

Kindly add this idea to your second set of questions (I have tried and tried to log it in on the relevant Web page, but nothing happens): A Northern University In my view, a priority of the federal government should be to create a new, national University of the North, located suitably on the future Northwest Passage. It seems clear that global warming shall continue for the coming generation. Natural resources will become more accessible, and particular kinds of farming will become feasible, in pristine land and Arctic waters. Commerce will come suddenly, with the appearance of large freighters. Territorial disputes are likely to emerge with Russia, the US, and Greenland/Denmark. First Nations shall be vulnerable as these developments take place. The university would serve as a northern center to study these developments, to place them in historical context, and to offer reasoned guidelines for action. An administrative model might be found in the Australian National University (Canberra) or one of the Canadian service universities. Initially it could function as an institution for research degrees, in the model of the Rockefeller University or possibly the Wood's Hole Oceanographic Institute. It would be essential for the new university to include the Humanities (including such disciplines as poetry, sculpture, and Arctic languages) as a constituent unit, for that is where the meaning of the New North shall be elaborated. Architecture also seems an essential field of study. 14.xi.2016