
Tuition Fee Analysis

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Guiding Principles for the Development of Student Tuition and Fees

Selkirk College uses a set of guiding principles for the establishment of tuition and fees. Any tuition and supplementary fee increases are required to be in accordance with government policy. These principles include:

1. Affordability

The potential impact of further increases, the economy in our region and the need to attract and retain students will be considered when determining fee amounts.

2. Comparability

Full-time tuition fees continue to be comparable to neighbouring institutions and on a system-wide basis. The college will work toward a supplementary fee structure that is more comparable system-wide by reviewing our method of charging tuition fees by contact hour rather than by credit for the purpose of increasing comparability. Community education, workplace training and advanced programs/ courses will have fees based on market rates.

3. Access and Quality for Students

The sustainability of access to and quality of programs and student services will be a primary consideration when determining fees.

4. Program and Service Delivery Costs

Program and curriculum content will be reviewed for efficiencies without impacting quality. Supplementary fees will be assessed when required and will reflect the costs associated with programs, courses or student services.

5. Easy to Understand

Fees will be reported in two categories: tuition fees and supplementary fees. Appropriate communication process will be employed to involve and inform students and staff.

Summary of Provincial Policy Regarding Tuition and Fees

Tuition Limit Policy

In September 2005, the BC government introduced the Tuition Limit Policy, which limited tuition and supplementary fee increases to an average rate of inflation, as represented by the consumer price index (CPI). Since the introduction of this policy, domestic tuition fee increases have been limited to 2% per year. The BC Provincial Tuition Limit Policy remained in place for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

Post-Secondary Funding at Selkirk College

The disparity between public post-secondary operating grants and operating expenses continues to grow across the province. Specifically, Selkirk College’s operating grants have increased by 38% over the past 10 fiscal years, while operating expenses have increased by 67%. A 2% increase to domestic tuition generates an additional approximately \$110,000 in revenue to the institution for funding programs and services. The individual impact to each student is in the range of \$70–\$90 per year.

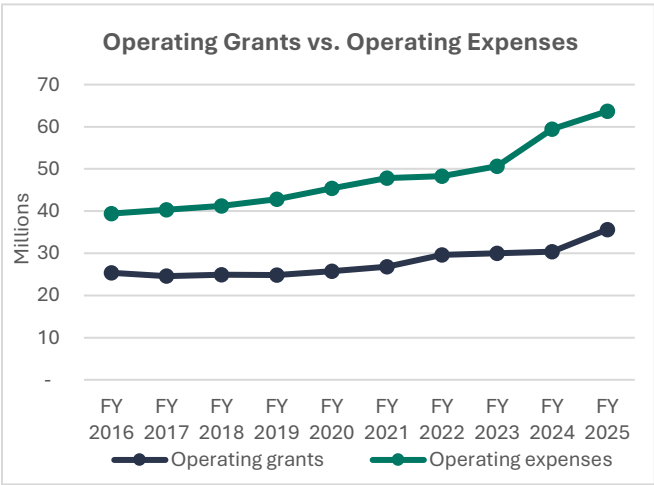


Figure 1
10-year comparative of Selkirk’s operating grants and expenses per fiscal year

