EXCHANGE PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT INFORMATION

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  Major/Minor: French/Political Science
Host university: Laval University  Host Country: Canada
Dates of your exchange: (month/year) September/2018 to (month/year) December/2018

TRAVEL
Approximately how much did air transportation cost: $800
Approximately how much did any required ground transportation cost: $300
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: n/a
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Did you need a visitor visa/permit?  No  Yes: What was the cost: n/a
If yes, what documentation was needed?
Where was your immigration documentation processed: Quebec City Jean Lesage International Airport
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: No. A lot of walking to reach bus stop and must transfer buses. Taxis are available though. Just more expensive.

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: n/a
If yes, do you recommend that future students participate?  No  Yes
Please comment: It gives valuable information about activities run during the semester and where you can go to meet people or get help.
**LANGUAGE PROGRAMS**

Is there a language program available either before or during the term?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

If yes, how long is it?  
Same as any course.

Is there an additional cost for language training?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes: How much?  $90 per course

Please comment:  
Any language course costs extra. Be prepared to pay $90 more to Laval per course through the language school.

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**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?  $900

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?  n/a

Please comment on internet and phone access in your dormitory:  
n/a

Did you have to make a deposit for your accommodation prior to arrival?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

If yes, how did you arrange this?  
Airbnb

Is off-campus housing easily available?  
☐ No  ☐ Yes

Please comment on off-campus housing:  
Off campus housing costs a bit more but there are a lot of options. I have internet, laundry and a full kitchen. I am sharing accommodation with another student and we pay $600 each per month.

Approximately how much money per month is needed for living, including accommodation and meals?  $1250

Any other comments on accommodation:  

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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?)

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

Please comment: If you have a Canadian debit or credit card, you will be just fine.

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 must visit the office of each faculty that you want to register for courses in. It can be quite tedious so give yourself lots of time and expect a lot of paperwork. Make sure you check the requirements of programs you might want to take 1 course in as there are different requirements for each faculty and the information is not in one place. Also, even if you have a delf certificate, they will make you do an entry French evaluation test. Once again, just give yourself a lot of time.

What discipline(s)/program(s) are you taking at your host university? French litterature studies

What is the language of instruction in your courses? French

If not English, are English-taught courses available? Very few

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

Very similar to SFU. They have a very well organized online platform that puts everything in one place. All my instructors are great profs.

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

The main academic benefit for me was overall the chance to improve my French. The French lit courses I was in were more intense than back home (6-8 novels to read per semester), forcing me to develop strategies to help read and understand the content quicker.

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.