Topic: Questions for the On-Boarding of Spring 2021

Date: 23.12.2020

Time: 9.00 pm IST

Snigdha

1. Most of them have done with their housing search, for later which landlords to prefer henceforth?
2. Where to buy what stuff required there, name of stores etc? Considering the quarantine period, do stores have a home delivery policy in general till we are out of quarantine?
3. Some initiatives or activities that you would like to suggest that happen in the university to participate in?
4. What are the maximum credits that you can register for? Is it a good idea to register yourself for more credits if they’re free and its impact on the resume?
5. How’s the availability of Indian groceries in buffalo for masalas, cereals, pulses & their affordability?
6. When does our university health insurance kick in? Before term starts which health insurance is preferable?
7. What things to pack for winters? Also cereal pulses can be carried from India or should be purchased there?
8. Which health insurance to take if not ub's.
9. Carrying of oils, creams, seeds, pulses in the checked in bag
10. Will the jobs be available this spring?
11. Do we have dell or apple stores inside the university to buy laptops and phones?
12. Pros and cons for thesis VS project masters in MS at UB
13. Must bring essentials from India.
14. What's your take on having bicycles there apart from the snow months?
15. Covid test required after arrival and what is the available facility or procedure for the same.
16. Is travel insurance required or UB insurance will cover?
17. what basic groceries can we take from here...can we take home made ghee?
18. What are provisions for eating outside? Like is the university dining recommended for monthly plans ?
19. Does insurance cover Covid?
20. How much does a Covid test cost there?
21. Do we need prescriptions for all the medicines that we carry?
22. which insurance would you recommend I found gradly insurance premium for 1200$ and UB one is for 1800$

Dixit

1. How to move around Buffalo, like what's the best mode of transport to use, is it free for students? Commute within buffalo - available options for University and other areas
2. Credit cards? Yes or no?
3. Should we apply for an international driving permit or is the Indian permit good for now? Also explain about NY State driving permit?
4. Which bank should we prefer for opening a new account? What questions to ask the manager to get the best deal?
5. Which forex card works best and is acceptable at most places?
6. How much emergency reserve to keep aside?
7. How reliable is prodigy finance? Any reviews?
8. Best wifi connection with respect to speed and price vise
9. About wire transfer by the bank to the UB in case of the Loan
10. Mode of transport from Buffalo airport to apartment
11. Should we open NRE/NRO account
12. How to get Canada tourist visa
13. Sim Card & Driving Licence issue
14. how difficult is it to get an on campus job at any place other than cdc...say library
15. what would be the average living expenses for a month?
16. College ID card & when & how Bank a/c opening (Will be covered during time line explanation)
17. Immigration documents, methods, form to be filled ( when & where ) (Timeline question)
18. About class registrations & on boarding of classes (timeline question)