



Canadian Bureau for International Education

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What's new at CBIE ?

New Scholarship Programs

Lessons Learned & Challenges of Scholarship Programs

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Who we are

CBIE is a national, bilingual, not-for profit, membership organization dedicated to the promotion of Canada's international relations through international education. Works closely with a membership of 150 + education providers and network of strategic partners in Canada and around the globe. CBIE undertakes a series of international education activities from scholarship management, programming with global partners, research, public awareness & capacity building.

UBC, as one of the world's leading universities, creates an exceptional learning environment that fosters global citizenship, advances a civil and sustainable society, and supports outstanding research to serve the people of British Columbia, Canada and the world. UBC is ranked among the top 20 public universities in the world. We have two major campuses and work with 58,000 students from Canada and 140 countries.

Quest University Canada is Canada's first independent, not-for-profit, secular university. Quest offers only one degree, a four-year Bachelor of Arts and Sciences, and focuses entirely on excellence in undergraduate education. Quest is a fully residential campus of 700 students, class size is capped at 20 students, and students develop an interdisciplinary 'Question' rather than choosing a major. Quest has topped the NSSE results in all categories for the past four years.



New CBIE Scholarship Programs 2015-16

1. African Leaders for Tomorrow Scholarship Program (Funded by DFTAD and the MasterCard Foundation)
2. Programme canadien des bourses de la Francophonie (PCBF) (Funded by DFTAD)
3. Phase 2 of the Brazil Science without Borders Scholarship Program (Funded by the Government and the private sector in Brazil)
4. Mongolia AIMS Scholarship Program (Funded by the Government of Mongolia)



African Leaders for Tomorrow (ALT) Scholarship

- Launched in January 2015 - first scholars will arrive in Sept. 2015
- Commemorates the late Nelson Mandela's commitment to social justice and equity
- Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) and The MasterCard Foundation
- Master's degree program in Canada in public administration, public policy or public finance; approx. 30 scholarships per year
- Men and women (between 22-35 yrs old) from sub-Saharan Africa
- CBIE in partnership with IPAC (mentorship); and collaboration with CAPPA and AAPAM





Programme canadien de bourses de la Francophonie

- Launched in 1987 ; 37 countries ; +2,200 scholarships ; 44% women
- 2015 -2020; management of program by CBIE-WUSC consortium ; total of 700 scholarships in approx. 18 institutions
- Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD)
- Program objective is sustainable development of beneficiary countries; priority sectors of development; selection of candidates
- Study programs: Technical (College), Master's and PhD level in Canada
- www.boursesfrancophonie.ca



Programme canadien
de bourses de la Francophonie



Academics International for Mongolian Scholars (AIMS)

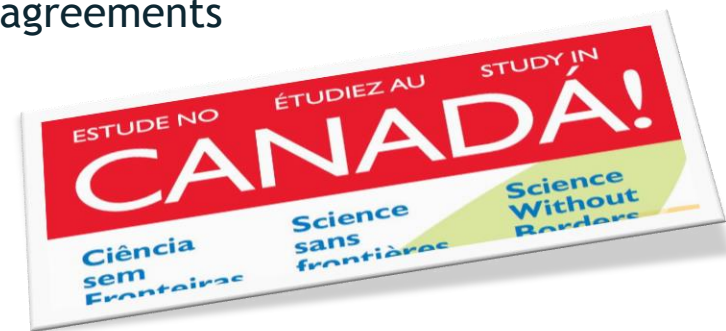
- Partial scholarship funded by Government of Mongolia; launched in 2015 - start date deferred to 2016
- Undergraduate degree in specific fields: agriculture; engineering; computer science; mining and economics/finance
- Small selected number of Canadian institutions identified by DFTAD (BC & Prairie & Ontario); contribution from Canadian institutions
- 10 new scholars per year; each year for 4 years
- Similar scholarship programs launched in USA & UK





Brazil Science without Borders Program 2.0

- Large scholarship and international mobility program funded by the Government and the private sector in Brazil since 2012
- Total 100,000 scholarships - nearly 6,000 in Canada (undergrad + 800 grad/post-docs)
- Program renewal (CsF 2.0) announced in summer 2014 - to start in 2016 - numbers uncertain
- Similar parameters but increased proportion of graduate scholarships and “quality” of student experience and increased importance given to reciprocity and existing Canada-Brazil university agreements





Scholarship Challenges / Lessons Learned

- Student readiness for academics and research
- Internships / practical research & work placements
- Return & reintegration in home country
- Reciprocity / Institutional Partnerships



