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HC promotes economic growth in Prince Edward Island in a variety of ways. In FY 2016-17, the college employed 533 full-time equivalent employees. The college spent a total of \$35.8 million on payroll and an additional \$23.3 million to support its operations. HC is a primary source of education to provincial residents and a supplier of trained workers to provincial industries, and the living expenses of students bene t local businesses.

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Investment analysis is the process of evaluating total costs and measuring these against total bene ts to determine whether or not a proposed venture will be pro table. If bene ts outweigh costs, then the investment is worthwhile. If costs outweigh bene ts, then the investment will lose money and is considered unpro table. This study considers HC as an investment from the perspectives of students, society, and taxpayers. The backdrop for the analysis is the entire Prince Edward Island economy.

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