

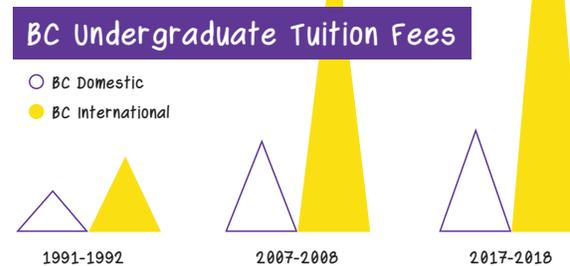
# FAIRNESS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The unregulated, unpredictable nature of international tuition fee increases contributes to student stress, and could at any time force international students to drop out or turn to other countries for more affordable education. This eventuality will leave a big hole not only in the multi-cultural contributions on our campuses, but also in university and college budgets and the BC economy overall. The regulation of tuition and ancillary fees for international students would create fairness, consistency, and predictability, and would respect those who are travelling great distances and paying substantial fees to participate in our educational system.

Tuition fees for international students in BC have increased **538%** since 1991, and are now on average more than \$25,400 per year.

## UNREGULATED & UNFAIR

International fees are unregulated and can increase at any time, with no notice. The current BC Tuition Limit Policy, which caps domestic fees at a 2% annual increase, does not apply to international student tuition fees.



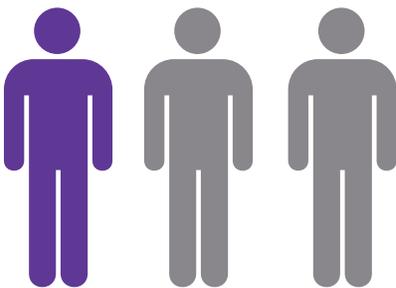
**\$3.117 BILLION**

International students contribute vast sums into local economies across BC. In 2015, international student spending in BC totalled:

- \$3.117 billion
- 26,000 jobs created
- \$1.77 billion to the provincial GDP
- \$176.4 million in BC income taxes revenue

Despite the value of international students to the entire economy, no regulation on tuition fees for international students means there is neither consistency across the province nor predictability in annual changes. International fees are commonly increased to deal with annual college or university shortfalls without regard to the broader impacts to BC's economy.

**5x** International students pay as much as 5 times the fees paid by domestic students.

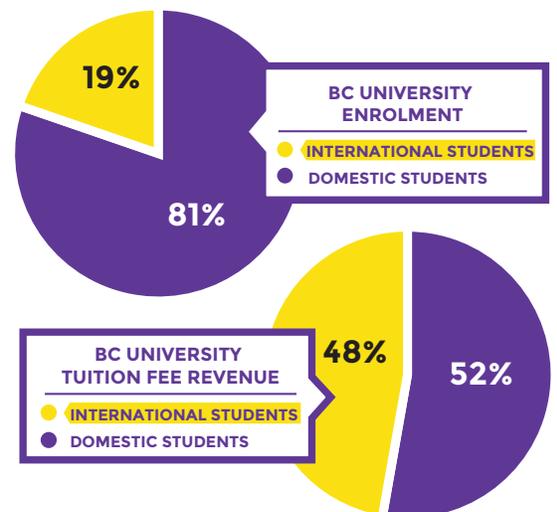


## PAYING MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE

International students pay more than their fair share into the BC post-secondary system.

In 2015, the enrolment of only 15,000 full-time international undergraduate students in BC gave the universities \$312 million in revenue, while over 4 times as many domestic students (63,000) produced a similar amount of revenue \$339 million.

International students only make up 1/5 of enrolment, but they contribute almost 1/2 of BC universities' tuition fee revenue.



BC hosts 1/3 of all international students in Canada. The number of international students at public post-secondary institutions in BC has increased by 61% since 2011. However, rapid enrolment increases without institutions addressing the social, academic, economic, and cultural implications threatens the entire enterprise of international education in BC and Canada.

### THERE IS A SIMPLE SOLUTION

The provincial government should amend the Tuition Fee Limit Policy to include the regulation of fees for international students. This would create fairness, consistency, and predictability for those traveling from abroad to study in BC.