EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  Major/Minor: Linguistics
Host university: University of Glasgow  Host Country: Scotland
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) 09/16 to (month/year) 05/17

TRAVEL

Approximately how much did air transportation cost? $1800.00
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost? $35.00
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? $1000.00
If yes, what documentation was needed? Passport, proof of funds, exchange acceptance letter
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? New York
How long did it take to procure your visa/permit? 2 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: The university offered a transport service. Alternatively, there are buses that run from the airport to the city centre, and taxis are also available.

What is the closest airport to the host university? Glasgow 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: Orientation lasted a whole week and included a campus walking tour, a bus tour of the city, a ceilidh (traditional Scottish dancing), an information fair, a networking event, and more. It was very thorough and well organized.
**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: Kelvinhaugh Street - quiet and close to the university
What is the average monthly cost of accommodation?  $800.00  
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?  A 15-minute walk
Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:

Wifi is available; every bedroom is provided with a landline.

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  ■ No   ■ Yes
If yes, how did you arrange this? The prepayment is made during the online application process.

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

Later-year students often opt for off-campus housing because it is usually more economical than university accommodation. However, it is difficult to find off-campus housing if you're not already in the country. Most exchange and first year students seem to live on campus, while later-year students find their own flats in the city.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals?  $1100.00
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?

You can usually only open a local bank account if you stay in Scotland for two semesters. By opening a local bank account, you avoid international fees when withdrawing money from ATMs.

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

I would recommend bringing some local currency, and then either open a local bank account or use your Canadian debit card to withdraw money from ATMs as needed.

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:

Students indicate their preferred courses during the online application process. If eligible for them, students will be enrolled in the courses before they arrive in Scotland.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? English Language and Linguistics

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.

Classes involve less contact hours and fewer assessments than students may be used to at SFU. Many classes include only an essay or project and a final exam. Course outlines often come with lists of suggested readings instead of set textbooks.

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

By encouraging independent study and original research, students learn how to really engage with their study materials and make new contributions to their field of study.

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.