Welcome to CELLTR

A Welcome Message from Dr. Jonathan Driver, VPA

Welcome to Simon Fraser University’s Centre for English Language Learning, Teaching and Research. We set up this centre because more than 40 percent of the students at Simon Fraser University did not learn English as a first language.

The purpose of the centre is really three-fold. Firstly, we want to communicate clearly to students what resources exist at the university to assist them to learn English in an academic environment. Secondly, we want to identify what gaps there are in our support for students, and we want to be sure that we find ways to fill those gaps and to create successful academic careers for students at the university and allow them to build their English language skills as they go out into their lives and careers. Finally, as a research university, we think it’s important to take this opportunity to undertake research on how students learn English so that we can improve the services that we offer and other universities can benefit from our experience.

The centre is just starting in 2014. We look forward to building the capacity of the centre and building the services for students over the next few years. Please take advantage of all we have to offer. Please send us suggestions about services that we could build for you.

We hope you enjoy your time at SFU, and good luck with your studies.