

International Graduate Students – Issues and Resources

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Objective

- International students face unique challenges as compared with domestic students.
- This presentation discusses about the hurdles and hardships faced by international students at University of Waterloo

Major Issues

- Accomodations and Living Cost
- Tuition Fees
- Discrimination
- Employment

Other Issues

- Cultural Shock - It's hard to pick up the overall new phase and pace of life.
- Homesick
- The cold weather for nearly 6-7 months
- Money management

The list can continue with many issues

COVID PANDEMIC

Added to the plight of the international student, this pandemic situation has taken the mental health of the international students.

- Online classes
- Full tuition fee
- Lack of part time jobs in this pandemic

Conclusion

- Raising volunteer or community groups where international students can join where issues like cultural shock and community development is focused.
- Financial Support.
- Providing more internal employment opportunities, TA/RA/GA and other teaching or grading opportunities.
- Graduate scholarship for international students.

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