



International PhD Students Domestic Tuition Fees: The Fast Facts

The University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU) Executive Committee supports the reduction of tuition fees for all students, especially international students who are burdened by high tuition costs. With this news, The University is making a commitment to engage with international students, enhance research opportunities, and be part of academic discussions on a global scale.

However, we raised concerns about this promise from The University with the Dean of The School of Graduate Studies (SGS), Joshua Barker. Dean Barker also clarified misinformation circulating around the announcement.

Concerns

Expansion of Services and Resources

As The University moves towards internationalization, additional international student specific services and resources need to be implemented. If students are being encouraged to enroll at The U of T, there needs to be measures in place to promote their academic and social integration and success.

Master and Professional Students

The University needs to expand the reduction in tuition to all domestic and international Professional PhD and Master students. Domestic tuition is not affordable and a majority of students are left with an exorbitant amount of tuition debt upon graduation.

Debunking Misinformation

Consultations

This decision is a direct result of multiple international students over many years stressing to The U of T the burden of tuition fees and the need for financial support. It is not a direct result of The University's Strategic Mandate Agreement with the Ontario Government.

Funded and Unfunded Cohort

International students in *both* the funded and unfunded PhD programs will be given domestic tuition rates, with the exception of The Doctor of Juridical Science, Doctor of Education, and Doctor of Music Arts.

Help us keep this conversation going. What questions or concerns do you have about The University's announcement? You can reach us at info@utgsu.ca or (416) 978-2391.

Sincerely,

The UTGSU Executive Committee