

Workshop on International Students as Future Permanent Residents

Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, Victoria, BC
April 20, 2018, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM



This full-day workshop will discuss the role of international students in Canada's immigration program. The sessions will include research on the characteristics of international students who come to Canada, where they are going, and why. They will also consider how well international students are doing in Canada and research on the factors that affect their attraction to, and their motivations for studying and remaining in Canada. The workshop will provide opportunities to discuss innovative services and supports for international students, and employer and municipal perspectives on hiring and retaining international students. We will also discuss barriers that international students face in seeking permanent residency in Canada, and strategies for overcoming these barriers. The final session will involve an open discussion of strategies for sharing best practices in supporting international students, and future research needs in this area. Sessions will include both presentations on the issues at hand and opportunities for fulsome discussion by all attendees.

Agenda

Time	Session
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Introduction
9:15 AM – 10:40 AM	<p>Session 1: Who Comes to Canada, Who Stays, and Why?</p> <p>This session focuses on the characteristics of international students who are coming to Canada, those who are choosing to stay in Canada and become permanent residents, motivations for transitioning to permanent residency, and where these potential permanent residents are choosing to live. The role of successful employment in this process will also be discussed.</p>
10:40 AM – 11:00 AM	Refreshment Break
11:00 AM – 12:20 PM	<p>Session 2: Innovative Services and Supports for International Students</p> <p>This session focuses on innovative services and supports for international students, including those designed to increase understanding of the Canadian cultural context and facilitate connections to the local community so that international students are retained as permanent residents in communities that need them most.</p>

Time	Session
12:20 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM – 2:50 PM	<p>Session 3: Employer and Municipal Perspectives on International Students</p> <p>This session focuses on employers' perspectives on hiring international students, including challenges and perceived benefits, and the role that municipalities can play in the attraction and retention of international students.</p>
2:50 PM – 3:10 PM	Refreshment Break
3:10 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Session 4: Facilitating the Transition from International Student to Permanent Resident</p> <p>The session focuses on strategies and programs to facilitate international students' transition to permanent residents. What policies and programs have been put into place to retain international students as an asset for the Canadian economy and society at large?</p>
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 5: Next Steps and Plans for Collaboration, Closing Remarks</p> <p>This final session will involve an open discussion of strategies for sharing best practices in supporting international students, and future research needs in this area.</p>

This workshop will be of interest to:

- ◆ Representatives of municipal, provincial, and federal governments
- ◆ The settlement sector
- ◆ Local Immigration Partnerships and Réseaux en immigration francophone
- ◆ International student centres at universities and colleges
- ◆ Organizations serving international students
- ◆ Researchers working in the area
- ◆ Other stakeholders

Registration Fees:

- ◆ Early Bird Fee (Registered and paid on or before March 22, 2018): \$100.00
- ◆ Regular Fee (Registered and paid after March 22, 2018): \$125.00

[Click here to register for the workshop.](#)

Hotel Information

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort, 100 Harbour Rd, Victoria, BC. If booked by March 22, 2018 the rate is \$149.00 for a Standard - double or king room. Please [click here](#) or call 1-800-268-1133 to make your reservation and quote 'Pathways to Prosperity Workshop on International Students' to obtain the group rate.