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1. Welcome to SFU

Welcome! SFU Career Services and the Arts and Social Sciences Co-op Department are so pleased that you are participating in our signature event, "What Can I Do in Government?". Your presence and insights are greatly appreciated by us and by the students. This is a great opportunity for students to network, explore, and learn about work in the public sector.

Please read through this package carefully and contact Samantha Grandinetti (acproj@sfu.ca) or Abbas Virji (csasst2@sfu.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

2. Event Details

a) Overview

11:30 - 12:10 Welcome Luncheon
12:20 - 12:30 Opening Remarks
12:30 - 13:30 First Session
13:30 - 13:45 Networking
13:45 - 14:00 Break
14:00 - 14:10 Opening Remarks - Second Session
14:10 - 15:10 Second Session
15:10 - 15:30 Networking

b) Luncheon

There will be a Welcome Luncheon held in the West Mall Atrium (third floor) from 11:30-12:10. Please arrive by 11:30 for the luncheon. If you are not participating in the luncheon, please arrive for the event no later than 12:10.

**Note: The West Mall atrium is located on the third floor of the West Mall Complex, right above Tim Horton's. Please refer to the following map for more information: <http://www.sfu.ca/campuses/maps-and-directions/burnaby-map.html>*

c) Session Details

Date: Thursday, January 30th

Session Time: 11:30 – 15:30

Location: SFU Burnaby Campus – West Mall Atrium third floor

d) Event Preparation

Please feel free to bring any promotional materials (brochures, flyers, etc.) you feel would be beneficial for students and recent graduates to take away.

e) Event Format

This event uses a “Philosopher Café’s” approach which means we simply want you to engage in conversation with our session participants about your career and work. Students and recent graduates will move from table to table which gives them a chance to interact with a number of our table hosts (that's you!) during the event. We'll be providing the students with your biography and some suggested questions, topics for discussion to get the conversation rolling. The questions are included below.

Sample Questions

WORKING IN GOVERNMENT

- *How did you discover that working in government was right for you?*
- *What are some of the benefits of working in government?*
- *What are some of the challenges you face? What types of skills are necessary to overcome those challenges?*
- *Does your job require you to be bilingual?*
- *What advice/tips do you have for someone interested in working for the government?*
- *How important is volunteering and networking at helping you get your foot in the door?*
- *What types of positions are available for co-op students and/or recent graduates in your organization?*
- *What part of your position do you find the most rewarding or enjoyable?*

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

- *What do you consider good websites when searching for government employment?*
- *What do you generally look for in resumes and cover letters? What type of experience do you think would be most beneficial?*
- *Are there any recruitment strategies that are common to the public sector?*
- *What is the working environment in the region/field you work? (e.g. casual, formal, etc.)*

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- *What kind of experiences and challenges does work in the public sector offer?*
- *What is the hiring process like for government jobs?*
- *Do you have any hints or suggestions for preparing for government interviews?*

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- *Is there room for internal movement? (lateral or upwards)*
- *What are some of the challenges, and what do you think is the best way to overcome those challenges?*
- *Why should students choose government over the private sector? (Your own personal opinion is appreciated)*

3. General

a) Getting to SFU

SFU Burnaby is served by frequent public transit service, connecting it to Downtown Vancouver, Surrey and the rest of Metro Vancouver via four convenient bus routes (135, 143, 144 & 145) and SkyTrain. For more information on how you can take transit to the SFU Burnaby campus, please visit TransLink's website.

FROM THE EAST (TOWARDS VANCOUVER)

- A) Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) going west -- take the Gaglardi Way exit #37.
- B) Lougheed Highway (Highway 7) going west -- turn right (north) onto Gaglardi Way.

FROM THE WEST (TOWARDS TRI-CITIES/SURREY)

- A) Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) going east -- take the Gaglardi Way exit #37.
- B) Lougheed Highway (Highway 7) going east -- turn left (north) at Gaglardi Way.
- C) Hastings Street (Highway 7A) going east -- take the right lane exit at the traffic light at Barnet Highway (just past the pedestrian overpass). Continue on towards Burnaby Mountain Parkway.

FROM THE SOUTH

- A) Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) going northwest -- take the Gaglardi Way exit #37.

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**Note: We will also provide an all-day covered parking pass free of charge. If you are not driving your own vehicle to this event, please contact Abbas Virji (csasst2@sfu.ca) or Samantha Grandinetti (acproj@sfu.ca) no later than Monday, January 28th 2014.*

You may pick up your parking pass from the Campus Security office at the Transportation Centre building. Please see the following for maps and directions.

b) Maps & Directions

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICE

The Transportation Centre lies over the main road into the campus between the West Mall Complex in the west and Convocation Mall in the east. The Campus Security office is located on the ground floor.