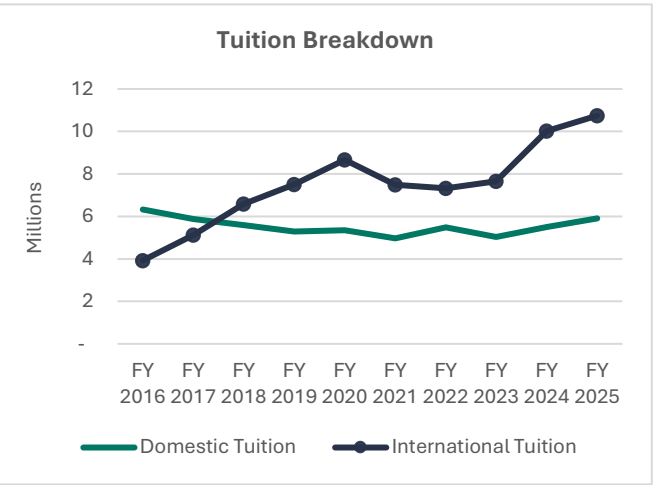


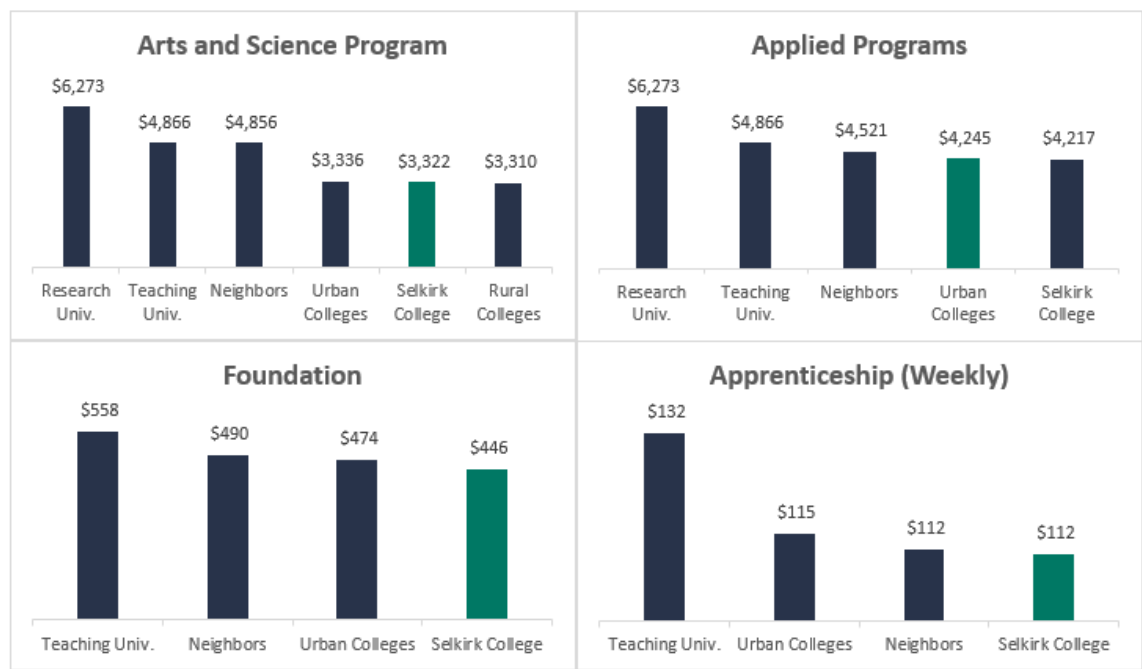
Figure 2
Selkirk’s 10-year tuition trend for domestic and international tuition

Tuition Comparisons in the BC Public Post-Secondary System

Tuition Fee Comparisons

Selkirk College continues to have among the lowest tuition fees for university transfer programs, applied programs and trade programs.

Domestic Tuition Rates in BC



For this analysis, the following comparison groups were utilized:

Urban Colleges: BCIT, Camosun, Douglas, Langara, OC, VCC

Rural Colleges: CNC, NCC, COTR, Nicola Valley, NIU, (Selkirk)

Teaching Unis: Capilano, Kwantlen, TRU, Fraser Valley, VIU

Research Unis: SFU, UBC, UVIC, UNBC

Neighbours: COTR, OC, TRU

Figure 3

2025-26 Detailed Tuition Fees.

Note. Foundation tuition is calculated monthly. Apprenticeship tuition is calculated weekly. All other program areas are calculated based on academic year.

