

Agenda: Workshop on International Students as Future Permanent Residents

Time	Session
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Breakfast and Registration
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<p>Welcome and Introduction</p> <p>Jean McRae and Victoria Esses, Co-Chairs, Pathways to Prosperity Partnership</p>
9:15 AM – 10:40 AM	<p>Session 1: Who Comes to Canada, Who Stays, and Why?</p> <p>Chair: Daniela dos Santos Pinto, University of Victoria</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Angie Larocque, Immigration Branch, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada ◆ Michael Haan, Department of Sociology, University of Western Ontario ◆ Victoria Esses, Department of Psychology, University of Western Ontario
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>Chair: Winnie Lee, Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Anne Cirillo, International Student Services, University of Victoria ◆ Valeri Pilgrim, Internationalization Office, Memorial University of Newfoundland ◆ Wendy Roth, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia

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12:20 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Lunch and Student Performance: <i>The Lived Experiences of International Students Navigating the Canadian System</i></p>
1:30 PM – 2:50 PM	<p>Session 3: Employer and Municipal Perspectives on International Students</p> <p>Chair: Herb Schuetze, Department of Economics, University of Victoria</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Christine Covell, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta ◆ Karima Ramji, International Programs, University of Victoria ◆ Sarah Wayland, Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council
2:50 PM – 3:10 PM	<p>Refreshment Break</p>
3:10 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Session 4: Facilitating the Transition from International Student to Permanent Resident</p> <p>Chair: Jean McRae, Co-Chair, Pathways to Prosperity Partnership</p> <p>This session focuses on policies and programs designed to facilitate international students' transition to permanent residents, including how these policies and programs are being used to encourage international students to stay in Canada and seek permanent residency, and their effectiveness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Alexandra Bozheva, Department of Geography, University of Western Ontario ◆ Carling Helander, BC Ministry of Jobs, Trade, and Technology ◆ Enayat Aminzadah, International Qualification Services Manager, The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA)
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	<p>Session 5: Next Steps and Plans for Collaboration, Closing Remarks</p> <p>Jean McRae and Victoria Esses, Co-Chairs, Pathways to Prosperity Partnership</p> <p>In this session we will discuss strategies for continuing this conversation and for sharing promising practices, particularly with respect to supporting the retention of international students and their transition to permanent residents in Canada. We will also discuss specific research needs in this area and how researchers within the Pathways to Prosperity can step up to play a leading role in filling these needs.</p>

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