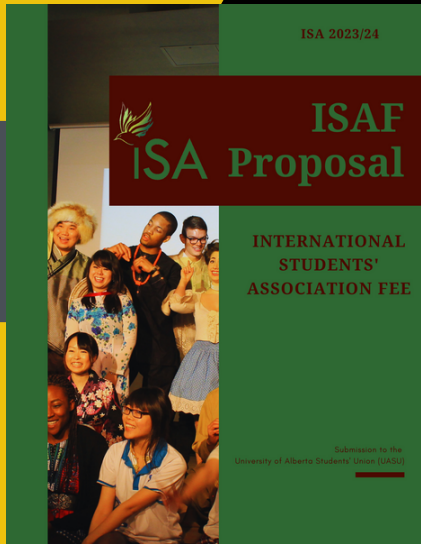




International Students' Association

ISAF

**International Students'
Association Fee
Proposal**



Survey

This presentation draws from a survey crafted by the UASU Research and Advocacy Team in collaboration with the ISA. The UASU team finalized the drafted questions. Subsequently, the ISA promoted and published the survey in 2023, which was also integral to their 2021 fee referendum.

Survey has a total of 130+ undergraduate international students as participants.





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Overview

01. Fee Amount

\$5 per semester for every full-time fall, winter, and spring/summer.

\$2.5 per semester for every part-time fall, winter, and spring/summer.

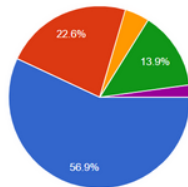
Campus St-Jean and Augustana students shall be assessed the same fee (due to UASU Bylaw 8200.9.1.c).

Off-campus (such as co-op or internship) students pay \$0.

Now that you've seen what the ISA hopes to do with the fee revenue, what's your opinion of the proposed \$5/semester fee?



137 responses



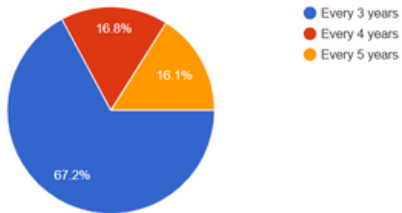
- The fee would be appropriate
- The fee should be somewhat lower than \$5
- The fee should be somewhat higher than \$5
- The fee should be a lot lower than \$5
- The fee should be a lot higher than \$5

02.

Timeline

If the international student body approves a fee like this, how often should they vote to renew it?

137 responses



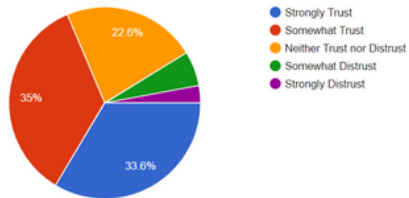
3 year

03. Optional Fee

Now that you've seen what the ISA hopes to do with the fee revenue, how much do you trust that the ISA can deliver on these plans?

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137 responses



Students can opt-out of the fee

- Fill an opt-out form at isa.ualberta.ca/opt-out within the **first 30 days of every semester**, and
- We will refund students in 30 days.

