



**VANCOUVER ISLAND UNIVERSITY
 HOMESTAY and PEERSTAY PROGRAMS
 APPLICATION
 STUDENT PROFILE**

Please complete the entire form

YOU WILL NOT BE MATCHED WITH A HOST FAMILY UNTIL BOTH THE APPLICATION FEE AND REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ARE RECEIVED. HOST FAMILY DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIVING YOUR ARRIVAL DETAILS TO NANAIMO, BC.

Please print clearly, using black ink and return all five (5) pages of this application along with the application fee and deposit to:

**HOMESTAY and PEERSTAY PROGRAMS
 CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**
 Vancouver Island University
 900 Fifth Street Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5 Canada
 Telephone: (250) 740-6159 Fax: (250) 740-6471

PERSONAL INFORMATION		
WHICH SEMESTER WILL YOU START? <input type="checkbox"/> Fall <input type="checkbox"/> Spring <input type="checkbox"/> Summer of (Year) _____		
NAME <i>Last/Family/Surname</i> _____	FIRST/ <i>Given Name</i> _____	ENGLISH NAME/ <i>Nick-name</i> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female Date of birth _____ <small>(Year-Month-Day)</small>		
NATIONALITY _____		
HOME/MAILING ADDRESS _____ <small>(Street Address)</small>		
<small>(City)</small> _____	<small>(Country)</small> _____	<small>(Code)</small> _____
TELEPHONE NUMBER <small>(Country/City Code)</small> _____	FAX NUMBER _____	E-MAIL ADDRESS _____
Do you have a counsellor helping you complete your application to VIU? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, please provide the following information:		
Name of Agency _____	Name of Counsellor _____	Counsellor's Email Address _____
<small>Please note: Where possible, all correspondence from the Homestay and Peerstay Programs office will be sent to both the agent and the student.</small>		

ACCOMMODATION CHOICE <small>(please check one)</small> <input type="checkbox"/> HOMESTAY <input type="checkbox"/> PEERSTAY



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EMERGENCY CONTACT
(must be completed)

In the event of an accident or medical emergency, please provide the names of two people (who reside at different addresses) that we may contact.

FAMILY CONTACT	ALTERNATIVE CONTACT
Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
City:	City:
Country:	Country:
Telephone:	Telephone:
E-mail:	E-mail:
Relationship to you:	Relationship to you:

YOUR NAME _____ MALE FEMALE

NATIONALITY _____ **AGE** _____ **EMAIL** _____

IN WHAT PROGRAM ARE YOU ENROLLED AT VIU? ESL Academic MBA

PREVIOUS YEAR'S HISTORY *(please indicate your main activity during the past year):*

attended high school attended college/university in labour force

PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU WERE LOCATED LAST YEAR:

home country another country British Columbia another Canadian province

PLEASE INDICATE HOW LONG YOU INTEND TO STAY IN THE HOMESTAY OR PEERSTAY PROGRAM:

1 to 2 months 1 semester Longer than one semester

- ◆ Do you smoke? Yes No Occasionally
- ◆ Would you live with someone who smokes? Yes No Doesn't matter
- ◆ What are your hobbies and interests? _____
- ◆ Do you plan to spend time with your host family? No Yes If yes, approximately how many hours per week? _____
- ◆ What types of things would you like to do with your host family? _____

FOOD: PLEASE INDICATE YOUR LIKES AND DISLIKES:

Food	Like	Dislike	Tolerate
Meat (pork, beef, lamb, etc.)			
Fish/seafood			
Poultry (chicken, turkey, etc.)			
Eggs			
Vegetables			
Dairy Products (milk, cheese, yogurt, etc.)			
Fruit			
Sandwiches			
Beans/lentils			
Other:			



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- Can you cook?
Do you have food allergies or require a special diet?
Are you allergic to animals?
Are you on medication?
Do you have any special physical needs?

PLEASE NOTE: If you require medication or are on a special diet, you MUST bring a letter from your doctor, in English, explaining the problem, the medication you require and any special considerations, such as foods you must not eat.

- Have you ever lived on your own?
Will you bring your own computer?
If you answered "no", please be aware that, if/when you use the host's computer, you will be expected to adhere to their computer and internet usage guidelines.

YOUR CHARACTER: outgoing, talkative, shy, quiet, independent, energetic, adapt easily, other

YOUR PREFERENCES: family with young children, family with teenagers, adult with no children, no preferences, family hosting another International Student

Additional comments/information:

PLEASE NOTE: Canada is a multicultural society that values and respects the diversity of all Canadians. Many different kinds of Canadian families participate in the Homestay and Peerstay programs.

Some families work full-time, while others work part-time and/or are retired. Every host family will have their own unique lifestyle, so please be open and willing to share and enjoy a meaningful Homestay or Peerstay experience with the host family we have selected for you.