Source: Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training

Tuition Comparisons in the BC Public Post-Secondary System

Domestic Tuition Rates - Continued

Annual Tuition Fees for Arts Programs - Full-Time Domestic Students by Economic Development Region

BC Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Academic Year (AY) 2016/17 to 2025/26

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Economic Development Region	Institution	AY 2016/17	AY 2017/18	AY 2018/19	AY 2019/20	AY 2020/21	AY 2021/22	AY 2022/23	AY 2023/24	AY 2024/25	AY 2025/26
Mainland/Southwest											
	British Columbia Institute of Technology	\$5,455	\$5,563	\$5,674	\$5,787	\$5,901	\$5,570	\$5,681	\$5,795	\$5,911	\$6,029
	Capilano University	\$3,756	\$3,831	\$3,908	\$3,986	\$4,066	\$4,147	\$4,230	\$4,315	\$4,401	\$4,489
	Douglas College	\$2,990	\$3,050	\$3,110	\$3,171	\$3,234	\$3,299	\$3,365	\$3,431	\$3,500	\$3,570
	Emily Carr University of Art and Design	\$3,942	\$4,021	\$4,101	\$4,183	\$4,267	\$4,267	\$4,352	\$4,439	\$4,528	\$4,618
	Justice Institute of British Columbia	\$4,904	\$5,002	\$5,102	\$5,204	\$5,308	\$5,414	\$5,523	\$5,633	\$5,746	\$5,861
	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	\$4,089	\$4,170	\$4,253	\$4,339	\$4,425	\$4,514	\$4,604	\$4,696	\$4,790	\$4,885
	Langara College	\$2,811	\$2,867	\$2,924	\$2,983	\$3,042	\$3,103	\$3,165	\$3,229	\$3,293	\$3,359
	Simon Fraser University	\$5,428	\$5,537	\$5,648	\$5,761	\$5,876	\$5,994	\$6,114	\$6,236	\$6,361	\$6,488
	University of British Columbia	\$5,088	\$5,190	\$5,294	\$5,399	\$5,507	\$5,617	\$5,729	\$5,843	\$5,960	\$6,079
	University of the Fraser Valley	\$4,182	\$4,266	\$4,351	\$4,438	\$4,527	\$4,618	\$4,710	\$4,804	\$4,900	\$4,998
	Vancouver Community College	\$2,577	\$2,628	\$2,681	\$2,735	\$2,789	\$2,845	\$2,902	\$2,960	\$3,019	\$3,079
Vancouver Island/Coast											
	Camosun College	\$3,283	\$3,348	\$3,415	\$3,484	\$3,553	\$3,624	\$3,697	\$3,771	\$3,846	\$3,923
	North Island College	\$2,849	\$2,905	\$2,963	\$3,022	\$3,082	\$3,144	\$3,206	\$3,269	\$3,334	\$3,401
	Royal Roads University	\$6,925	\$7,060	\$7,200	\$7,340	\$7,487	\$7,637	\$7,789	\$7,945	\$8,104	\$8,266
	University of Victoria	\$5,368	\$5,475	\$5,585	\$5,696	\$5,810	\$5,926	\$6,045	\$6,166	\$6,289	\$6,415
	Vancouver Island University	\$4,261	\$4,346	\$4,433	\$4,521	\$4,612	\$4,704	\$4,798	\$4,894	\$4,992	\$5,092
Kootenay											
	College of the Rockies	\$2,643	\$2,695	\$2,749	\$2,804	\$2,860	\$2,917	\$2,975	\$3,035	\$3,095	\$3,157
	Selkirk College	\$2,751	\$2,802	\$2,855	\$2,907	\$2,960	\$3,019	\$3,077	\$3,136	\$3,200	\$3,264
Cariboo											
	College of New Caledonia	\$2,616	\$2,669	\$2,722	\$2,776	\$2,831	\$2,887	\$2,944	\$3,003	\$3,063	\$3,124
	University of Northern British Columbia	\$5,111	\$5,213	\$5,318	\$5,424	\$5,533	\$5,644	\$5,756	\$5,872	\$5,989	\$6,109
North											
	Coast Mountain College	\$2,686	\$2,739	\$2,794	\$2,850	\$2,907	\$2,965	\$3,024	\$3,085	\$3,147	\$3,210
	Northern Lights College	\$3,119	\$3,181	\$3,244	\$3,309	\$3,375	\$3,443	\$3,511	\$3,581	\$3,653	\$3,726
Thompson Okanagan											
	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	\$2,472	\$2,521	\$2,572	\$2,623	\$2,675	\$2,729	\$2,783	\$2,839	\$2,896	\$2,954
	Okanagan College	\$3,277	\$3,343	\$3,410	\$3,478	\$3,547	\$3,618	\$3,690	\$3,764	\$3,839	\$3,916
	Thompson Rivers University	\$4,064	\$4,145	\$4,228	\$4,313	\$4,399	\$4,487	\$4,576	\$4,668	\$4,761	\$4,856

