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Roger Williams University freezes tuition

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PROVIDENCE, R.I. – Roger Williams University is trying its own "lively experiment" by issuing a tuition freeze. According to Roger Williams University president Donald Farish, current undergraduate tuition at the university is about \$29,900, and the freeze will result in around \$15,000 of savings over four years for a typical student. Farish does not know if room and board will be increased during this period. The University plans to make up the lost revenue by securing more grants, increasing adult education and summer programs, and starting public-University partnerships.

Farish thinks other schools are watching as Roger Williams tries this new tuition-freezing experiment: "If it turns out that we see an increase in applications at Roger Williams, let's say, or an increase in the quality of the students we admit, there will be a stampede in this direction of saying let's do that too'."

This freeze is part of an initiative by the University to make college more affordable and to ensure that students are employable at graduation by encouraging them to major or minor in a professional field and to do an internship.

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