

Strategies for Fostering Connections Between International and Domestic First-Year Students

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Facilitated Discussion Questions:

- When is the right time to facilitate interactions between international and domestic students throughout the undergraduate experience?
- From your personal experience at your respective institution(s), what are the pros of fostering relationships between domestic and international students during the first-year experience? What are the cons, if any?
- What are some programs, events, courses, or organizations that have been implemented at your current or previous institutions?
- Why is it important to encourage first-year international and domestic students to interact with each other?
- Why could it be more beneficial for these relationships to develop in other times and environments? What are some examples of when it may be a better time for relationships between international and domestic students to occur?
- What are some take-aways or strategies that could be implemented for future practice in this area of higher education?

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If you have ideas or information about our topic that you would like to discuss with us further, or if you were unable to attend our session and would like to contribute to the conversation, we would love to hear from you!

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