Source: Data submissions from BC public post-secondary institutions to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, 2025

Notes:

1. Academic Year (AY) is from September 1 to August 31.
2. In 2005, the BC Government introduced a Tuition Limit Policy under which domestic tuition fee increases for public post-secondary institutions are limited to two percent per year.
3. Tuition fees are based on two semesters (five courses each semester) for a typical undergraduate Arts student.
4. Tuition for British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) is derived from the full-time Technology program. In 2021/22, BCIT revised the methodology used to calculate tuition for full-time Technology programs from a simple average to a weighted average using average headcount of sampled programs in three technology tuition bands.
5. Tuition for Justice Institute of British Columbia is derived from a Bachelor of Emergency and Security Management Studies.
6. Tuition for Royal Roads University is derived from a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.
7. The North Region includes the Northeast, North Coast, and Nechako economic development regions.

Figure 4

Annual Tuition Fees for Arts Programs – Full-Time Domestic Students by Region

Tuition Comparisons in the BC Public Post-Secondary System

International Tuition Rates in BC

Selkirk international tuition remains the lowest compared to neighbouring institutions, University of British Columbia Okanagan, North Island College, Okanagan College, and College of the Rockies.

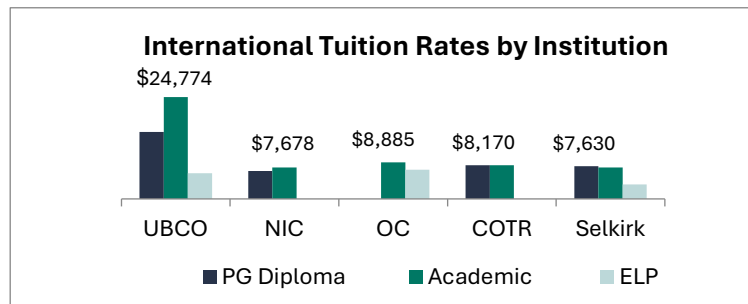


Figure 5 International Tuition Rates per PSI Website

Annual International Tuition Fees for Arts Programs - Full-Time International Students by Economic Development Region

BC Public Post-Secondary Institutions, Academic Year (AY) 2016/17 to 2025/26
Published Date: September 2025

