INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENTS
RESOURCES
FALL 2017

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE...

Required:
- Read about your medical insurance coverage while at SFU.
  [www.sfu.ca/medical-insurance](http://www.sfu.ca/medical-insurance)
- Read about immigration requirements while you study in Canada.
  [https://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/new/before-arriving.html](https://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/new/before-arriving.html)

Suggested:
- Attend the Graduate Student Orientation
  [https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/events/orientation.html](https://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/events/orientation.html)
- Find housing
  [www.sfu.ca/students/isap/new/housing.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/new/housing.html)
- Virtual Orientation
  [www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/new_graduate_students/before_you_arrive/orientation](http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/new_graduate_students/before_you_arrive/orientation)
- Familiarize yourself with SFU Connect email
  [www.sfu.ca/itservices/sfuconnect/usingsfuconnect.html](http://www.sfu.ca/itservices/sfuconnect/usingsfuconnect.html)

IN YOUR FIRST WEEK AFTER ARRIVING...

Required:
- Sign up for BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)
  [hibc.gov.bc.ca](http://hibc.gov.bc.ca)
- Have your photo taken for your SFU ID card
  [www.sfu.ca/idcard/getting-card/new-students.html](http://www.sfu.ca/idcard/getting-card/new-students.html)
- Purchase your Compass Card and load the U-Pass BC onto it
  [www.sfu.ca/students/upass](http://www.sfu.ca/students/upass)
  The U-Pass program provides unlimited, all zone access to public transit in Metro Vancouver including TransLink bus, SkyTrain and SeaBus services and a discount on West Coast Express Train fares.
- Review Enrollment Requirements for International Students
  [www.sfu.ca/students/isap/current/enrollment-requirements.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/current/enrollment-requirements.html)
- Planning to work on or off campus? Apply for a Social Insurance Number (SIN)
  [www.sfu.ca/students/isap/resources](http://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/resources)

Suggested:
- Buy your textbooks (if applicable)
  [sfu.collegestoreonline.com](http://sfu.collegestoreonline.com)
- Thinking of adding/dropping courses? Find out the deadlines before you do
  [www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/fall2017](http://www.sfu.ca/students/deadlines/fall2017)
- Open a bank account in Canada
  [www.sfu.ca/students/isap/finances/banking.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/finances/banking.html)
- Familiarize yourself with academic terminology
  [www.sfu.ca/students/advising-resources/university-glossary.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/advising-resources/university-glossary.html)
- Get a parking pass
  [www.sfu.ca/parking.html](http://www.sfu.ca/parking.html)
- Confirm that your contact information is correct and update if needed
  [go.sfu.ca](http://go.sfu.ca)

IMPORTANT DATES

[Academic Dates]
[www.sfu.ca/students/calendar/2017/fall/academic-dates/2017](http://www.sfu.ca/students/calendar/2017/fall/academic-dates/2017)

[Medical Insurance Opt-out Deadlines]
[www.sfu.ca/medical-insurance/deadlines.html](http://www.sfu.ca/medical-insurance/deadlines.html)

[Deadlines]
[www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/important_dates/Fall2017.html](http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/important_dates/Fall2017.html)
IN YOUR SECOND WEEK...

Required:
- Pay your fees
  [www.sfu.ca/students/fees/howtopay.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/fees/howtopay.html)

Suggested:
- Check services at Simon Fraser Graduate Student Society (GSS)
  [www.sfugradsociety.ca](http://www.sfugradsociety.ca)
- Find helpful resources on the ISAP website for current students
  [www.sfu.ca/students/isap/current.html](http://www.sfu.ca/students/isap/current.html)
- Check out our workshops
  [at.sfu.ca/vPTDFu](http://at.sfu.ca/vPTDFu)

IN YOUR FIRST MONTH...

Suggested:
- Check out the FREE Recreation facilities you can access with your SFU ID card
  [www.sfu.ca/programs/athletics-recreation.html](http://www.sfu.ca/programs/athletics-recreation.html)
- Explore SFU’s library services
  [www.lib.sfu.ca](http://www.lib.sfu.ca)
- Check out the Research Commons (SLC)
  [www.lib.sfu.ca/research-commons](http://www.lib.sfu.ca/research-commons)
- Connect with your grad community
  [www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/new_graduate_students/when_you_arrive/engage-community](http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/new_graduate_students/when_you_arrive/engage-community)
- Apply for a BC ID card to carry as identification

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency assistance is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at each of our campuses:

- Burnaby Campus: 778-782-4500
- Vancouver Campus: 778-782-5252
- Surrey Campus: 778-782-7511
- Goldcorp Centre: 778-782-6649

[www.sfu.ca/srs/emergency-contact.html](http://www.sfu.ca/srs/emergency-contact.html)

Off Campus (Police, Fire, Ambulance): 911

ON CAMPUS RESOURCES & SERVICES

- Campus Security
  [www.sfu.ca/srs/security](http://www.sfu.ca/srs/security)
- Centre for Students with Disabilities
  [www.sfu.ca/students/disabilityaccess](http://www.sfu.ca/students/disabilityaccess)
- Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Fellows
  [www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies](http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies)
- Health & Counselling Services
  [www.sfu.ca/students/health](http://www.sfu.ca/students/health)
- Interfaith Centre
  [www.sfu.ca/students/interfaith](http://www.sfu.ca/students/interfaith)
- Student Services, Registrar & Information Services
  [www.sfu.ca/students](http://www.sfu.ca/students)
- Career Services
  [www.sfu.ca/career](http://www.sfu.ca/career)
- Financial Aid and Awards
  [www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid](http://www.sfu.ca/students/financialaid)

OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES & SERVICES

- BC Medical Services Plan (MSP)
  [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/health-drug-coverage/msp)
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada
- GSS Benefit Plan
  [www.studentcare.ca](http://www.studentcare.ca)
- Tourism Vancouver Information
  [www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com)
- Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC)
  [www.tenants.bc.ca](http://www.tenants.bc.ca)
- Translink
  [www.translink.ca](http://www.translink.ca)