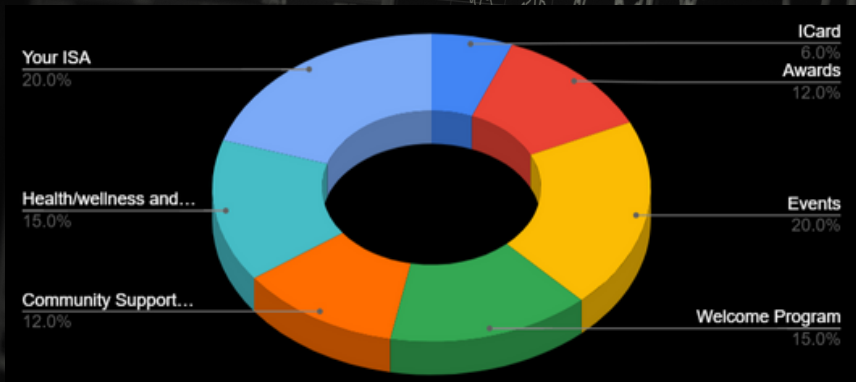


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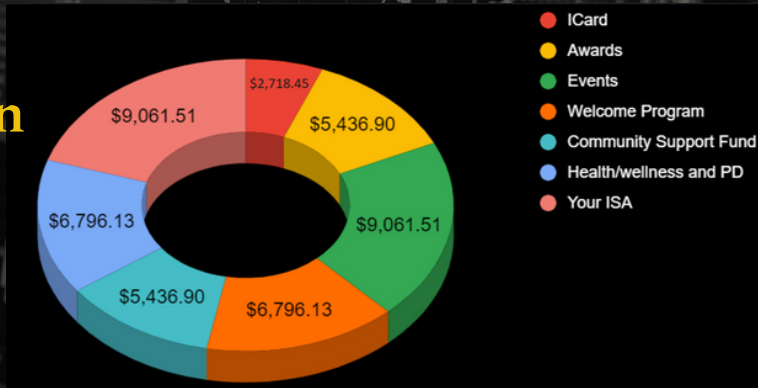
Revenue

around \$47,225 annually

Allocations



Predicted Amount Distribution





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Fee Overview

International Students' Benefit Card (I-Card)

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Help students to save money all over
Edmonton with discounts and deals.
Check out: isa.ualberta.ca/icard

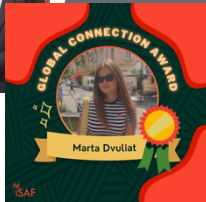


Awards

Awards for International Students'

Community Engagement Recognition Awards shall fund the following awards:

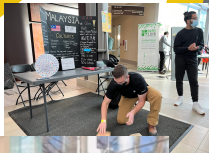
- ISA Salute
- Student Governance Leader of the Year
- Community Welfare Volunteer Award
- International Community Welfare program/service/event of the year



Events

Year-round Events

Provide engaging student focused events such as fall bonfire, international students' days, and many other similar events that interest the students and keep them engaged while countering loneliness.



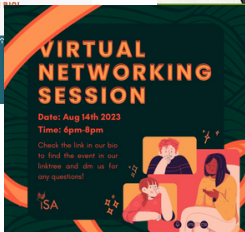
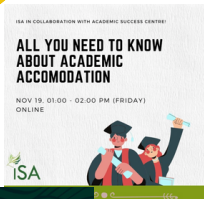
Welcome Services

Welcome Services

Our welcome program enable students to interact with fellow new or current international students and better adjust at UofA or in Canada in general. Check out: isa.ualberta.ca/new-students/welcome-program



Health/wellness and Professional Development



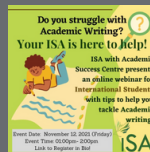
Health/wellness Programs

- ISA will organize events and resources to help alleviate student loneliness.
- These programs shall be very active during the busy exam seasons enabling international students to take a break, focus on their mental health and wellness.
- Eg: Burnout workshop, time management skills, etc

Professional Development Programs

Programs such as,

- Zotero+Library research workshop
- Writing Skills with ASC session
- Student Accommodation webinar
- Career Fair



Your ISA that Stands by You!



International Students' Hub

- A safe and inclusive space on campus for international students to meet and relax. The space shall facilitate the purpose of building connections and connecting with the ISA.

Administration and Operations Cost

Expenses such as:

- Elections
- Liability Insurance (DoS requirement)
- Office and Logistical expenses.
- Volunteer Appreciation Program

06

Accountability

We are a student-run organization with elected undergraduate students overseeing the usage of this fee.

- The fee shall be bound to the **financial reporting to the Student Union**, as per the University of Alberta Student Union Financial Reporting Guidelines any Bylaw 8200.
- This includes ongoing financial reporting by the ISA Vice President Finance and budget be submitted to ISA Undergraduate Council for full oversight and transparency.
- The **Budget shall be available to international students on request** and also be presented to the international students in the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**. Every transaction shall be approved jointly by the ISA President and the Vice President Finance along with an ongoing regular reporting to the Board.





07

Key Highlights

Students' can opt-out

We are not ever going to force any undergraduate international student to pay this fee, students would be able to opt-out if they do not see value in paying this fee.



Should students get to vote?

It's very important to now, that today we are deciding on if student should get to vote on the fee or not. We are not making a decision on behalf of the students here.



Short-term fee

After 3 years, SU Council would get to review this fee and make a decision on its continuity. Thus SU Council will get opportunity to re-evaluate the fee.



Thank You



Questions time!

If you have any questions feel free to connect with us.

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