Economic Development Region	Institution	AY 2016/17	AY 2017/18	AY 2018/19	AY 2019/20	AY 2020/21	AY 2021/22	AY 2022/23	AY 2023/24	AY 2024/25	AY 2025/26
Mainland/Southwest											
	British Columbia Institute of Technology	\$19,060	\$19,441	\$19,828	\$20,223	\$20,627	\$19,709	\$20,104	\$20,941	\$21,969	\$23,054
	Capilano University	\$16,830	\$17,160	\$17,490	\$17,853	\$18,210	\$18,570	\$18,941	\$19,320	\$19,707	\$20,693
	Douglas College	\$15,900	\$17,400	\$17,400	\$17,400	\$18,000	\$18,360	\$18,728	\$19,103	\$19,485	\$19,875
	Emily Carr University of Art and Design	\$14,904	\$15,500	\$15,965	\$16,604	\$17,268	\$17,268	\$18,305	\$23,796	\$24,748	\$27,223
	Justice Institute of British Columbia	\$14,713	\$15,007	\$15,037	\$15,613	\$15,925	\$16,243	\$16,568	\$16,899	\$17,237	\$17,582
	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	\$16,830	\$17,166	\$19,741	\$19,741	\$20,136	\$20,538	\$20,949	\$21,368	\$21,793	\$22,229
	Langara College	\$17,700	\$17,700	\$17,700	\$17,700	\$18,762	\$18,762	\$18,762	\$19,137	\$19,520	\$19,911
	Simon Fraser University	\$22,046	\$24,250	\$25,220	\$28,247	\$29,377	\$30,552	\$31,775	\$33,046	\$35,028	\$36,429
	University of British Columbia	\$30,359	\$34,847	\$36,588	\$38,052	\$39,574	\$41,156	\$42,803	\$44,942	\$47,189	\$49,549
	University of the Fraser Valley	\$16,100	\$16,620	\$17,160	\$17,850	\$18,900	\$19,290	\$19,680	\$20,460	\$21,480	\$22,560
	Vancouver Community College	\$15,104	\$15,406	\$15,714	\$16,028	\$16,349	\$16,676	\$17,343	\$18,037	\$18,578	\$18,949
Vancouver Island/Coast											
	Camosun College	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$14,560	\$14,840	\$15,190	\$15,540	\$15,851	\$16,432	\$16,761
	North Island College	\$12,480	\$12,730	\$12,984	\$13,500	\$13,770	\$14,045	\$14,326	\$14,612	\$14,905	\$15,352
	Royal Roads University	\$19,200	\$19,995	\$20,390	\$20,790	\$21,206	\$21,630	\$22,063	\$22,945	\$23,863	\$25,056
	University of Victoria	\$17,368	\$18,062	\$21,675	\$24,926	\$25,861	\$26,830	\$27,836	\$29,715	\$31,721	\$33,886
	Vancouver Island University	\$13,920	\$15,240	\$15,240	\$16,680	\$16,680	\$19,575	\$19,227	\$21,741	\$23,993	\$24,473
Kootenay											
	College of the Rockies	\$9,351	\$9,640	\$10,311	\$11,179	\$12,095	\$13,107	\$14,701	\$14,895	\$15,194	\$15,652
	Selkirk College	\$9,200	\$9,800	\$9,800	\$10,780	\$11,320	\$11,890	\$12,400	\$13,020	\$13,300	\$13,566
Cariboo											
	College of New Caledonia	\$11,950	\$11,950	\$11,950	\$11,950	\$12,308	\$12,554	\$13,056	\$13,578	\$14,121	\$14,686
	University of Northern British Columbia	\$17,889	\$18,247	\$18,612	\$21,589	\$22,021	\$22,461	\$23,818	\$24,771	\$26,753	\$28,893
North											
	Coast Mountain College	\$8,057	\$11,642	\$11,875	\$12,113	\$12,355	\$12,602	\$12,854	\$13,111	\$13,373	\$13,637
	Northern Lights College	\$8,852	\$8,852	\$8,852	\$8,852	\$9,960	\$10,770	\$10,985	\$11,580	\$12,300	\$12,915
Thompson Okanagan											
	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	\$10,268	\$10,474	\$10,683	\$10,897	\$11,115	\$11,337	\$11,337	\$11,564	\$11,795	\$12,031
	Okanagan College	\$12,360	\$12,980	\$13,750	\$13,750	\$14,160	\$14,440	\$14,730	\$15,997	\$16,957	\$17,771
	Thompson Rivers University	\$16,800	\$16,800	\$16,800	\$17,304	\$17,820	\$18,355	\$19,220	\$20,546	\$21,574	\$25,474

Source: Data submissions from BC public post-secondary institutions to the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, 2025

Notes:

