

**2015 Campus Climate Survey: Graduate Students:**  
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Giving international students scholarships to attend university.	AfAmer/Black	Female
I think that NCSU has a great system of support for international students and plenty of activities geared towards diversity. However, a lot of undergraduate students do not participate in these events. Graduate students are international and by default work closely with multiple races and ethnicities. Undergraduate@ students may not always get that opportunity.	Asian	Female
The administration really helps everyone regardless of their race. This gives us more confidence to approach them regarding any issues. Some of the students I have encountered are negative about Asian students and I myself being from India feel its offensive. I have had a TA pass snide remarks about my country and its people. The general opinion of American students about Asian students is not very good I feel.	Asian	Female
NC State is working well to support diversity on campus. I am an international student and not for once have I felt threatened or "not a part" of the society here. Personally, I found opprotunities to support social causes, LGBT community and people with disabilities. NC State especially does a very good job at helping students with disabilities.	Asian	Female
The nice and respectful attitude of natives towards foreigners makes them very comfortable for interaction.	Asian	Female
The oied and the OIS really help international students settle in. However, the co tinuous efforts of the university to promote inclusion are key to supporting diversitybon campus. They must keep up the activities being undertaken for inclusion.	Asian	Female
Some international festivals and cultural programs are doing well.	Asian	Male
Lot of opprotunities for International students to interact with students of differentrace/ethnicity	Asian	Male
Most students in my graduate program are Indians andChinese	Asian	Male
Sometimes I feel the faculty and staffs show more support to White/Caucasian students than foreign international students in terms of communications, appreciations, and support.	Asian	Male
Most of graduate programs have people from diverse background. There are students from China, India, Pakistan, Europe, Middle East. I feel this creates a balanced diversity group where we get to interact with different kind of people and learn about their culture, their socio-economic structures, culture, etc. I will be happy if this is maintained in coming year as well.	Asian	Male
I personally think for undergraduate students there are ample opprotunities to interact, work and socialize with people from diverse backgrounds, both inside and outside classroom. However, for grad students especially engineering grad students there is a strong void of those opprotunities. One of the main reasons being, most of the students in engineering grad school are either from India or China. Even worse, students from China have a hard time communicating with people in english. And that leaves only a possibility to interact with them (which is not bad - but does not define diversity). This issue is more prevalent in ECE department.	Asian	Male
University organizations such as the Global Training Initiative does an excellent job with respect to supporting diversity. More organizations like these and more such events/ opprotunities (such as the ICLP) by the GTI would be a plus. More events promoting diversity at the on campus residences would also be great. As someone who lives on campus (Wolf Ridge apartments), I would love to see more events which strive to get residents of diverse backgrounds to interact (potlucks, cultural exchanges, cultural movie nights etc.). An important reason behind my choice to live at an on campus apartment was to try and move out of my comfort circle (racial/ethnic). While the apartment does not discriminate in any way on the basis of race/ ethnicity, an active attempt to convince international students to get involved would be very helpful. A lot of international students may wish to be involved/ take part in the events held at he apartments/ residences, but may feel shy to actually take part, atleast for the first time. The hall councils could consider including a member/ leader who is tasked specifically with this role.	Asian	Male
I think the professors offer tremendous support to international students. Never have I felt discriminated in any way whatsoever. / All people working in NC States offices are very kind and helpful. / The OIS does a tremendous job for international students. / On Campus jobs are easily accessible to international students which is a huge plus.	Asian	Male
To improve the diversity. There should be more events/group meetings to provide an opprotunity to the graduate students to interact with the local and other international students. It can be once in a month or in a semester would be enough.	Asian	Male

