Fairness for International Students



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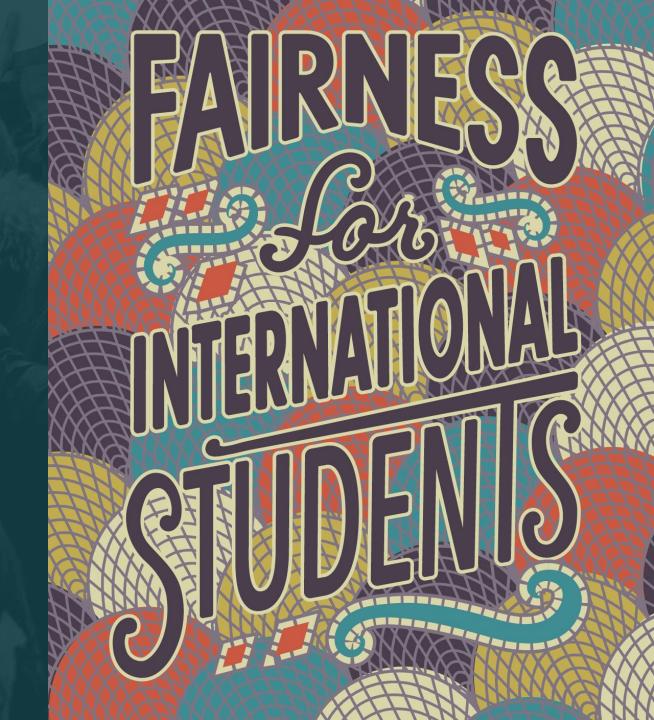
Introducing the Canadian Federation of Students

- Formed in 1981
- Over 550,000 members across the country
- Represents students in public post-secondary institutions by speaking with a united voice
- Oldest and largest national student organization in Canada

Fairness for International Students

- International students are a growing part of Canada's economy
- International students maintain a viable workforce
- Tuition fees
- Recruitment

The Issues



Differential Fees

- Result of chronic Government underfunding
- Reliance on international students' tuition to cover costs
- Deregulated fees

Health Coverage

- Canadian Health Act
- Provincial health care
- Patchwork health insurance
- Medical examinations/ blood donations

Work Restrictions

- Canada Summer jobs
- Work study programs
- Work Permit restrictions

Pathways to Permanent Residency & Citizenship

- Post graduation work permit
- Express entry & LMIA



Victories

1988

- The right of international students to work on campus, including for up to 1 year after they graduate is secured.
- The right of married spouses of international students to work in Canada is secured.

2007

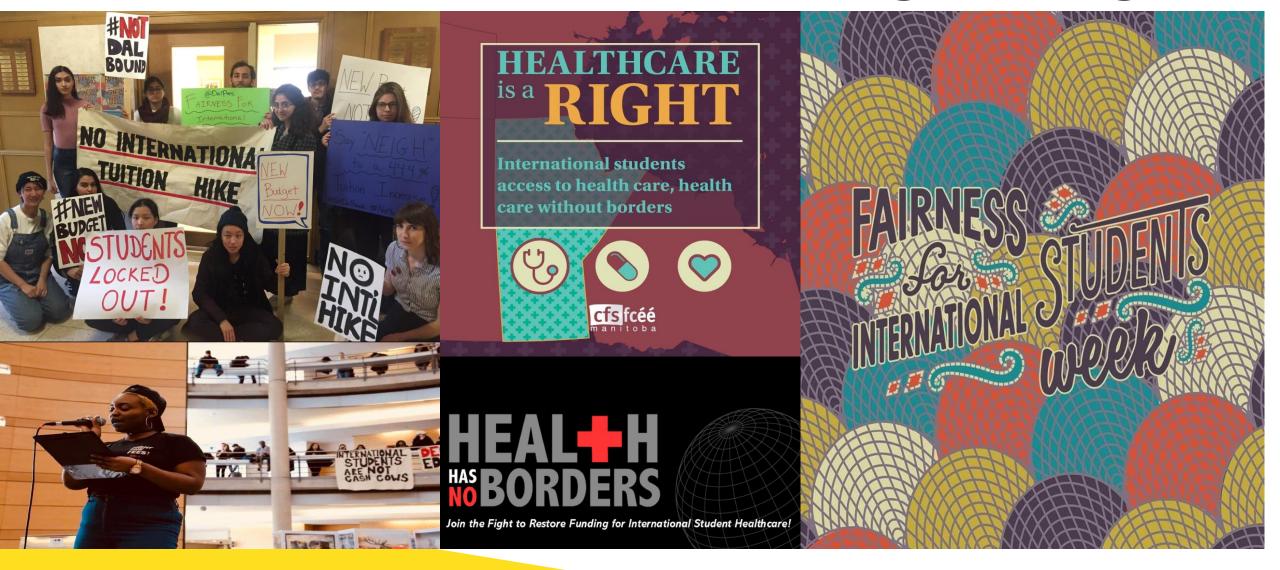
- The right of international students to work off-campus is secured.

2014

- The right for full-time international students to use their study permits to work off-campus, rather than requiring an off-campus work permit.



International Students' Organizing





2019 Federal Elections



Fairness for International Students

- Providing stable funding transfers to eliminate all differential fees
- Ensuring provincial governments provide unrestricted public healthcare access by including this requirement in the Canada Health Act
- Streamlining immigration pathways



