

September 27th, 2021

Office of the Mayor
City of Brampton
2 Wellington St. West
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Dear Mayor Brown and Brampton City Council,

The Apna Health Collaborative would like to thank you for receiving our report titled [*Invited & Forgotten: International Students in Crisis*](#). Indus Community Services and Punjabi Community Health Services (PCHS) were pleased to launch this report at the Committee of Council meeting held on September 22, 2021. You can access the report anytime on our website (link attached).

We would like to formally invite the City of Brampton to co-lead our roundtable on international students, co-hosted by Sheridan College. This roundtable is committed to improving the post-secondary experience of international students by identifying gaps and systemic barriers, as well as providing knowledge and guidance on inclusive policies and best practices. Our aim is to engage with stakeholders to understand the needs of international post-secondary students and contribute to the development of short, medium, and long-term goals that can ensure a successful experience for these students.

In addition, we plan to organize an inaugural summit in Winter 2022 on international students in the City of Brampton. This event would include representation from the post-secondary sector, private career colleges, elected officials, advocates, public servants and service providers at the federal, provincial, regional, municipal and institutional level, as well as international student representatives.

Indus and PCHS through Apna Health fully commit to collectively advocating for vulnerable young people and providing solutions to the issues affecting international post-secondary students. We thank you once again for your continued support and look forward to the City's leadership on our roundtable. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at gmalhotra@induscs.ca and baldev@pchs4u.com.

Sincerely,



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