

## **Project Proposal: Exploring Interprovincial Student Mobility with Statistics Canada Data**

### **Background**

While a lot of BC research on post-secondary student mobility and transfer has been tracking students' pathways through post-secondary education in the province, there have been few studies of BC student mobility into non-BC post-secondary (e.g., Heslop, 2020). Statistics Canada collects data from Canadian post-secondary institutions in their databases, such as Postsecondary Student Information System (PSIS) data. Some studies explored interprovincial mobility in Canadian public post-secondary (e.g., Narh & Buzzelli, 2021); however, the reliability of PSIS transfer data was considered low (Pizarro Milian & Munro, 2020). This project is aimed at exploring PSIS and other Statistics Canada datasets, e.g., Education and Labour Market Longitudinal Platform (ELMLP), to assess the usefulness in tracking interprovincial mobility of BC students.

### **Purpose/ Goal**

To explore availability and reliability of StatsCan data for assessing interprovincial mobility of BC students

### **Scope**

Canada with a focus on BC.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the study include:

1. To assess availability of data on interprovincial mobility in Statistics Canada databases and the reliability of data in the relevant data fields;
2. To explore options of obtaining the data and to recommend the optimal mechanism;
3. To analyze the data obtained from Statistics Canada; and
4. Identify areas for future research.

### **Timeline**

Dependent on start date, completion date for this project will be no later than March 2025.

### **Budget**

Maximum budget available for this project is \$25,000, inclusive of all hourly charges, travel and associated costs, and GST.

BCCAT's [Proposal Template for Research Projects](#) may be used as a guideline for submitting the proposal.

### **References**

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