Congratulations! You have chosen the University of Regina for your Spring Explore ESL program and have been accepted. You will have numerous occasions to use and practice your English language skills, while discovering western Canada, Saskatchewan, an English-speaking province. The registration fee for the course is $275 (non-refundable). All students must stay in Residence on the University of Regina campus. Your bursary does NOT cover transportation costs to come to Regina, you must arrange and pay for your own transportation. Your bursary DOES cover the cost of all meals in the campus cafeteria. Additionally you may purchase snacks.

**Start of the Course**
Placement tests will be conducted at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10th with orientation activities immediately after. Please make arrangements to arrive in Regina in the afternoon or during the evening of Thursday, May 09th.

**End of the Course**
Participation through to the last day of the course, June 11th, and in the closing activities on that afternoon or evening, is mandatory. Students must leave their residence room before noon on June 12th unless other arrangements are made between the student and Residence Services. Meals are paid for by the student after breakfast on June 12, 2019.

**Arrival in Regina**
You MUST inform us of the date and time of your arrival.

When you arrive in Regina, you will need to come to the University. A taxi will cost approximately $25 and the ride will take 20 minutes or less. Please come to Wakpa Tower at the University of Regina. Your taxi driver will know this place.

Upon arrival, please check in with our student assistants or with the Commissionaire at the South Residence kiosk just inside the door, if students are not there. You will be assigned your room & given a room key. You will have immediate access to the internet for your laptop computer if you bring your own cable to connect to the network. There is also wireless internet access available in rooms and throughout the campus.

**Accommodation and Meals**
NOTE: The Explore Program Bursary covers your accommodation and meals from supper on May 9th to breakfast on June 12th. Before and after that date, you must pay for your accommodation and meals.
If your room is damaged during your occupancy, Residence Services has the right to require payment for the cost of repairs. You must also pay for replacement of lost keys (approximately $50). Certificates for completion of Explore will not be issued until all outstanding charges are resolved.

If you arrive before or stay after the program dates (May 9th – June 12th, 2016), you must contact Residence Services at: Tel: (306) 585-5450 or by e-mail at: residences@uregina.ca. You MUST book your own reservations and pay for the extra time you wish to stay. The cost of any extra time in Residence is approximately $50/night.

**Explore Program**

A. Placement Test – The Placement Test, conducted on Friday, May 10th, will be used to decide your class level. This test is mandatory for all Explore participants.

B. Class Work – Your attendance in classes, scheduled 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., is mandatory.

C. Course Credit – The University of Regina **does not offer credit** for Explore as even the highest level of Explore is not sufficient to attain University of Regina credits. However, institutions in Quebec compare the content of the Explore course to that of English language immersion courses offered at Quebec colleges and universities and often provide appropriate credit for this English immersion course. **Students must apply to their own institution in Quebec for credit.** If you leave before the end of the program you will not receive credit or a Certificate of your participation.

D. Warning and Expulsion System – By accepting this bursary, you have agreed to comply by the terms of the attached Warning and Expulsion System.

**Sports and Leisure**

Many activities will be offered. Be sure to bring what you will need to participate in other activities you like (for example, bring your swim suit, tennis racquet, or running gear). Explore students will be given unlimited access to the Fitness Centre and the swimming pool during daily open swim times throughout the program for only $45.

We suggest that you bring at least $450 for the cost of optional activities, souvenirs and meals on excursions. Optional activities can be organized according to students’ interests. Throughout all outings, sports activities, visits and meetings, participants are supervised by cultural assistants and/or instructors.

**Weekends**

There are no weekends off during the five week Explore program and most weekends have an activity planned for students.

You must have your own medical insurance and travel insurance in case of emergency.
**Bank Services**
There are three automated tellers on campus (Conexus, CIBC and Royal Bank).

**Parking**
If you are bringing a car, a parking permit is mandatory. You may purchase your parking permit through the University of Regina Parking Services (http://www.uregina.ca/fm/parking/) when you register.

**Weather in Regina**
Situated on the Canadian prairies, Regina experiences dry warm summers and cold, dry winters, prone to extremes at all times of the year. Daytime spring/summer temperatures are between 20°C and 35°C and night temperatures are between 5°C and 15°C. Be sure to bring appropriate clothing – items for hot days and cooler evenings.

For further information, contact us at:
   Telephone: (306) 337-3235 or (306) 585-4585
   E-mail: Loanne.Myrah@uregina.ca

If you leave a message, be sure to say your name and telephone number **SLOWLY** so that we may return your call.