EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Business
Major/Minor: Finance
Host university: Copenhagen Business School
Host Country: Denmark
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) August 20, 2016 to (month/year) January 4, 2017

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1,000
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $500
Do you have a recommended routing or airline? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If yes, please describe: YVR to London and then to Copenhagen

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) USA/Japanese
Did you need a student visa/permit? ☐ No ☐ Yes: What was the cost? $800
If yes, what documentation was needed? Passport, Bank Statement, Application Documents, Housing
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? Canada
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 3 months
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: I recommend applying for an international mentor before you arrive. She will be the one who picks you up. Unfortunately, mine was sick so she could not come to the airport.
What is the closest airport to the host university? Copenhagen Airport

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: The introductory session is free of charge, but if you want to participate in the evening activities it was quite expensive. I believe it was around $200 for few activities.
LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, how long is it?  Throughout the semester  □ Yes: Im not sure
Is there an additional cost for language training?  □ No  □ Yes: How much?
Please comment:  I did not take this language program, so I am not able to comment on it.

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:

What is the average monthly cost of accommodation?  $1500 CAD
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?

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Internet was provided by my landlord and phone plan can be bought from 7/11 convenience store for $40 a month (unlimited data and calling).

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

Is off-campus housing easily available?  □ No  □ Yes
Please comment on off-campus housing:

The demand for housing is high in Copenhagen and it was very difficult to find one. I started my search 1.5 months prior to arrival, and most accommodations were already taken. I recommend booking a place even 6 months ahead of time on Airbnb.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals?  $2500
Any other comments on 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?

- The process of opening a student account was very easy, but you would have to go to Nordea bank and open one in person.
- Everything is in Danish in Denmark, so it is not foreigner friendly as you think.

How would you recommend students bring money (Canadian/American cash, travelers' cheques, local currency)?

- I recommend bring a credit card instead of cash. It is not safe to carry cash all the time. If you want to take money out via ATM (one time fee), then you can put the cash in Nordea Bank (to avoid transaction charges).

What is/are the preferred method(s) of payment at most establishments? □ Cash □ Debit □ Credit card

Please comment: You can use any payment method, but people usually stick to debit or credit.

**ACADEMIC DETAILS**

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

- We sent CBS a form prior to arrival with the courses we would like to enroll in. (CBS will send you instructions on how to proceed)
- We were placed in courses that were available at the time.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Finance, Logistics, Entrepreneurship

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.

- The lecture was easy to follow and well-organized. There is no assignments or midterms, but you are expected to keep up with the reading. For one course, there are 20 articles or 3 different textbooks so you will be busy reading and self-teaching.

What do you feel is/will be the main academic benefit of your participation in this exchange program?

- Character building. I think it is important to have an international mindset for my career in business.

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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