

The Canadian Federation of Students was founded in 1981 by post-secondary students who felt the need to defend their rights and interests. Today, the Federation represents 450,000 students at over 70 universities, colleges and technical institutes across Canada. Through the Federation, these students are working to create a universally accessible, high quality system of post-secondary education that recognizes the rights of students and the legitimacy of student representation.

by the Federation provides student associations with timely analysis of government policies and legislation. The research done by the Federation includes major documents such as *Strategy For Change* (on funding) and *Compromising Access* (on income contingent repayment loans) as well as fact sheets that constantly update recent developments on these and other issues. This research ensures that students are well informed when they take an active stand at the local level.

Campaigns



Lobbying

Over the years, the Federation has become a strong presence on Parliament Hill and in the provincial legislatures. By using solid research and by working with groups supportive of the Federation's aims and objectives, the Federation has forcefully brought students' views on issues such as funding for post-secondary education and student aid to the attention of the government, the opposition and other decision-makers.

Research

Up-to-date, in-depth research

Campaigns are an integral part of the work of the Federation. Each spring, members of the Federation decide which issues should be addressed in National Campaigns. These issues include legislation affecting post-secondary education, living conditions of students across the country, discrimination (racism, sexism and homophobia) on campuses, and many others.

Communications

Through publications such as the *Action Update*, an issues update for student associations, the *Student Advocate*, a national

student Newspaper, and the *Student Association Directory*, an annual publication that provides information about student associations in Canada, the Federation helps students exchange ideas and information on virtually everything, from how to run a successful campaign to what to include in a government brief. The Federation also operates a communications network CFSnet, which links student associations and campus groups with each other, and the Federation offices.

Fieldwork:

Contact with students and student associations at the local level is an important priority for the Federation. For this reason, we employ a nation-wide staff

of fieldworkers who bring organizational assistance and information to local student associations and campus groups, as well as updates from the Federation's offices.

International Relations

The Federation has recently expanded its international activities and is now a full voting member of the International Union of Students (IUS). As an IUS member, the Federation helps to defend and promote the rights and interests of students throughout the world.

The Federation also offers a wide range of programmes designed to help students widen their educational experience and save money.

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The Canadian Federation of Student's Alternative for Post Secondary Education and Research - Strategy for Change Highlights...

1. Strategy for Change redefines the roles of government and the private sector in higher education in order to ensure federal leadership, provincial accountability and an adequately funded post-secondary education system. The Strategy for Change funding model calls for:

- a Higher Education Act;
- the position of federal Minister of State for Higher Education and Research;
- federal government transfer payments to the provinces in the form of cash (the federal government will resume the taxing power it initially transferred to the provinces for the funding of higher education);
- provincial and territorial accountability for the expenditures of federal transfer payments (federal responsibility for presenting an annual report to the House of Commons detailing federal, provincial and territorial post-secondary educational expenditures);
- the calculation of the funding formula to account for provinces with a larger proportional student population;
- the abolition of tuition fees (in keeping with the principle that the funding of post-secondary education is a federal responsibility);
- a minimum corporate tax to assist in the financing of Canadian higher education and research;
- a National Advisory Council on Higher Education and Research.

2. Strategy for Change calls for a National Grants Program, made up of non-repayable grants, to replace the present federal, provincial and territorial student assistance plans.

3. Strategy for Change calls for increased federal government funding of the three research granting councils and a centralized research funding program to ensure the equitable distribution of private sector funds to the granting councils.

Strategy for Change - an investment in education - is long overdue!

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CFS Services

Student Saver

It doesn't matter how good your math, how logical your reasoning, how resolved your will... making a budget and sticking to it is tough. And unfortunately, tight budgets are part of student life. That's why the Canadian Federation of Students operates Student Saver.

Student Saver is Canada's national student discount programme. It provides students with access to discounts across Canada — on all the necessities of student life—like food! clothing! books! And... if you've got spare time, Student Saver can help you stretch your entertainment budget as well!

During fall registration at CFS member campuses will receive their CFS Membership/Student Saver Card. Students simply take their card to any of the participating businesses to receive discounts ranging from 10% to 50% off purchased items. If you don't receive your Student Saver card during registration, drop by your student association office and pick one up!

SWAP - Student Work Abroad Programme

The Experience of a Lifetime
Why go back to the same old summer job when you could be working within walking distance of Buckingham Palace, teaching English in Japan, or skiing in New Zealand on your days off? Plan to turn next year's summer job into the experience of a lifetime through SWAP. SWAP is the Student Work Abroad Programme of the Canadian Federation of Students.

