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If you are in British Columbia and have not already done so, apply for the BC Medical Services Plan (BC MSP)
MSP is required by law for anyone living in BC for more than 6 months.
It will take about a month to process your MSP application -- apply early so that you will be able to opt out of the Guard.me@SFU plan with proof of MSP coverage in January (see AFTER YOU START AT SFU for details)

Check your study permit expiry date, and apply for an extension if needed
You must submit an application to extend your study permit before it expires
Follow the Designated Learning Institution Student Transfer [or DLI transfer] process to notify Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) that you will now be attending SFU

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Complete the University Prep online transition course
Mark your calendar for Welcome Day and sign up for the ISS Welcome Reception
Sign up for the Global Community Mentorship Program

If you already have valid MSP coverage, opt out of the Guard.me@SFU plan online for a full refund from January 3-30, 2019
If you are new to British Columbia, apply for the BC Medical Services Plan (MSP) as soon as you arrive. Your coverage will begin two to three months after your arrival date in BC.
Opt out of the Guard.me@SFU plan when your BC MSP takes effect (after the waiting period). You may be eligible for a partial refund of the guard.me@SFU fee if there is more than one month remaining in the term, and you have not used the plan.
Make changes to your secondary insurance if necessary (i.e. opt down to the basic plan, opt out with equivalent coverage, add family members) between Jan 2-16, 2019

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Sign up for workshops and events offered by International Services for Students
Bookmark ISS News and Updates to get up-to-date information for students from international pathway on advising, immigration, medical, opportunities, and important reminders
Get involved in your SFU community!

The transition to university life can be exciting, but isn't always easy. SFU has a number of supports available to you if you are struggling. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you are having a difficult time at any stage of your SFU degree -- we’re here to help.