1. Academic Year (AY) is from September 1 to August 31.
2. Tuition fees are based on two semesters (five courses each semester) for a typical international undergraduate Arts student.
3. Tuition for British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) is derived from the full-time Technology (International Student) program. In 2021/22, BCIT revised the methodology used to calculate tuition for full-time.
4. At Emily Carr University of Art and Design, international undergraduate students starting after April 2023 pay a different rate of tuition (\$27,222.60) compared to students who started earlier (\$20,135.10).
5. Justice Institute of British Columbia began offering an international undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Emergency and Security Management) in 2012/13. A second program is offered for a Bachelor of Law.
6. Tuition for Royal Roads University is based on an undergraduate degree in Environmental Science.
7. For interprovincial comparisons see Statistics Canada Table 37-10-0045-01: [Canadian and International Tuition Fees by Level of Study](#).
8. Discrepancy between the BC tuition data and Statistics Canada tuition data is the result of methodological differences including weighting and the types of programs and institutions included.

Figure 6.

Comparison of annual tuition fees for arts programs for international students by economic development region in BC (2025/26)

Tuition Trends in Canada

Statistics Canada reported average annual undergraduate tuition ranging from \$3,110 in Quebec to \$9,988 in Nova Scotia. Although tuition fees increased in BC from \$6,607 in 2024/25 to 6,862 in 2025/26, BC remains the fifth-lowest tuition amount when compared to other provinces. All provinces and territories have seen year-on-year increases in tuition except for Quebec.

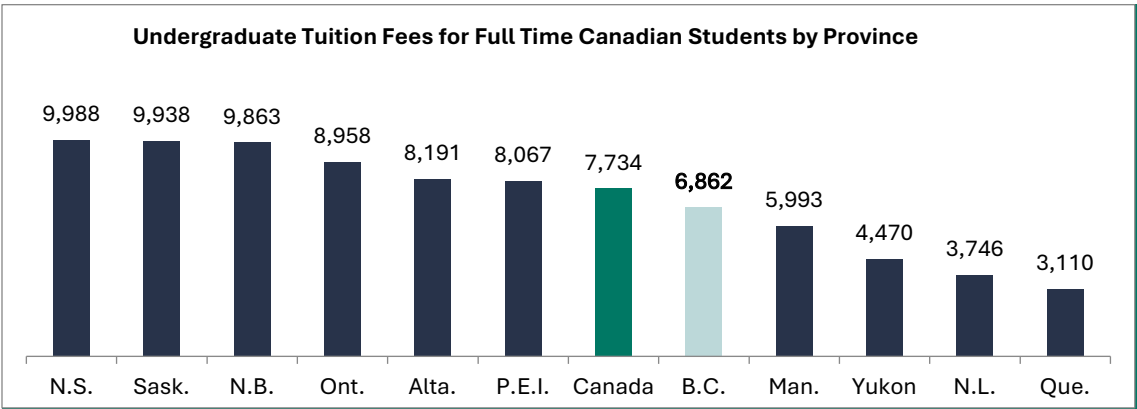


Figure 7

Undergraduate tuition fees 2025/26

Source: Statistics Canada, Centre for Education Statistics, Undergraduate Tuition Fees 2025/26

Across Canada, provinces and territories receive government funding to universities and colleges per student full-time equivalent (FTE). When comparing to other institutions in Canada, BC colleges remain one of the lowest provincial government transfers to other institutions.

