Peer-2-peer international student community

Project presentation

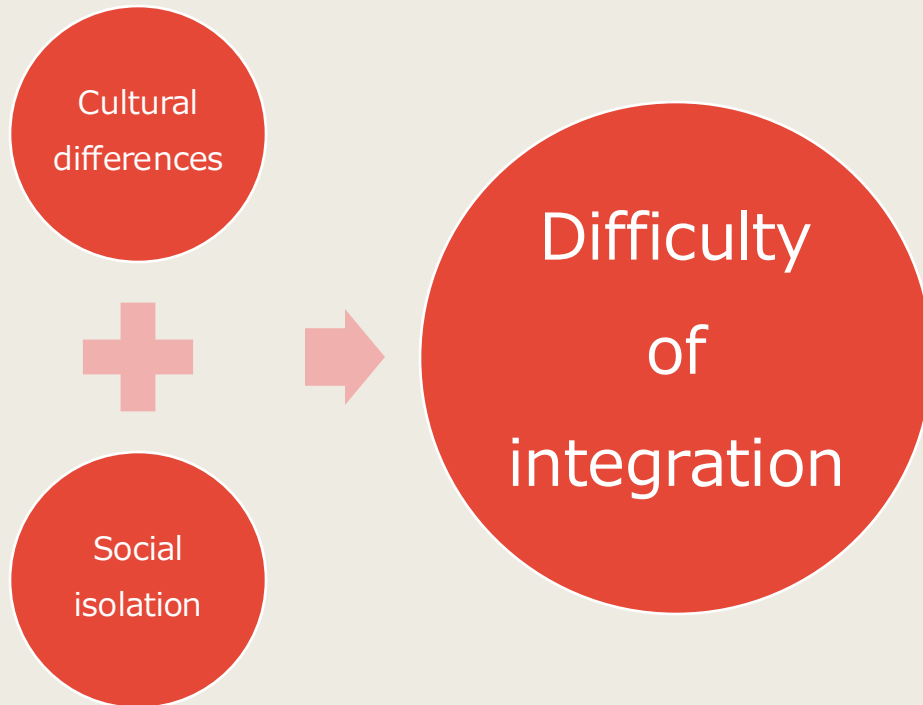# 1. Introduction

2. Problem

Cultural differences

Social isolation

Difficulty of integration
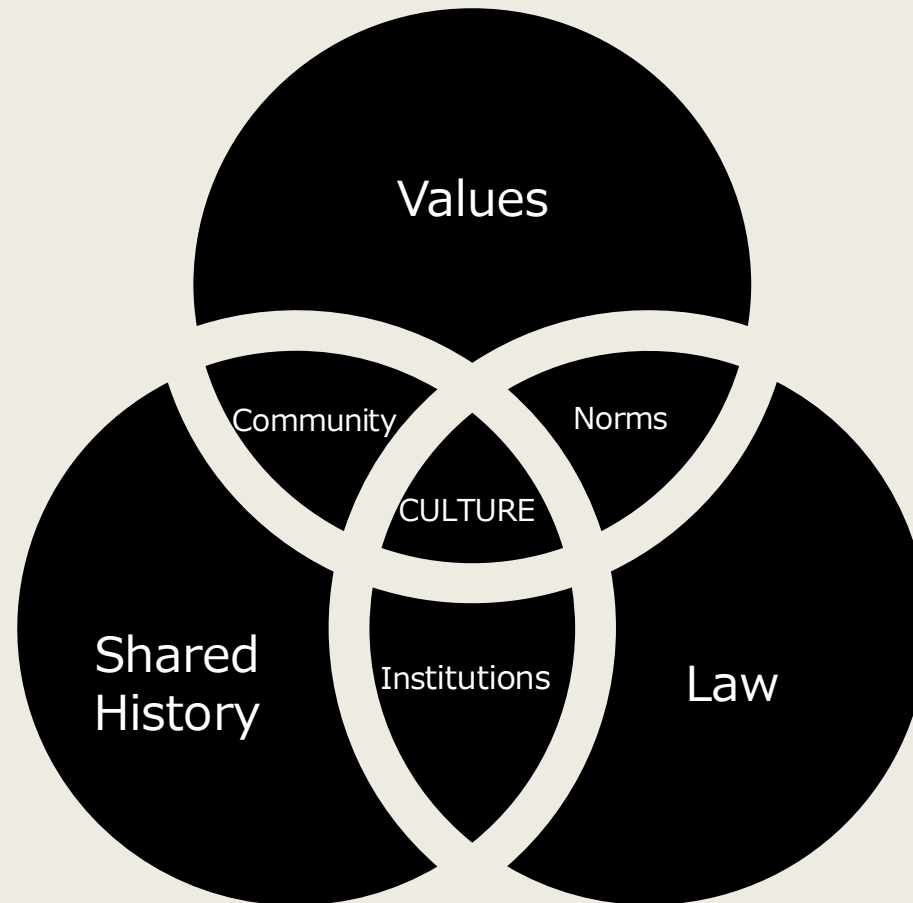
3. Solution

Volunteering   Networking   Social activities

Mentorship   Sharing circles

We are looking to create a hybrid (virtual with in-person activities) community space (WhatsApp) for newly-arriving international students and current students at the University of Ottawa.

This community would serve as a key point of contact for students to build their networks, share work and volunteer opportunities, seek affirmation and share their experiences. Older students can mentor new ones, etc.

4. Key Partners

International House

International student clubs

UOSU + RSGs

University career development services

Ottawa organizations and embassies

5. The team

Idriss Coulibaly – 4th-year international development and globalization student. Great sense of community, eager to interact with his peers. Volunteered throughout his life. Idriss wants to better this world through his work.

Aidan Hampton–Davies – 4th year international development student, pursuing career in humanitarian aid, eager to work first-hand with individuals and communities. Volunteered for ACORN Canada, fundraisers, and currently taking CSL opportunity from DVM4330!

Evan Boogaart – 5th year civil law and international development student who has worked in multiple civil society and social enterprise projects. Evan will contribute his legal and project management skills to develop the community and share informational articles on immigration and Canadian law.

Neto – … 4th year international development student, interest in social impact and Inequality. Worked on various grants and content writing to support the youth and community development. Aspiring Project Manager.