

Support for International Students Policy

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PREAMBLE

The intention of this policy is to recognize the important role that international students play within the Carleton campus and provide support and advocacy for their needs and desires. CUSA will continue to support and consult all International Students through events, programming, and initiatives.

INTERPRETATION

1. This Policy may be called the *Support for International Students Policy*.
2. In this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:
 - a) **International student:** A student who is not a national of Canada and without permanent resident status, who is receiving post-secondary education in Canada and has obtained authorization from the Canadian government to do so.
3. This policy applies to all CUSA spaces including but not limited to: office spaces, businesses, service centres, **online and in-person events**, and to all CUSA staff including but not limited to: executive, full-time, part-time and volunteer.
4. CUSA acknowledges the unique challenges faced by international students at Carleton University and recognizes the importance of tailoring policy, programming and services to fit their needs.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

5. The VPSI has the responsibility of advocating for international students while maintaining and ensuring they have equitable access to services, programming and support (financial, wellness, cultural, social).

POLICY

6. CUSA commits to ensuring that an intersectional lens is utilized and migratory status in Canada is considered when revising policies, programming and initiatives.

7. CUSA commits to supporting international students through the following strategies:
 - a. CUSA commits to defending the rights of international students on the topics of tuition, access to services and programming, access to housing, and more.
 - b. CUSA will continue to maintain a close working relationship with the Student Experience Office (SEO), International Students Support Office (ISSO) and Racialized and International Students Experience (RISE) by collaborating to provide support, programming and resources for International students.
 - c. CUSA commits to providing support and working with RISE with the objective to continue programming for international students.
 - d. CUSA commits to advocating for the best interests, needs and priorities of international students to the University.