



Call for Proposals:

Pandemic-Related Changes in Admissions/ Registrarial Practices and Policies

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented changes to lifestyles in general, and post-secondary admissions in particular. Post-secondary institutions have modified their admissions/ registrarial policies and practices to accommodate for the changes. Some of the changes may include practices in

- grading (non-letter grade assessments; and/or changes in high school grades and associated timing of grade submission),
- setting deadlines (application and document submission, registration add/drops, voluntary withdrawals, fee payment deadlines, etc.), and
- assessing transfer credit, timetabling, or timing the Convocation.

A number of questions arise in this regard. Which practices and policies were changed in response to COVID? Have institutions opted to adopt any of the changes on a permanent basis, or do they plan to adopt them as such? Might these changes have a longer-term impact on student mobility / transfer? Were these changes universal to the student population at a certain PSI, or were they targeted to support certain groups of students (international students, rural students, etc.)? This study aims to provide answers to these questions.

Purpose/ Goal

To assess COVID-19 related modifications of admissions/ registrarial practices and policies at BC post-secondary institutions

Scope

BC Transfer System post-secondary institutions

Objectives

The objective(s) of this project are to:

- a) Gather and organize changes in registrarial and admissions policies and practices implemented in response to the pandemic by BC Transfer System institutions.
- b) Assess experts' opinions on what modified policies and practices may have most significant impact on student mobility and transfer.
- c) Identify, if any, any successful practices to adapt and best support students during COVID-19; and
- d) Identify areas for future research.

Timeline

Completion date for this project will no later than March 2022.

Budget

Maximum budget available for this project is \$18,000. This figure is inclusive of all hourly charges, travel and associated costs, and GST.

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