## Sample Letter of Invitation from Supervisor to Visiting Student (with COVID Caveat)

## (copy of this letter should be kept by the University of Guelph department)

 (Note: Letterhead of the Unit, U of G) Supervisor, University of Guelph

Department Address

***Re:  Request to be a Visiting International Research Student***

Dear Student Name,

As a registered student enrolled in the Degree name & Program of Study in the department of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the University of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I am pleased to confirm the arrangements for you, visitor name, (email address), to join the Department of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the University of Guelph as a Visiting International  Research Student under the Name of program or external funding or agency (if applicable).  This letter does not constitute official acceptance to the University of Guelph as a Visiting International Research Student but merely serves to clarify the terms of your stay once it is approved. You will receive official acceptance under separate cover from the University of Guelph Office of Open Learning and Educational Support. That official acceptance can be used to obtain the appropriate permit for your entry into Canada. Pending your official acceptance, your stay as a Visiting International Research Student will be provisional from *arrival date (MMMM DD, YYYY to departure date MMMM DD, YYYY*  (not to exceed 6 months) and you will be expected to undertake your academic activities on a full-time basis for the duration of your stay.

**You will be a registered student while at the University of Guelph. You are not an employee and will not receive a salary or other compensation for your work while pursuing your academic research activities. Please ensure that you are clear with immigration officials that you will be a student at the University of Guelph and undertaking academic research at Guelph related to your degree at home. To determine what documents you need to enter Canada go to** [**https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/study-permit-tool.html**](https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/study-permit-tool.html)and indicate you are staying for 6 months or less. **Do not apply for a study permit.**

Your research/training will consist of outline research topic or nature of /training.  Your stay will be governed by the by-laws, rules, regulations, policies, procedures and practices of the University of Guelph, including but not limited to those relating to student’s rights and responsibilities, research ethics, human rights and environmental health and safety.  Information regarding University of Guelph policies is available at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies/>.

You will not receive financial support from the University of Guelph and should ensure you have sufficient funds to cover the duration of your visit. While you will not be required to pay regular tuition fees to the University of Guelph, you will be charged an initial administrative fee of $200.00 and an additional monthly fee of $85.00, which includes Guard.me International Health Insurance. You must be registered and pay fees for all months that you will be registered at the University of Guelph.

Paragraph(s) with departmental details.

To signify that you and your home institution agree to the terms of your stay and to register as a *Visiting International Research Student*, please [complete the online registration process here](https://courses.opened.uoguelph.ca/portal/events/reg/participantTypeSelection.do?method=load&entityId=43000188) and upload a completed copy of this letter with all required signatures.

Please ensure that this registration is completed *at least* one month in advance of your visit to allow time to process any documentation related to your stay.

Upon completion of your online registration and payment of fees, you will receive an acceptance letter from the Office of Open Learning and Educational Support. That official acceptance letter should be used to obtain any required entry permit from the Government of Canada.

Best regards,

**University of Guelph Supervising Professor**

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**University of Guelph Department Chair**

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**Home Institution Supervising Professor**

We the undersigned agree to the terms as set out above:

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**Home Institution Department Chair**

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