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International students are recruited to the campus to promote exchange of ideas and becoming comfortable to interact with fellow colleagues in the campus community. Diversity is the number one reason why public research universities recruit international students.	Asian	Male
International Organizations	Asian	Trans
Various student organizations, events, activities, ACM events, Bridges International free lunches, Seminars, Animeclub	Asian	Trans
Good support of international students	White	Female
I do not see anything which is not working well. But I also think as a graduate student we are in a environment which consists of international students thus we are surrounded by minorities. So as long as we are working in this environment I do not think I will feel any adverse effects.	White	Female
Engineering is a tough field for women/diversity, but has a lot of potential because of so many international students and worldwide collaborations. NCSU has had a more welcoming climate than my brief experience in industry. I was very impressed by NCSU's swift and emotional response to the murders of the three muslim students/alumni. //	White	Female
There is definitely an environment tolerance of cultures and ethnicities from foreign countries. The LGBT community is pretty much championed, and treated special, not equal.	White	Female
I enjoy interacting with international students and bringing guest speakers to my department to discuss their work and experiences.	White	Female
Well, there are a ton of international students in the engineering graduate school. So that's good.	White	Female
The curriculum of my program (in CHASS) does a good job of incorporating diversity into course materials and discussions. I am also happy with the University Graduate Student Association, which has many international students as active members and in some leadership roles. I was very glad that the administration so clearly supported the candlelight vigil for the three Muslim students who were murdered.	White	Female
I wasn't really exposed to diversity until graduate school. I think that by perhaps having a safer environment for international students to interact with U.S. residents (who probably haven't had exposure to their difference in opinion or culture) it would be a great way to interact more. I have found that internationals try to stick with their own cultures even here in the U.S. which makes learning from some of them difficult. By having a pathway to combine and make people more comfortable it would greatly help the diversity at NCSU.	White	Female
By far the largest ethnic groups other than my own that I have worked with at NC State are Asians. Although in the past I did not interact with Asians much, I have really gone out of my way to meet and understand those from Asia more. I have gained understanding and respect for their cultures--I now I understand it is more than one culture as China is different than Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and India. This has also led to the exposure of different religious thinking. // While I find the coordinated events and offices at NC State supportive of diversity education efforts, there really is not much room in the curriculum in my technical degree program to talk about diversity. But by pairing students together on small projects and teams, we get an excellent opportunity to work together and see first-hand how a different culture's thinking can lead to outside-the-box thinking that helps solve even the most technical of problems. This working experience is more valuable than any campus-initiated or required events. // For both of the positive examples above, the cohort structure of my program has really enabled such experiences to happen for me; much more than what can occur in a regular classroom environment. I have found this to be highly effective in learning respect for and how to work with different types of people.	White	Male
There are many international students in graduate programs. I feel that personal interactions with these students is the best and most effective way for others to gain knowledge of other cultures.	White	Male

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<p>Domestically, a more diverse grouping of students are now attending university and graduate student. Additionally, the graduate programs attract a large number of international students. Between this, the university is naturally accruing a larger and larger melting pot of students. And the natural interactions that occur when you mix people inherently bring with them questions, understanding, friendships, and an eventual sense that we are all the same. I'm a believer that letting us all come together naturally and make best friends with people from different parts of the world or background by ourselves is an effective strategy. AND, we are doing this. That is something that is absolutely working well on campus. / / However, expending resources to "force fit" isn't the answer- and NC State has been consistently paying lip service and money to try to generate an image that we are an overly inclusive environment simply isn't necessary. Instead of force fitting us, let us naturally find a way for all of our pieces to come together. It's 2015 and I believe my generation and younger does this on their own. However, if you keep force fitting us, then all of us younger folks will feel like we aren't free to ask questions. We aren't free to speak our mind. We aren't free to discover ourselves or question the decisions and mindsets of previous generations. / / So, what NC State isn't doing well is the act of speeding up the process. The process of making NC State "one whole campus" of students is well underway, and will succeed. But if we go so far as to restrain some groups of students in order to prop up others, then we've simply reversed the original problem.</p>	White	Male
<p>NC State is doing everything it should and more to contribute to a diverse climate. But you have to realize that you're going to have a difficult time getting Americans and foreigners who are straight from another country to have a close connection. People are going to assimilate with whom they're most familiar and of the two most prominent foreign students here, Indians and Chinese, they're going to stick to themselves as they do. They can speak the same language as one another and have similar background and for most of them who are only here to get their degree and then go back to their own country, they're not going to place much of an emphasis on making good relationships with Americans. They're here for the education. It's still a good thing to give Americans and foreigners the potential exposure to one another, but you aren't really going to get many significant relationships.</p>	White	Male
<p>If you look at the numbers, you will find out that only "common interests" is what govern the diversity on campus. / For example in graduate school, / 1. There is a tremendous amount of Indian students, just because they are considered as cheap researchers. / 2. There is a big number of Chinese students due to some political considerations between the U.S. and China, / 3. Many funded research projects require US citizens only, to secure opportunities for US citizens. / 4. Other funded research projects are opened to international students, excluding for example, students from North Korea, Syria, Sudan...etc. / And so on and so forth... / /</p>	White	Male
<p>There are a lot of international students in graduate school. It's very common now to be a minority (as a white male) in our courses. I think this is a good experience for someone like me, and I have learned a lot about other people.</p>	White	Male
<p>Multicultural and diversity-based social and academic clubs seem to be providing good support for diversity on campus, although I'm generally disinterested in most activities on campus; rather, I tend to spend my time at activities sponsored by the community at large that are very open to diversity. Certain clubs do cater to specific groups (such as LGBT, African-American, or various International students) to provide support to similar persons, and while I don't think that they actively deter others from joining and/or participating, there is often cultural differences that make activities of no interest to most students. / / Overall, I think that activities at NC State have encouraged participation well, but again, some events may be geared to a specific groups.</p>	White	Male
<p>About diversity in NC State I can say for sure every thing works good I have some good international and national friends.</p>	White	Male