Picking Up Your Parking Pass

The campus security office, the small building located in the middle of the photograph to the left, is where parking passes are picked up. You can temporarily stop on the curb side of Gaglardi Way to pick up your pass. Please note that the middle two parking stalls are for SFU Security vehicles only.



West Mall Complex Parkade

Located on the west side of campus in close proximity to the pool, gym, Residences and in West Mall Complex.

Proceed through the tunnel and turn LEFT at the STOP sign, then turn LEFT again at the FIRST roadway you see.

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Convocation Mall Visitor Parkade

Take a right turn onto the ramp to enter the Convocation Mall Visitors Parking and proceed to the second level for parking.

Located centrally in close proximity to the W.A.C. Bennett Library and the Maggie Benston Student Services Building.

Directions:

1. Drive under the RIGHT tunnel at the University's Campus Security Information Centre.
2. When UNDER the tunnel, turn RIGHT and up the ramp at the entrance to the Convocation Mall Parkade, and proceed to Level 9.

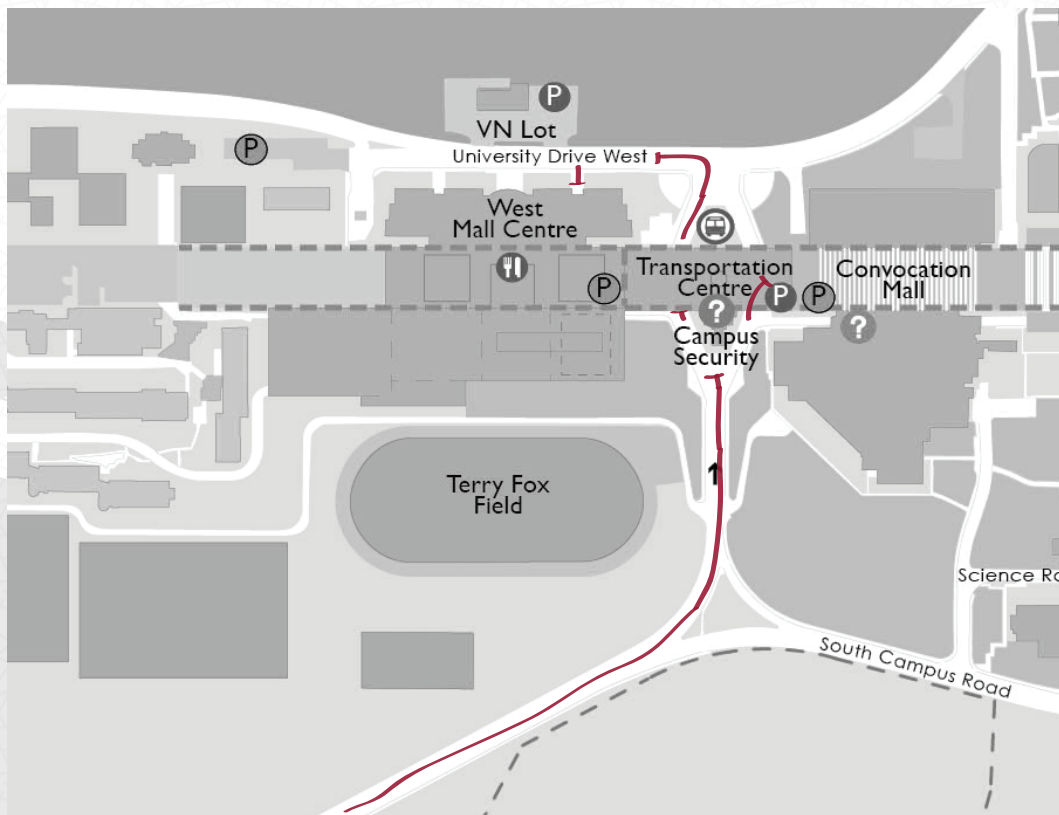
c) Map of Campus

To get to the Burnaby campus, please visit:

<http://www.sfu.ca/campuses/maps-and-directions/burnaby-map.html>

For a detailed map of the campus, please visit:

http://www.sfu.ca/fs/files/Campus_Profile/Campus_Maps/sfu_campus_map_2013_14x8_handout_color.pdf



Entering From Gaglardi Way

The campus security office will be on your left if you veer toward the right of the fork, where the road splits. The Convocation Mall parkade is just a few metres down from the office, and the West Mall parkade is two left turns away.