



# Canada's Immigration Policy Changes and Impact on International Students with Families (Panel Discussion and Roundtable Engagement)

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## Research Summary and Event Details

**Date & Time:** April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
2:30pm–4:30pm

**Location:** Panorama Room,  
International Building.

**The panelists:** Dr. Naowarat  
(Ann) Cheeptham, Memeh  
Onaivi, Justin Kohlman,  
Dr. Oren Shtayermman.

This research examines the impact of Canada's 2024 immigration reforms on international postgraduate students with families in Western Canadian universities. Key challenges include visa delays disrupting healthcare and employment, fluctuating work-hour limits causing financial strain, and increased stress from immigration uncertainty. Institutional responses prioritized financial recovery over student well-being. The study recommends aligning visa timelines with academic programs, introducing flexible work-hour policies, and adopting a care-centered approach to support student stability and family welfare.