



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONNECT (ISC)

# ÉTUDIANTS INTERNATIONAUX SE CONNECTENT (EIC)



International Student  
CONNECT



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International Student Connect (ISC) is a bilingual pilot project managed by COSTI.

The core purpose of the project is to identify, develop and implement an appropriate service response to the settlement needs of international students (IS) pursuing post-secondary education in Ontario. The project is funded by the Government of Ontario.

We currently work with **21** educational institutions and **16** SDAs.



# Evaluation Report Findings

- A clear and significant service gap exists in the IS population
- Many ISOs at post-secondary institutions do not possess expertise in immigration and settlement matters
- Settlement agencies are not funded to support IS
- Educational institutions and the settlement sector committed to collaboration in support of international students



# Evaluation Report Recommendations

- Connect IS with the wider settlement services and community
- Increase access to online resources and transfer of information - pre and post arrival webinars
- Provide tailored and practical information geared to IS needs



# Ontario

## North Region

- Sault College
- Algoma University
- Lakehead University
- Confederation College

## East Region

- University of Ottawa (French)

## York and Simcoe

- Georgian College
- Lambton College

## Peel and Halton

- Sheridan College
- Lambton College

## West Region

- Mohawk Collège
- Niagara Collège
- University of Windsor
- St. Clair Collège

## Toronto

- York University
- Seneca College
- Humber College
- Lambton college
- Glendon College
- Centennial College
- University of Toronto
- George Brown Collège

Timmins

1  
Thunder Bay

1  
Sault Ste. Marie

1  
Ottawa

Kingston

1  
Barrie

2  
Mississauga

1  
Oakville

Hamilton

7

5  
Toronto

Niagara Falls

1  
Sarnia

1  
London

1  
7  
Windsor



# Topics Covered

## In-Person 20+

- Banking and credit
- Finding a place to live
- Immigration pathways
- Filing income taxes
- Employment/Legal rights

## Webinars 25+

- Finding a place to live
- Immigration pathways
- Supporting IS spouses
- Filing income taxes in Canada
- Labor market and employment
- Applying for PGWP

Services & Resources focused on:

Accompanying family members and graduating International Students



# Challenges

## International Students:

- Financial constraints
- Limited employment opportunities
- Lack of clarity on pre-departure information
- Wellness, mental health and settlement support & social networks

## International Student Connect

- Promotion of services and resources
- Gap in understanding for support services for International Students



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