EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Health Science  
Major/Minor: Population and Quantitative Health
Host university: Deakin University  
Host Country: Australia
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) Feb 2017 to (month/year) June 2017

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $2,000
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost?
Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  
□ No  □ Yes
If yes, please describe:

VISAS
What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit?  
□ No  □ Yes: What was the cost? $550
If yes, what documentation was needed? Confirmation of Enrollment at host university
Did you need a visitor visa/permit?  
□ No  □ Yes: What was the cost? 
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Where was your immigration documentation processed?
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 5 days, but generally allow up to 4 weeks
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)?  
□ No  □ Yes
If yes, please comment:

AIRPORT RECEPTION
Were you met at the airport by representatives of the host university?  
□ No  □ Yes
Is there easy transportation between the airport and university?  
□ No  □ Yes

Please comment: It is recommended to use the airport pickup service offered by Deakin. It's doable to take public transportation but requires a few hours and bus changes, so may be stressful if you are brand new to the city/country.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Melbourne Tullamarine

ORIENTATION
Is there an organized orientation session upon arrival at the host university?  
□ No  □ Yes
Was there a cost for the orientation session?  
□ No  □ Yes, how much? 
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate?  
□ No  □ Yes

Please comment: On top of the orientation sessions, there is a "Beach Welcome" trip for exchange students for free. I highly recommend going to this as it was lots of fun and was how I met most of my friends right off the bat!
**LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**
Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how long is it? 

Is there an additional cost for language training?  □ No  □ Yes: How much? 

Please comment: 

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**ACCOMMODATION & LIVING**
Is on-campus or university dormitory accommodation available?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, are you living in a university dormitory?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, can you make a recommendation for a specific dormitory?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please describe: The MC Building (6-shared apartments) are brand new so really nice!
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation?  $1,400
Is there a meal plan?  □ No  □ Yes: How much is it? 
If no, do you have access to adequate cooking facilities?  □ No  □ Yes
How far is your dormitory from the main campus?  5 minute walk

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Internet and phone access are both good!

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this?  Online

Is off-campus housing easily available?  □ No  □ Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals?  $2,000

Any other comments on accommodation:

Deakin University is located in Burwood, a suburb outside of the city. There is not much to do here, so most days you have to commute to other suburbs or the city, which takes approximately an hour or more. The on-campus accommodation is nice, but just keep in mind it will take you a while to get to the city of Melbourne! If you would like to be closer to the city, I would recommend off campus accommodation.
FINANCIAL DETAILS
Have you opened a bank account in your host country? □ No  □ Yes: What are the challenges/benefits to opening a local bank account?
I found it easier as I didn’t have to worry about international fees/exchange rates every time I used my debit card or took cash out. Opening the account with Commonwealth bank was free and easy!

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers’ cheques, local currency)?
Bring a bit of Australian cash, and open a bank account in Australia before you leave. You can send yourself money from your home bank account before you fly overseas.

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments? □ Cash  □ Debit  □ Credit card
Please comment: All methods are fine

ACADEMIC DETAILS
Was it possible for you to get all of the courses that you wanted? □ No  □ Yes

Please describe the course registration procedure:
Choose courses and lecture/tutorial/seminar times online through Deakin University StudentConnect

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Health Science

What is the language of instruction in your courses? English

If not English, are English-taught courses available? __________

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.
Usually a total of 3 hours class time, with a mix of lectures and tutorials. Similar to SFU.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?
Gaining international experience, and learning about public health from a different perspective.

Submission Instructions: 1. Please complete and return this form by E-mail to studyabroad@sfu.ca as a PDF
2. Subject line of email: Questionnaire - [Host Country, Host University] 3. Please include your full name and student number in the body of your E-mail.

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