



What is CAMPUS FRIENDS (CF)?

Campus Friends (CF) is a partnership between Community Living Guelph Wellington (CLGW) and the University of Guelph - Campus and Community Integrated Learning, Experiential Learning Hub. CF connects University of Guelph student volunteers (known as Mentors) with adults who have a developmental disability (known as CF students) to promote successful individualized student-based campus experiences.

CF Students are paired 1:1 with a mentor and attend the UofG one day per week from 9am to 3pm, starting in September and ending in April. (The full CAMPUS FRIENDS Program is 3 years long).

CAMPUS FRIENDS facilitates opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to experience university student life with mentorship support. CAMPUS FRIENDS experiences allow each person to explore their own potential and discover their talents and strengths as adult learners.

What will I do at the University?

Different things - just like other University of Guelph Students. Your schedule will be created based on the things you want to learn and experience, formally and informally, combined with what's available on the day you attend CAMPUS FRIENDS.

A typical day is a combination of the opportunities listed below:

- Academics
- Volunteering
- Athletics/Recreation
- Special Events
- Networking/Student Interactions

ACADEMICS

Some CF Students sit in on a lecture/class once or twice; some go more than that. It really depends on what subjects you are interested in learning about, what classes are scheduled the day you attend CAMPUS FRIENDS and if the professor is open to classroom visitors.

Do I have to attend a class at the University?

Each CF student is encouraged to sit in on a university class at least twice per term. This will give you a chance to find out for yourself what happens in a university class. (It's kind of like trying food you aren't sure about ... You'll never know what it tastes like until you try it).

VOLUNTEERING

All CF Students do some kind of volunteering on campus. Past options have included volunteering at the University Bookstore, the Field House, CFRU Radio, and the Sustainability Office as a member of the “Green Team”.

ATHLETICS/RECREATION

CF Students have access to the athletic centre and sporting facilities (gymnasiums, track, ice rink, field house, fitness centre, and pool). While instructor led classes are open to officially registered University of Guelph students only, some exceptions are possible.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Central Student Association (CSA) hosts a variety of events: live music concerts and art shows; University clubs hold ongoing sponsored events and activities. In addition, there are events honouring special holidays, special lectures, and social causes. The list is endless!

NETWORKING/STUDENT INTERACTIONS

Meeting people is a big part of CAMPUS FRIENDS. Like any student, there are lots of formal and informal ways to make friends by attending a class, going for coffee, eating lunch, working out, volunteering, learning, and sharing together, etc.!

Check out the CAMPUS FRIENDS Facebook page from the past couple years for a closer look ...
<https://www.facebook.com/universityofguelphcampusfriends/>

NOTE: The information provided above is based upon the assumption that CAMPUS FRIENDS 2023-2024 will take place on campus and in person.

If virtual only options are required by those at the University, Students accepted into CAMPUS FRIENDS for 2023-2024 will be given the choice to attend virtually or ‘pause’ their involvement until in person activities can safely resume.

If CAMPUS FRIENDS is held virtually in the Fall and/or Winter Semester:

- The cost to attend is reduced from \$750.00 per term to \$562.50 per term. (Payment plans are available) .

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