EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Quinn School of Business
Major/Minor: Business
Host university: University College Dublin
Host Country: Ireland
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) 09/2016 to (month/year) 12/2016

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1,300.00 return flight to Dublin.
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? 10.00 to 50.00 euros depending on how
Do you have a recommended routing or airline?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please describe: Air Canada direct to Dublin, ideally with a direct return flight to Vancouver.

VISAS

What is your citizenship? (voluntary; may impact following information) Canadian
Did you need a student visa/permit?  □ No  □ Yes: What was the cost? 300 euros.
If yes, what documentation was needed? Proof of residence, proof of adequate funding, proof of enrolment,
Where was your immigration documentation processed? Garda Office in the city centre.
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? The appointment takes 2-5 hours and you receive your ca
Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)?  □ No  □ Yes
If yes, please comment: There may be some updated requirements which should be available online.

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: You can take the Air Coach (number 700) directly to the UCD Belfield Campus (stop: "UCD Slip Road) for 10 euros.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Dublin 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: Quality directions given on how to receive your visitor card, as well as general
information regarding the business school.
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
If yes, please describe: Ashfield was a great residence; lots of other exchange students.
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? 1,000.00 euros.
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? It was on campus, about a 2-minute walk from the Business building.
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:
Free WiFi coverage throughout the building.

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:
Organizing off-campus accommodation would certainly require planning in advance. I would recommend accommodation in the city centre if you are unable to live on-campus in residence.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? 1,200.00 ()
Any other comments on accommodation:
Do your best to talk to your roommates; this led to a great establishment of a social circle for me.
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?

No specific challenges, I found it easier to have a local bank account because it made the currency difference more manageable.

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

Opening a bank account in Dublin (AIB bank has a branch on-campus) and then using International Money Transfers from your home bank to your Irish bank account.

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

Please comment: Cash is always taken, and Credit Card is almost always accepted.

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

Please describe the course registration procedure:

The courses offered during the respective Fall and Spring semesters can vary; however, they typically follow the trends from past years so try to reference those semesters when judging which courses will be offered. Make sure to enroll immediately when you are eligible, in order to maximize your chances at getting into your favoured courses.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Business.

What is the language of instruction in your courses? English.

If not English, are English-taught courses available? N/A.

Describe the manner and quality of instruction at your host university.

Similar instruction style with lectures. Quality of instruction is good, I had no complaints.

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

The greatest academic benefit is receiving a differing perspective on global issues and business. Additionally, hearing the perspectives of your fellow classmates from all over the world is a very rewarding and intriguing benefit.

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.