

Support for International Students Policy E-05, U-05, M-05, P-05, N-05, I-05

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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 the post-secondary education system in Canada, as well as provide support and advocacy for their needs. CUSA will continue to support and consult with International Students through initiatives, continuous communication, and forms.

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 Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada, who is receiving post-secondary education in Canada.
 - b. [Intersectionality and Intersectional Identity](#): The interconnected nature of social categorizations such as race, class, and gender, regarded as creating overlapping and interdependent systems of discrimination or disadvantage; a theoretical approach based on such a premise.
 - c. Tuition Guarantee: a guarantee on behalf of the university that the tuition fees that a student shall pay in a program should be made fixed throughout their studies. Tuition then should not increase or decrease as the student progresses in their years of study, therefore making costs and budgeting predictable for both the student and the university.
3. This policy applies to all CUSA spaces including but not limited to: office spaces, businesses, service centres, Club spaces, online and in-person events, and to all CUSA staff including but not limited to: executive, full-time, contract, part-time, seasonal and volunteers.
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 and intersectionalities.

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, and social).

POLICY

6. CUSA commits to ensuring an intersectional lens is utilized and 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.
 - e. CUSA commits to advocating to the University for a Tuition Guarantee model for International Students.
 - f. CUSA commits to reviewing and advertising its International Student Welcome Guide on a regular basis.