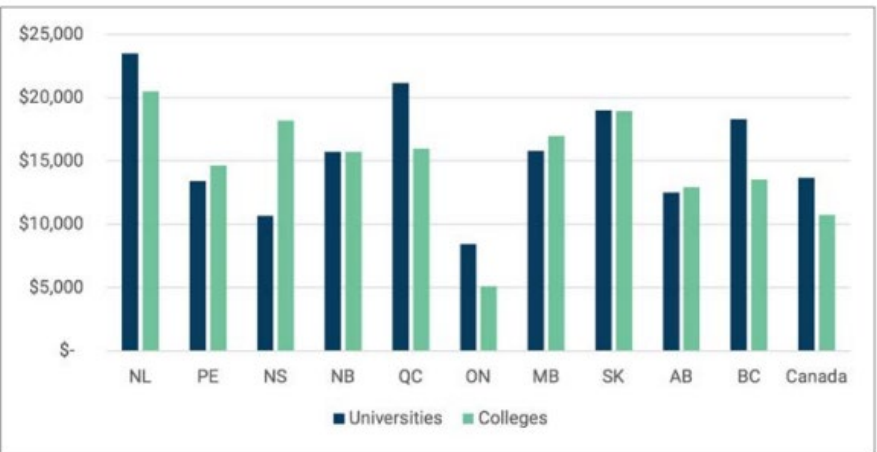


Figure 8

Provincial Expenditures per FTE Student by Sector, 2023-24

Source: Higher Education Strategy Associates, The State of Postsecondary Education in Canada 2025

Student Feedback

Students indicate a slight increase in satisfaction with Selkirk College tuition rates over 2024. The annual Student Engagement Survey is the primary source of internal feedback.

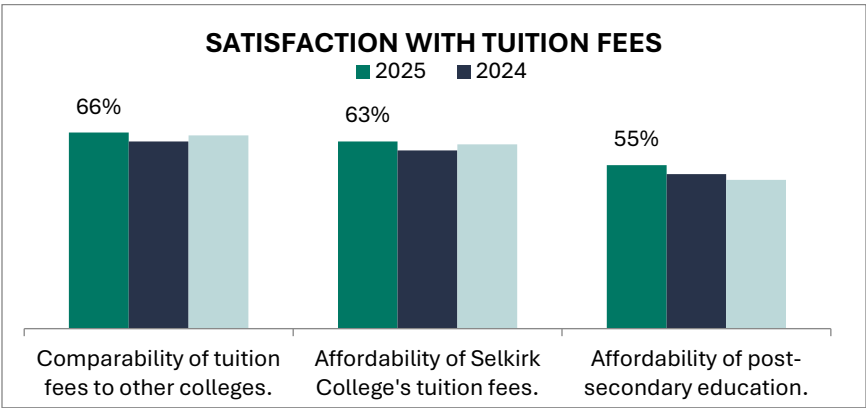


Figure 9
3-year comparison of student satisfaction rates on different aspects of Selkirk College’s tuition fees.
Source: Student Engagement Survey, 2025

Fifty-three percent (52%) of students cite affordable tuition as one of the main reasons for choosing Selkirk College for their studies, representing a decrease of 1% from 2024.

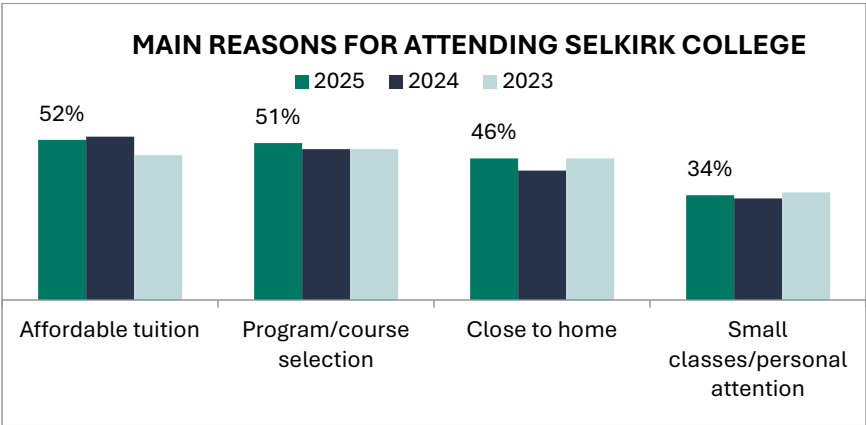


Figure 10
3-year comparison of the main reasons students chose to attend Selkirk College
Source: Student Engagement Survey, 2025

Student Services Fee (2016)

