What will the international student experience look like this fall?

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My name is Matthew Keefe, I'm an International Student Advisor here at the University of Guelph.

The good news for all international students - both new students looking to start their program in fall or those returning that might have traveled back home and are looking to continue their program online - right now immigration is allowing for those students to study online without impacting any sort of long-term status in Canada. Most of you might be looking to apply for your postgraduate work permit or your PR down the road and by doing that or looking forward to that studying online is not going to impact that.

If immigrating to Canada is top of mind, if getting some work experience in the Canadian economy is what you're looking for, then we're here to make sure that you're not jeopardizing that. That coming to start in the fall we want you to be able to focus on your academics while we take care of all the issues surrounding immigration for you.

We have all our traditional programming still available for students such as our LINK program, and our Conversation Partners Program. There's lots of international specific clubs on campus, and that's going to be virtual this fall. We also have a lot of career-building workshops and getting you excited and prepared for life after your studies, and what that might look like in terms of applying for work and preparing for an interview.

START International is a great program here at the University of Guelph. It welcomes all our new incoming international students and it takes them through all the information outside of their academics that they're going to need to know. Whether that's opening a bank account if you're working maybe virtually for one of the departments on campus and you need to get paid, look for housing options, are you going to need to exchange currency and what's the best place.

We're here to help support you starting here at the University of Guelph.

Resources mentioned above:

LINK Program https://www.uoguelph.ca/studentexperience/intlstudent/LINK

Conversation Partners Program

Organizations & Clubs (GryphLife)

Other Resources:
Guelph International

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