I understand and agree with the information contained on this form. I further understand that Vancouver Island University staff will select a family based on the information I have provided and that they cannot guarantee that all my personal preferences will be met.

I hereby authorize Vancouver Island University to release information in this application to my host family.

Student Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian (Required if applicant is under 19 years of age)

Date

Signature of Agent/person assisting the student with this application.

Date



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HOMESTAY STUDENT LETTER OF AGREEMENT

The Vancouver Island University Homestay and Peerstay Programs are designed to promote friendship and language learning and to provide an opportunity for cultural exchange between Canadian families and the International students who attend Vancouver Island University.

While you are in Homestay, please expect to be treated with respect by your hosts. In turn, you must also respect and show your host every courtesy.

I AGREE TO:

1. Pay the Homestay fee of \$600 per month to my host family on the first day of each month, and to pay \$20.00 per night for any **additional** nights that I stay with my host family. I understand that the Homestay deposit I paid in advance to the VIU International Homestay and Peerstay Programs is not my first month's Homestay fee and that the deposit will be held by Vancouver Island University until I have left the Homestay program with proper notice.
2. Be responsible for all telephone expenses, including long distance calls and taxes. If I have my own telephone, I will pay the installation charge and monthly rental and usage charges. I will use a long distance telephone debit card if I use my host family's telephone. I will ask permission to make long distance calls on my host family's phone before I use it. I will not make long distance calls on my host family's phone during the last month of my stay, if at all possible.
3. Give minimum one month or THIRTY (30) DAYS NOTICE IN WRITING to my hosts before moving. Notice can be given on any day of the month, allowing me to move on the same day the following month. When mutually agreed between my Host family and myself, it is possible to leave with shorter notice.
4. Pay the Homestay fee for the entire thirty (30) day period after I give my host family notice, regardless of whether I remain in the Homestay for the full thirty (30) days, unless my host family agrees to shorter notice.
5. Become familiar with and understand the routines of the home I am staying in and follow those routines.
6. Discuss with my hosts any of my special requirements, preferences and interests so they can understand what I will need to feel comfortable.
7. Always tell my hosts if I will be away overnight and leave a telephone number where I can be contacted.
8. Always tell my hosts if I will not be home for the evening meal or if I will be arriving home late in the evening.
9. Ask my hosts permission before inviting guests to the home.
10. Clean my own room and change the bed sheets. Clean the bathroom after I use it. Help my hosts clean the dishes after the evening meal. Be prepared to do my own laundry, make my own breakfast and lunch, and assist in household duties as other family members do.
11. Arrange personal insurance for my possessions (neither Vancouver Island University nor the hosts will be responsible for the replacement of students' possessions that are lost or damaged).
12. In cases where I have a problem with my host family, the Homestay and Peerstay manager will help me talk to my hosts about the problem. Because Canadian customs are different from customs in my country, my hosts may not know that I am feeling uncomfortable. **PROBLEMS CAN ONLY BE SOLVED IF WE KNOW ABOUT THEM.**
13. Where it is not possible to resolve a problem, the Homestay and Peerstay manager will agree to move me as soon as possible. The manager will determine payment owed.
14. Be responsible for any unusual cleaning charges or damage that I cause during my stay.
15. I understand I will not receive my deposit refund until after I move out of my Homestay and have given appropriate notice to my host family.



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- 16. I understand that Vancouver Island University staff will select hosts from those available, based on the information I have provided and that they cannot guarantee that all my personal preferences will be met.
- 17. I understand and agree with all the information on the Homestay program provided by Vancouver Island University, and agree to the terms and conditions.

YOU MUST CONSULT THE MANAGER BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION TO MOVE.

Student Signature

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian *(Required if applicant is under 19 years of age)*

Date

Signature of Agent/person assisting the student with this application.

Date

NOTE: A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of \$600 and a non-refundable \$150 placement fee (total CDN \$750) must be enclosed with this application. You will not be matched with a host family or placed in a home until your deposit and placement fee are received. Completed applications must be received 6 weeks prior to student arrival.

IMPORTANT:

If you arrive outside of office hours (8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday) and do not have accommodations arranged, we highly recommend that you take a taxi to one of the following choices. Please ensure you leave a message at the Centre for International Education to let us know that you have arrived. When you call, remember to leave the location and phone number of where you are staying.

Our address is: **Vancouver Island University, 900 Fifth Street, Building 255, Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5, BC, Canada.** Telephone: (250) 740-6315; Fax: (250) 740-6471.