In 2016, the Selkirk College Board of Governors approved a new Student Service Fee (4.5% of tuition). The basis for implementing this new fee was to respond to increasing need for additional supports for students, primarily in health and transition to employment. Revenue generated from the fee is combined with any one-time grants for these services received from government. The fee has been a very effective means of enhancing and sustaining student supports including:

- Providing mental health interventions, additional supports and educational programming through the development of a campus life coordinator role, a Healthy Campus Plan and a Mental Health Framework (aligned with the Okanagan Charter): [Okanagan Charter — Canadian Health Promoting Campuses \(chpcn.ca\)](#).
- Participation in provincial Violence Free BC policies and initiatives to prevent and respond to the issue of sexual violence on campus and implement strategies and plans.
- Sustained implementation of enhanced employment services and promotion of the Student Jobs
- Board to connect all students, international and domestic, with employers. This includes co-op positions, part-time work, postgraduation employment and work-study positions.
- Implementation of the Student Ambassador program to provide additional employment-related work experiences and opportunities for student engagement.
- Development and implementation of the co-curricular record transcript to document volunteerism and extra-curricular learning.

Additional Internal Financial Supports for Selkirk College Students

Financial Aid

The Financial Aid Office at Selkirk College assists students and prospective students in seeking and securing financial assistance to enable them to pursue their scholastic objectives. Student financial assistance is available in various forms, including government financial aid—in the form of student loans and/or bursaries—scholarship and bursary programs, and corporate scholarship programs.

In addition, students have access to emergency funds by accessing student food banks, grocery cards, and emergency bursaries. Additionally, Financial Aid provides budgeting tools and resources to help students with budgeting for school.

Description	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Entrance Scholarships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,130.00	\$ 53,735.00
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 108,116.00	\$ -
Bursaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 260,999.18	\$ -
Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,835.03	\$ -
COVID Emergency Funds	\$ 11,530.80	\$ 9,368.50	\$ 10,168.00	\$ 115,632.70	\$ 353,098.65
Total Awarded	\$ 11,530.80	\$ 9,368.50	\$ 10,168.00	\$ 605,712.91	\$ 406,833.65

Figure 11

5-year financial summary of scholarships, bursaries and awards disbursed by Selkirk College

Emergency Funding for Students available through these Base-Funded Activities

STUDENT FOOD BANKS

Selkirk College supports food banks at the Castlegar, Trail, Silver King and Tenth Street campuses. Students can access the food banks by connecting with Student Union staff or counsellors.

GROCERY CARDS

Financial Aid has supplied grocery cards in \$50 denominations to the counsellors at the Castlegar, Trail, Silver King, Victoria Street and Tenth Street campuses. Students meet with a counsellor who determines which supports are required. In the event of a short-term crisis, the counsellor can give out up to \$100 in grocery cards.

EMERGENCY BURSARIES

Emergency bursaries for \$200 to \$1,500 are available. Students meet with a Student Access and Support representative and complete an Emergency Bursary application. The representative and Financial Aid Office assess the application and determine financial need.

BUDGETING TOOLS

Financial Aid provides budgeting tools and resources to help students with budgeting for school.

Other Services Provided by Selkirk College

HEALTHY CAMPUS OFFICE/HEALTHY MINDS-HEALTHY CAMPUS

Bystander training, creating safe spaces, consent and sexual violence dialogue and training, dinner basket conversations on, for example, healthy substance use, safety and inclusion strategy for LGBTQ students, cultural competency, inclusivity and diversity training, cannabis education, Options for Sexual Health clinic, the new Nurse Practitioner clinic and the Student Ambassador program.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Helping students with employment readiness, increased co-op education offerings, connecting students with summer and career job opportunities.

SUPPORT FOR FORMER YOUTH-IN-CARE PROGRAM (TUITION WAIVER) INDIGENOUS SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

For example, Indigenous counsellor (1.0 FTE), Orange Shirt Day, Sisters in Spirit, Cultural Expressions, Elders program, reconciliation speaker series, etc.

STUDENT CLUBS

"Sustainable Selkirk" initiatives, cultural events.