

SOAR Parent Session Summary

Student Engagement & Support

Residence:

Virtual residence experience for 2020 is being developed for incoming students

Orientation Week and Year-Long Engagement:

- Virtual O-Week and ongoing activities throughout the year will take place
- Students can engage with peers with similar interests (clubs), in their classes (study groups), and those in their virtual residence groups
- Although virtual, the first year engagement strategy is still individualized for all students, and flexible based on Huron's operations

Wellness Support:

- Creative approach to all programming offered for the year
- Virtual counselling provided to students

Advising:

 Advisors are central piece of support for students. They can direct students to Wellness, Career Development, Student Engagement, and the Library & Writing Services

Community Safety:

Proactive approach to offering programming, events, training and outreach

Career Development Centre

- Students encouraged to connect with their Career Development Coordinator at onset of their time at Huron to map out their short and long-term career objectives
- All students have the opportunity to engage in a PAID internship prior to graduating
- Huron is one of only 2 institutions in Canada to have a partnership with the Harvard Business School
- Regular opportunities for students to engage in professional development and have direct interactions with employers

Financial Aid

OSAP:

- Students apply on-line beginning in June
- Distributed in two installments; 60% of funds arrive in September, balance in January
- Must complete on-line application by July 15th and all supporting documentation by July 30th

Bursaries:

- Non-repayable grants awarded to students who demonstrate financial need via application process
- No deadline



Financial Aid continued

Work Study:

- Employment opportunity with campus departments for students demonstrating financial need;
 requires an application
- Pays minimum wage and hours are scheduled around students' classes

Student Accounts

Statement of Accounts:

- Statements posted on Huron's Finance portal by mid-July once students have enrolled in courses www.huronatwestern.ca/fees
- Scholarships and Bursaries to be applied to the student's account late July-through August.
 Scholarships can be deducted from Instalment 1 or will be reimbursed through a cheque

Payment Deadlines:

- Instalment 1 or Full Payment:
 - International Students: August 1, 2020
 - Domestic Students: August 15, 2020
- Instalment 2:
 - ALL Students: December 1, 2020

Optional Fees:

 Health & Dental Plan: students can opt-out with proof of adequate coverage through www.studentbenefits.ca

RESP - Enrollment Confirmation:

 Verification of Enrollment for RESP purposes are available through the Student Support Services and online

www.huronatwestern.ca/parent-information

Release of Information:

- Parents/Guardians/Third Parties cannot access student accounts/information without a signed Release of Information provided by the student
- All information on Financial Aid and Student Accounts and necessary forms are available on the website: www.huronatwestern.ca/money-matters

Academic Structures and Expectations

- 3 hours of instruction per course (usually)
- 2-3 hours of work for every hour of instruction time
- Professors available via email or Zoom.
- Critical to ask for help early
- Critical to keep up



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