

International Student Working Group

International students experience multiple challenges and barriers as they navigate through cultural adjustment, academic studies, and settlement pathways. As Kingston seeks to retain international students, there is a growing need to enhance the coordination of services and communication among frontline international student service providers.

The International Student Working Group's vision is that international students experience coordinated and integrated services, increasing their sense of belonging and supporting their retention in Kingston.

The International Student Working Group aims to meet every 6 weeks and:

- implements inter-sectoral collaboration and coordination of international student services to address complex challenges
- explores methods to promote the retention of international students within the Kingston community
- develops strategies to attend to priority areas and mitigates systemic barriers experienced by international students
- identifies and addresses gaps or challenges experienced by employers when attempting to hire or retain international students
- explores methods for international students to find meaningful employment that may facilitate their transition into permanent residency
- shares service and community updates, events, activities, and resources

Members:

- Individuals with lived experience as international students
- Queen's University
- St. Lawrence College
- KEYS Employment and Newcomer Services
- ReStart Employment Services
- City of Kingston
- Kingston Economic Development Corporation

If you are interested in joining the International Student Working Group, contact infokip@kchc.ca