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Dear Partners,

ESLI Trinity Western University would like to thank you for your continued support in entrusting your students into our care for their studies and academic experience in Canada. We are taking that responsibility very serious during this current pandemic and would like to update you on what is happening with students currently enrolled in our program and how we are preparing to move forward as one semester ends and another begins.

On March 13, 2020, ESLI made the decision to move all of our classes to an online format for the final 4 weeks of classes. I am happy to report that no classes were missed during the transition. All of our students are now meeting daily with their teachers online and seem satisfied with the quality of their instruction, and with their access to support outside of class time. All students and teachers meet face to face online at their regular times each day using Zoom and Schoology.

We have **postponed our Summer semester start date from April 27 to May 11** to allow more time for the pandemic to subside. If the pandemic situation has not improved by the end of April, and if flights are still limited and social distancing is still in place we are hoping not to have to cancel our summer semester and defer students' arrival until September. If there is enough interest, we would like to offer a new option for students not yet in Canada, who intended on beginning ESLI in May and do not wish to defer their start date to September.

Students who have paid their admission deposit and have already received a visa to come to Canada can register and join classes online from their home country and then transition to classes on campus when it is safe and prudent to do so. If they have access to the Internet, Zoom and Schoology in their country and if the time zone difference doesn't bother them, they can join our current students in class during our regular class times (these can be adjusted slightly to find times that will work best in multiple time zones). They will complete the same curriculum and receive the same credential as if they had studied the full program on campus in our regular classroom.

For students in countries where Zoom and/or Schoology are not accessible, if we have at least 10 students from the same country, we can create a cohort and use conferencing software that is available to them in their country and in Canada.

Students who applied and received a Letter of Acceptance from Trinity Western University or ESLI and who have not yet received a visa/study permit to study in Canada, are welcome to join our online classes as well. However they will need to pay for the online program directly to ESLI. If their visa is denied and they provide the denial letter to TWU, they will receive a refund of their admission deposit to TWU, as per the TWU refund policy. If they do receive a visa during or after Summer 2020 semester, their admission deposit will remain in their student account and will be credited towards their Fall 2020 tuition.

Benefits of beginning the semester in May instead of deferring to September include:

1. Students can stay on track with their study plan timeline.

2. Students can save money by living and working at home while they study, instead of paying for room/board/transportation in Canada. (Students are not allowed to work off-campus in Canada while studying in a language school)
3. Undergraduate students who are in our Pre-University level in the summer (students who register in Summer Semester with an IELTS 5.5) will be able to begin their first year university studies at the beginning of the academic school year in September and will be able to work off campus.
4. Graduate students in our Pre-Masters 2 Level (students who register in Summer Semester with an IELTS 6.5) will be able to begin their graduate program in September and will be able to work off campus beginning in September.

We will be reaching out to all students who have applied for our Summer Semester with this information soon, as many are concerned as to what their options are if the pandemic continues to disrupt international travel and classes on campus.

If you would like to set up a special online cohort for your students, please let me know and we will be happy to work with you on this.

Sincerely,



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