EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Health Science

Major/Minor: Kinesiology

Host university: University of Canterbury

Host Country: New Zealand

Dates of your exchange: (month/year) Feb/2017 to (month/year) June/2017

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $2200

Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $10/week

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? $250

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? Online

How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 1 month

Were any other documents required (residence permit, etc)? □ No □ Yes

If yes, please comment: Bank statements

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: There are buses available, uber and taxis.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Christchurch 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: ____________________________________________________________
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:_____________________________________________________________________________________
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation? $1080
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:

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:____________________________________________________________________________________
I arranged off campus accommodation through “trade me” New Zealand

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals? $1200
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?

No fees as a student and didn't have to worry about any possible troubles with my bank account at home

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

Bring cash to get you started for the first few weeks but should be able to use your debit/credit card from your bank back home or open up a bank account in the host country

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:

There was a specific in person enrollment date

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? Health Science and health education course.

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.

Clear and knowledgeable lecturers. In my experience, I had plenty guest speakers in all of my classes which made it interesting and engaging throughout the whole semester

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

I had the opportunity to engage in a different academic setting compared to home and I was able to adapt to different teaching and assessment methods. Overall, it was a great experience!