



Canadian Bureau for  
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## Re: CBIE Immigration Advisory Committee – Call for Expressions of Interest

Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to launch this Call for Expressions of Interest to serve on the CBIE Immigration Advisory Committee. We are seeking international education professionals from CBIE member institutions who are keen to engage with CBIE, to provide input based on consultation with colleagues and to offer insights based on their own experience and expertise in immigration.

### ***CBIE and the Immigration Advisory Committee***

CBIE is the national voice advancing Canadian international education by creating and mobilizing expertise, knowledge, opportunity and leadership.

One important aspect of international education is welcoming students, faculty, and learners more generally to Canadian education institutions. Given that a critical aspect of doing this successfully is having in place a framework of enabling immigration policies and practices, CBIE's Immigration Advisory Committee was established over two decades ago.

The CBIE Immigration Advisory Committee's mandate is to:

- Identify specific and/or systemic issues affecting inbound mobility as it relates to immigration;
- Validate, through respective networks and the CBIE membership, the key challenges and opportunities vis-à-vis international students and immigration; and
- Based on the above, provide its best advice to CBIE's President and CEO in order to help shape CBIE's efforts to ensure enabling immigration policies and practices.

To this end, the CBIE Immigration Advisory Committee monitors trends and developments in immigration; liaises with CBIE members, the student population and others stakeholders on issues related to inbound mobility and immigration to understand the issues; and advises the President on key issues, with concrete recommendations and solutions. ***Note that the commitment to the committee over the course of a year roughly balances out to 5 hours a month.***

Current and continuing members of this committee are:

- Patrick Bissonette, Conseiller aux étudiants étrangers, Bureau de la vie étudiante, Direction des services aux étudiants, Université Laval
- Leah Nord, Director, Board, Member and Stakeholder Relations, CBIE (Chair)
- Alexandra McAllister, Program Officer, The Learning Centre, CBIE
- Diana Ning, Manager, International Student and Scholar Services, York University

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- Leyda-Melissa Paulmier, Immigration Advisor/ Conseillère en Immigration, McGill University
- Larissa Strong, Manager, International Student Support, Durham College
- Patrick Sullivan, Manager, International Programs and Services, NAIT Polytechnic

CBIE wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the following departing committee members for their significant contributions:

- Teresa Brooks, Associate Director, International Student Services, Langara College
- Anna Choudhury, Manager, International Student Integration, Algonquin College
- Natasha Clark, International Student Advisor, Memorial University
- Michelle Suderman, Director, International Student Development, University of British Columbia

### ***Expression of Interest Process***

Interested individuals should submit an expression of interest -- no more than 500 words, please - accompanied by your CV by **May 18, 2018**. Please send these to my attention at [learning@cbie.ca](mailto:learning@cbie.ca).

All candidates will be considered according to the demonstrated criteria:

- knowledge of issues that impact the well-being of international students;
- knowledge of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada regulations and procedures as they impact international students;
- willingness to engage colleagues across Canada to advance understanding of immigration regulations;
- experience and ability to effect change through policy development, advocacy, and government relations.

We particularly encourage - though not exclusively - applications from those working in the K-12 sector and at colleges/polytechnics/institutes/cégeps.

Note that holding either the RCIC or RISIA designation is not required to apply.

The CBIE President will make the final selection of Immigration Advisory Committee members based on your submissions and on advice from our committee members.

We look forward to hearing from many of you.

Sincerely,

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