field. The MALT executive and our membership wish to express our deep concern that with the proposed changes to the current Archival Studies Program, the program will not be able to maintain its positive national reputation.

MALT would like to echo the AMA in their position on the importance of work experience. Discontinuation of course credit for the archival internship program is a disservice to future students of the Archival Studies Program and will decrease graduates' knowledge upon entering the work force and increase difficulty for graduates finding employment. This coupled with a loss of fifty percent of faculty with archival expertise is an unacceptable change to the quality of the program currently offered.

Lastly, we express our concern that the proposed changes do not support the promise of the existence of a high-quality Archival Studies program at the University of Manitoba to give support to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR). Weakening the Archival Studies program will be a detriment to the NCTR and any other Indigenous effort that seeks control of their own records.

Thank you for your attention to this matter on behalf of the MALT Executive,

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