International Students' Association Fee Proposal
Survey

This presentation draws from a survey crafted by the UASU Research and Advocacy Team in collaboration with the ISA. The UASU team finalized the drafted questions. Subsequently, the ISA promoted and published the survey in 2023, which was also integral to their 2021 fee referendum.

Survey has a total of 130+ undergraduate international students as participants.
01 Overview
01. Fee Amount

$5 per semester for every full-time fall, winter, and spring/summer.

$2.5 per semester for every part-time fall, winter, and spring/summer.

Campus St-Jean and Augustana students shall be accessed the same fee (due to UASU Bylaw 8200.9.1.c).

Off-campus (such as co-op or internship) students pay $0.
If the international student body approves a fee like this, how often should they vote to renew it?

137 responses

- Every 3 years: 67.2%
- Every 4 years: 16.1%
- Every 5 years: 16.8%

3 year
03. Optional Fee

Students can opt-out of the fee

- Fill an opt-out form at isa.ualberta.ca/opt-out within the first 30 days of every semester, and
- We will refund students in 30 days.
Revenue
around $47,225 annually
Allocations

- Your ISA: 20.0%
- Health/wellness: 15.0%
- Community Support: 12.0%
- Welcome Program: 15.0%
- iCard Awards: 6.0%
- Events: 20.0%
Predicted Amount Distribution

- ICard: $2,718.45
- Awards: $6,796.13
- Events: $5,436.90
- Welcome Program: $9,061.51
- Community Support Fund: $9,061.51
- Health/wellness and PD: $5,436.90
- Your ISA: $6,796.13
International Students' Benefit Card (I-Card)

Help students to save money all over Edmonton with discounts and deals. Check out: isa.ualberta.ca/icard
Awards for International Students'

Community Engagement Recognition Awards shall fund the following awards:

- ISA Salute
- Student Governance Leader of the Year
- Community Welfare Volunteer Award
- International Community Welfare program/service/event of the year
Events

Year-round Events

Provide engaging student focussed events such as fall bonfire, international students' days, and many other similar events that interest the students and keep them engaged while countering loneliness.
Our welcome program enable students to interact with fellow new or current international students and better adjust at UofA or in Canada in general. Check out: isa.ualberta.ca/new-students/welcome-program
Community Support Fund

- Student groups funding for cultural or internationally focussed events to promote diversity, community building and counter loneliness.
- ISA shall also continue its Regional Groups Perks program. Check out: isa.ualberta.ca/regional-groups/regional-group-perks
- Students can also apply for funding to embrace their culture and host events, which ISA will support logistically and administratively.
Health/wellness and Professional Development

Health/wellness Programs

- ISA will organize events and resources to help alleviate student loneliness.
- These programs shall be very active during the busy exam seasons enabling international students to take a break, focus on their mental health and wellness.
- Eg: Burnout workshop, time management skills, etc

Professional Development Programs

Programs such as,
- Zotero+Library research workshop
- Writing Skills with ASC session
- Student Accommodation webinar
- Career Fair
Your ISA that Stands by You!

International Students' Hub

- A safe and inclusive space on campus for international students to meet and relax. The space shall facilitate the purpose of building connections and connecting with the ISA.

Administration and Operations Cost

Expenses such as:
- Elections
- Liability Insurance (DoS requirement)
- Office and Logistical expenses.
- Volunteer Appreciation Program
We are a student-run organization with elected undergraduate students overseeing the usage of this fee.

- The fee shall be bound to the financial reporting to the Student Union, as per the University of Alberta Student Union Financial Reporting Guidelines any Bylaw 8200.

- This includes ongoing financial reporting by the ISA Vice President Finance and budget be submitted to ISA Undergraduate Council for full oversight and transparency.

- The Budget shall be available to international students on request and also be presented to the international students in the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Every transaction shall be approved jointly by the ISA President and the Vice President Finance along with an ongoing regular reporting to the Board.
Key Highlights
Students' can opt-out

We are not ever going to force any undergraduate international student to pay this fee, students would be able to opt-out if they do not see value in paying this fee.

Short-term fee

After 3 years, SU Council would get to review this fee and make a decision on its continuity. Thus SU Council will get opportunity to re-evaluate the fee.

Should students get to vote?

It’s very important to now, that today we are deciding on if student should get to vote on the fee or not. We are not making a decision on behalf of the students here.
Thank You

Questions time!

If you have any questions feel free to connect with us.

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