



## The international student experience: a focus on induction and welcome week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Glasgow Caledonian University  
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*We will consider the challenges and obstacles faced by international students and will put forward ideas, strategies and a toolkit to enhance the overall experience of welcome week for incoming exchange, top-up or full degree-seeking students.*

10:00 – 10:10	<b>Welcome</b> <i>Professor James Miller, Deputy Vice Chancellor, Glasgow Caledonian University</i>
10:10 – 10:40	<b>Setting the scene: induction week at Glasgow Caledonian University – an overview</b> <i>Jackie Main, Director of Student Life, Glasgow Caledonian University</i>
10:40 – 11:30	<b>Experiencing and understanding what it means to be an international student</b> <i>Riddi Viswanathan, International Student's Officer, University of Manchester</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<b>Supporting the engagement and experience of international students in group-work activities</b> <i>Suzanne Faulkner, Teaching Fellow, University of Strathclyde</i>
13:00 – 13:45	<b>Lunch</b>
13:45 – 14:45	<b>Adapting to a new environment: understanding the international student journey</b> <i>Elspeth Jones, Emerita Professor, Internationalisation in Higher Education, Leeds Beckett University</i>
14:45 – 15:30	<b>Troubleshooting strategies: survival in a post-Brexit world, turning negatives into positives and developing a toolkit to enhance the student experience</b> <i>Elissa Williams, Global Education Manager, Keele University (and colleagues)</i>
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Tea/coffee break</b>
15:45 – 16:30	<b>A discussion about the impact of study abroad on academic achievement</b> Led by <i>Professor Paul James Cardwell PFHEA, University of Strathclyde</i> Following a presentation of his research, published in the European Journal of Higher Education, January 2019

Planning your journey:

Glasgow Caledonian University's single-site campus sits in the centre of Glasgow, with easy access to all air, rail and road links.

By rail: The University is situated within easy walking distance of both [Glasgow Queen Street Station](#) and [Glasgow Central Station](#). For details of train times, visit the [National Rail Enquiries Service](#).

By air: [Glasgow Airport](#) is situated approximately 10 miles to the west of the City Centre and is linked to the City Centre with a regular (every 20 minutes) bus service to [Buchanan Bus Station](#) which is opposite the University.

By bus: The University is only 200 yards from [Buchanan Bus Station](#), in the City Centre.