EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: ___________________________ Major/Minor: ___________________________

Health Sciences Life Sciences/Communications

University of Leeds England

Host university: ___________________________ Host Country: ___________________________

Dates of your exchange: (month/year) ___________________________ to (month/year) ___________________________

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? __________________________________________________________

$1100

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? ________________________________________________

$140

Do you have a recommended routing or airline?    □ No     □ Yes

If yes, please describe:___________________________________________________________________________________

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information)  Irish

Did you need a student visa/permit?    □ No     □ Yes: What was the cost?________________________

If yes, what documentation was needed?_____________________________________________________________________

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?  N/A

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit?  N/A

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 arrived via London and took a train to Leeds and cab to the University, however arrival to a closer airport could be easier. Manchester airport has a direct train to Leeds station and the Leeds airport has a bus to the University.

What is the closest airport to the host university? ___________________________

Leeds Bradford 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 University of Leeds was very organized with their orientation and clearly had lots of experience with international and exchange students. There were plenty of events and opportunities to get to know the university, other students and the area, especially since I arrived mid-year.
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: ________________________________________________

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
I stayed in Leodis Residences, I also recommend Central Village and Charles Morris
If yes, please describe: __________________________________________
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $1000
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? Leodis was a 5 to 10 minute walk from campus
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
Wireless Internet with a good connection was available throughout my residence and my login
allowed me access to wifi at any university building or residence. There was no phone access at my
residence.

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:
There are plenty of companies in Leeds to help students find off-campus housing.
Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $1500
Any other comments on accommodation:
Some student accommodations are very far away from campus, up to an hour walk or half hour bus ride.
Make sure you are aware of this when choosing.
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?

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

I brought some cash in British Pounds but paid for most things with a credit card during my exchange.

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

Please comment:

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

You email in the classes that you prefer before the semester begins, but they can be changed after you arrive by filling out a form and getting it approved by the department of the class you are switching to, and your host department, if they differ.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Healthcare, Media and Communication

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.

Instruction was primarily through mandatory lectures, however two of my four courses also required more interactive weekly seminars that were similar to tutorials.

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

My main academic benefits have been expanding my view of Health Sciences and Media and Communications to gain a more broad, global 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.