ACCOMMODATION CHOICES IN NANAIMO

- 1) **Coast Bastion Inn:** 11 Bastion St
Tel: **250-753-6601** Toll free: 1-800-716-6199 Fax: **250-753-4155** Website: www.coasthotels.com
- 2) **Travelodge Nanaimo** - 250 Terminal Avenue North
Tel: **250-716-1670** Toll free: 1-800- 667-0598 Fax: 250- 754-1301 Website: www.travelodgenanaimo.com
(\$68 and up per night plus taxes)
- 3) **Buccaneer Inn** - 1577 Stewart Avenue
Tel: **250-753-1246** Toll Free: 1-877-282-6337 Fax: 250-753-0507
Email: sleepwell@thebuccaneerinn.com (\$55 and up per night plus taxes)
- 4) **Departure Bay Motel** - 211 Estevan Road
Tel: **250-7542161** Fax: 250-754-3348
Website www.members.shaw.ca/depbaymo (\$45 and up per night plus taxes)
- 5) **Colonial Motel** - 950 Terminal Avenue
Tel: **250-754-4415** Fax: 250-754-4415, ext 100
Website: www.colonialmotel.ca (\$39--\$49 per night plus taxes)
- 6) **The Painted Turtle Guesthouse** – 121 Bastion Street
Tel: **250-753-4432** Cell: 250-618-0512
Website: www.paintedturtle.ca (\$24 and up per night plus taxes)



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Fee Payment Form

Fax: 1-250-740-6471

Name of Student: _____ Birthdate: _____ M / F

Name of Sender/Agent: _____

Date Sent: _____ Amount: \$ _____

PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX TO OUR OFFICE ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR BANK TRANSFER RECEIPT OR CHEQUE

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Cheque (payable to Vancouver Island University) is in the mail
- MC/Visa/Amex No: _____ Expiry date: _____

Cardholder Name: _____

- I have wired fees to the following:

*Royal Bank of Canada, Main Branch
205 Commercial Street, Nanaimo, B.C., CANADA
Bank No. 003 Branch No. 03120 Account No. 0000695
Swift Code: ROYCCAT2
Beneficiary – Vancouver Island University
Details of Payment – please give Student’s Name and Birth Date*

Please write student name and birth of date on all financial transactions - cheques, money orders, bank transfers, and direct deposits. Bank charges are the responsibility of the sender.
All fees quoted are in Canadian dollars and are subject to change.

DETAILS OF PAYMENT

Deposit (\$ 600.00) _____

Placement Fee (\$150.00) _____

Total Amount: CDN US \$ _____



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Fax: 250-740-6471

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND FAX A COPY TO US BEFORE DEPARTING
FROM YOUR COUNTRY**

Name of Student: _____

Birthdate: _____ Male Female

Arrival at **VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:**

Date _____ Time _____

Airline _____ Flight Number _____

***If you wish to be met at the Vancouver airport, please see **Arrival Services** below.*

Arrival at **NANAIMO AIRPORT:**

Date _____ Time _____

Airline _____ Flight Number _____

Arrival at **NANAIMO FERRY TERMINAL:**

Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay - Date: _____ Time: _____

or

Tsawassen to Duke Point - Date: _____ Time: _____

Arrival Services

If students are not making a connecting flight to Nanaimo Airport (YCD) from Vancouver International (YVR) and would like assistance to any of the ferry services (BC Ferries), or harbour to harbour float planes, please contact [Beaton's Meet and Greet](http://www.beatonsmeetandgreet.com), by e-mail at obe@shaw.ca or visit their website at <http://www.beatonsmeetandgreet.com> to reserve online. They will be happy to meet students at the exit from the arrivals area at YVR and transport them to the ferry or float plane service that they have chosen. They will also assist students to purchase a ticket on their Vancouver to Nanaimo transportation and make sure that if they are staying with a host family in Nanaimo, that they are called to be ready to pick the student up at the appropriate location.

- If your flight from Vancouver to Nanaimo is delayed or cancelled, please ask a staff at the Airline Information Desk for assistance and find out when your flight will be rescheduled. Please notify our office when there are changes to your travel plans.
- Please contact our office as soon as possible after your arrival for information about student orientations, classes and assessments.
- If Homestay/Peerstay is not arranged with Vancouver Island University, there is an airport shuttle service available for a nominal fee. <http://www.nanaimoairporter.com> Taxi's are available from both ferry terminals

CONTACT INFORMATION

<p>Vancouver Island University International Homestay Department Building 255, 900 Fifth Street Nanaimo, BC V9R 5S5 Telephone: 250-740-6159 Fax: 250-740-6471 Email: homestay@viu.ca</p>	<p>Western Student Housing VIU Student Residence 750 Fourth Street Nanaimo, BC V9R 6C5 Telephone: 250-754-6338 Fax: 250-754-4291 Email: manager@viuresidences.ca</p>
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