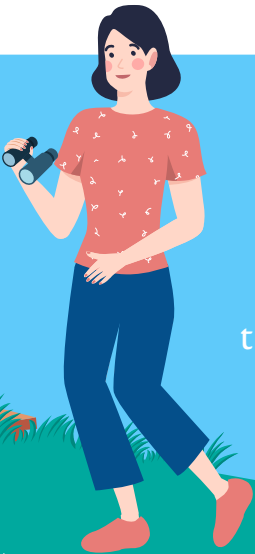


Leslie's Journey



Leslie arrived in Cape Breton in September 2021 from China as an international student. She really enjoys her life in Cape Breton because of the fantastic natural scenery and the nice people here. She hopes to settle down in Cape Breton after graduation.



FIRST CONTACT

The **Cape Breton University (CBU) International Students' Office** helped her a lot when she arrived. After volunteering at the Hello Cape Breton event, she also made some new connections through the **Cape Breton Island Centre for Immigration**, which also helped with challenges she was experiencing.

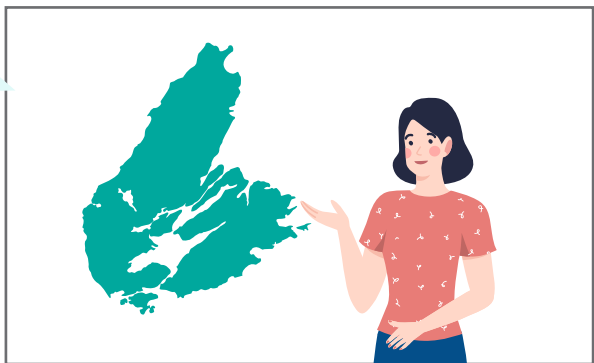
BASIC NEEDS

After arriving, Leslie visited local banks to apply for her bank cards. She went to **Service Canada** to apply for her Social Insurance Number (SIN) and to **Access Nova Scotia** to book the written test for her driver's licence. She applied for her **Medical Services Insurance (MSI)** health card by phone.



VOLUNTEER AND WORK EXPERIENCE

As an MBA student at **CBU**, Leslie has participated in **EduNova's Study and Stay Program**. She has also volunteered with various organizations including **New Dawn, CBICI, Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation, Motionball Cape Breton, CBU Students' Union Women's Centre, CBU Students' Union Multicultural Hub**, and more. These enriching volunteer experiences even helped her in finding jobs. She currently works part-time at the **Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centre, Athletics Department**, and **Advising Centre** at CBU.



COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

Through her MBA in Community Economic Development at CBU Leslie really enjoys sharing what she has learned with the community. Last year she set up a **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Business Society** with the **Students' Union**. The society was created to help more students learn about Cape Breton, the local business environment, relevant local knowledge, and how to stay in Cape Breton after graduation.

