

What comes next? How Covid-19 may impact the labour market outcomes of internationally mobile students: A scoping review

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Abstract

Covid-19 has resulted in significant disruption to both ISM and labour markets. This presentation highlights results from a scoping review examining how the Covid-19 pandemic has changed the relationship between ISM and labour market experiences and expectations. While it is likely the pandemic has impacted the relationship between ISM and other labour market outcomes such as hiring and salary (Netz & Cordua, 2021), the full extent of these effects will only be revealed over time. Preliminary results suggest that Covid-19 has impacted on the provision of internships and other forms of labour market placements for both domestic and international students, with potential long-term impacts. Current studies also show that labour market regulations for international students have shifted in some

countries due to Covid-19. In addition, multiple studies have found that international students were particularly concerned about their labour market outcomes. Implications for further research on this topic are discussed.

Full paper

Covid-19 has resulted in significant disruption to both international student mobility (ISM) and labour markets. This paper presents results from a scoping review examining the research question: 'How has Covid-19 changed the relationship between ISM and labour market experiences and labour market expectations?'. Key terms on ISM, selected labour market outcomes, and Covid-19 were used to systematically search relevant academic entries on fourteen academic databases. This resulted in 1,996 academic publications that were then screened for relevance by two independent reviewers (Xiao & Watson, 2019). The PRISMA Scoping Review Checklist (Tricco et al., 2018) was used to guide the review of the full texts found to be relevant. Preliminary results suggest that Covid-19 has impacted on the provision of internships and other forms of labour market placements for both domestic and international students, with potential long-term impacts. Current studies also show that labour market regulations for international students have shifted in some countries due to Covid-19. In addition, multiple studies have found that international students who studied during Covid-19 were particularly concerned about expected labour market outcomes following graduation. Finally, the paper also discusses implications for further research on how Covid-19 has impacted the relationship between ISM and labour market outcomes.

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