SWAP working holidays provide you with a means to fund a long term stay in the host country (by working). SWAP also gives you the chance to get to know the people and culture of your host country. This past year, over 2000 swappers worked at jobs as diverse as sheep shearer, bank teller, bell hop, office worker and farm hand. SWAP's flexibility allowed them to spend a whole summer abroad, or to participate in SWAP after working part of the summer in Canada, or to use SWAP as the starting point for a year abroad.

For 1993-94, SWAP offers programmes in 13 countries: Britain, Ireland, France, Finland, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, the Slovakia Republic, Hungary, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the United States.

SWAP takes care of all the red tape for working holidays visas. SWAP also provides two nights accommodation at the destination, runs an orientation programme which advises students on how to go about their employment and accommodation search, arranges for participants to have access to the advice, assistance and services of the local student travel organization, and assists participants with all travel arrangements through Canada's national student travel bureau, Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus.

Sound interesting? Contact your student association office, career planning office or any Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus office.

Canadian Programming Service
Established in 1982, Canadian Programming Service is the speakers agency of the Canadian Federation of Students. CPS works with student associations, clubs and campus groups to develop speakers programmes that bring debate, controversy and comic relief to campuses across Canada. Since its creation, CPS has organized thousands of events, making it one of Canada's most successful and influential speakers bureaus.

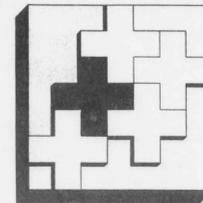
The CPS roster of speakers is comprised over 100 prominent Canadians. From today's top journalists— Peter Mansbridge, Mike Duffy, Pamela Wallin, and Jeffrey Simpson—to those fighting for change—Judy Rebick, Ellen Gabriel, Dr. Henry Morgentaler, Chief Billy Diamond, and Alan Borovoy—to some of the funniest people in the country—David Broadfoot, Three Dead Trolls in a Baggie, and The Royal Canadian Air Farce, CPS promotes speakers that inform, entertain, and tell it like it is.



Want to know more about speakers for your campus, clubs or teams? Contact the Canadian Programming Service at:
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The National Student Health Network
Each year, the cost of prescription drugs and basic health and dental services not covered by provincial health plans take increasingly larger portions out of the limited budgets of many students. To address this problem, student associations encouraged the Canadian Federation of Students-Services to launch The National Student Health Network. Established in the spring of 1985, The Network assists student associations with the design, negotiation, promotion, and administration of student campus health plans.

Through negotiations with some of Canada's leading insurance companies, The National Student Health Network provides one of the widest varieties of health and dental insurance available. Plans have been designed to allow student associations the opportunity to select the coverage best suited to their students. This selection process gives student associations the opportunity to design a quality plan for their students.



The National Student Health Network has generated enormous interest and participation — currently over 120,000 students and 20 student associations are involved, making it one of the largest and most successful health insured groups in the country. Next year, UNB students will be covered under the CFS Health Plan.

International Student Identity Card- ISIC

What Card accesses thousands of discounts across Canada?

Why do 1.5 million students in 60 countries carry an ISIC?

Why do smart students buy an ISIC before they travel abroad?

Simply because an ISIC gives full-time students access to thousands of money-saving student discounts and student services worldwide! With an ISIC you can get special fares on international travel and special rates on rail travel in many countries; you can get bargain rates on accommodation; and, once the necessities are taken care off, you can see the sights cheaply. Your ISIC gets you reduced admissions to some of the world's most renowned museums, historical sights and entertainment attractions.

But you don't have to leave Canada to get your money's worth from ISIC. Your ISIC gives you access to the thousands of Student Saver discounts.

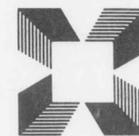


ISIC

The ISIC is available at all Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus offices and from many student association offices.

Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus
Planning to visit the folks for Christmas? Dreaming of a well-deserved European or Asian tour after graduation? Trying to figure out if you can afford to go skiing during Reading Week? Better talk to Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus.

Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus, the travel company of the Canadian Federation of Students, was established over 20 years ago to serve the special travel needs of students and youth. As Canada's National Student Travel Bureau, Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus can provide you with all the services, plus expertise about student travel and student prices not available elsewhere. SWAP (the Student Work Abroad Programme), Reading Week escapes to the south or the ski hills, language courses abroad, and student tours in Asia, Africa, Latin America or Europe are only some of the special programmes offered by Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus.



Being Canada's National Student Travel Bureau means that Travel CUTS/Voyages Campus has valuable international connections. Travel CUTS is a member of the International Student Travel Conference (ISTC), the organization which links student travel bureaus around the world. Even far from home, you're never far from friendly assistance and access to student travel deals at national student travel bureaus in over 60 countries.

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