**What are the University of Toronto’s peer schools doing?**

There are currently 308 divestment campaigns underway in universities and colleges around the world.[[1]](#footnote-1) To date, six universities and colleges have pledged to pursue fossil fuel divestment : San Francisco State University Foundation, Hampshire College, Unity College, Sterling College, College of the Atlantic, and Green Mountain College.[[2]](#footnote-2)

In Canada, divestment campaigns are underway at McGill University, McMaster University, the University of British Columbia, the University of Victoria, University of New Brunswick-Fredericton, Concordia University, Laurentian University, Lakehead University, Trent University, Simon Fraser University, Mohawk College, and Camosun College.[[3]](#footnote-3)

The McGill divestment campaign is the most advanced of the Canadian divestment campaigns: the three major student unions have endorsed the divestment campaign, the petition was presented to the Board of Governors on February 1st, and was rejected on by the Board of Governors on May 23rd 2013.[[4]](#footnote-4)

Harvard: Divest Harvard has met with the university administration and with trustees to discuss divestment.[[5]](#footnote-5) On April 11th 2013, 1,300 petition signatures were delivered to the Harvard administration in support of divestment.[[6]](#footnote-6)

At this early stage of the divestment movement, the University of Toronto has an opportunity to display tremendous leadership by becoming the first large university, as well as the first Canadian university, to successfully divest from fossil fuels.

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