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Challenges

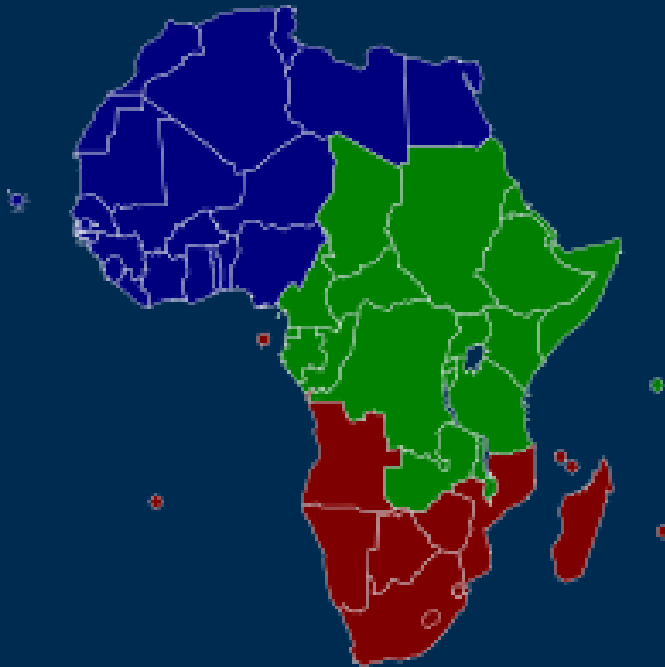
- Creating connections to Africa
- Financial management/
Pressure
- Wellness



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Creating Connections to Africa



Goal – to have scholars return to Africa to create positive social change in their communities.



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Creating Connections

- Group Meetings:
 - Cohort meetings
 - Ubuntu sessions
- Experiential Learning:
 - Mentorship
 - Civic Engagement / On campus involvement
 - Internships on the Continent
- Reflection:
 - Blogging



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Financial Pressure/Management

- Explicit conversations
- Budgeting workshops and meetings



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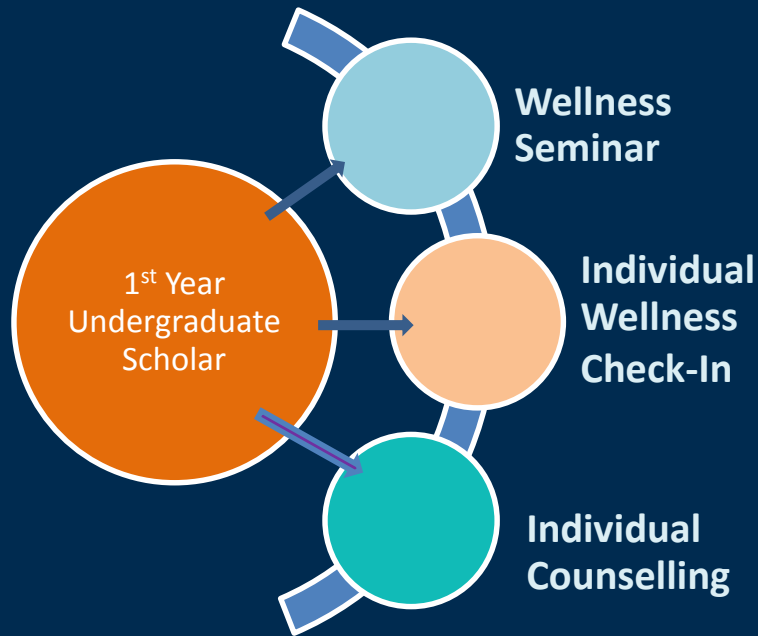
Wellness

Research on mental health & International, needs-based students:

- Empowering scholars to make informed wellness choices?
- Increasing peer group support?
- Increasing familiarity with campus resources ?
- Developing a relationship with a Counsellor?



UBC Wellness Program



Wellness Seminars (obligatory)

Meeting once/month, topics included:

- Wellness Assessment/Planning and Intro. to Canadian Healthcare System
- Coping with Transitions
- Nutrition
- Time Management and Exam Preparation
- How to Chill before Exams

Wellness Check-In (obligatory)

A 1:1 meeting with a clinical counsellor
Held 3x in first semester, then 1-2 in second semester.

Individual Counselling

Offered when requested by scholar.



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Team Based Approach

- Counsellor attends social functions
- Regular exchange of information between counsellor and all team members as needed.
- Bi-weekly team meetings
- Collaborative program development



Lessons Learned

- Wellness is key for all scholars
- Involving students in financial literacy
- Building your resume doesn't always equal a job



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- Partnership Program
- Context
- Approach
- Challenges
- Successes





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