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Application Deadline: Friday, May 31 by 12:00 p.m.

Required Peer Mentor Training: September 2019

Required International Student Orientation: Sept. 11 & 12

2019 – 2020 ACADEMIC YEAR



INTERNATIONAL PEER MENTOR PROGRAM **{Volunteer Opportunity!}**

Position Announcement:

The International Peer Mentor Program connects new international students with current Clark College students who are interested in helping international students in their Clark College and cultural transition. International Peer Mentors will help new international students acclimate to life at Clark College and in the U.S. during Orientation and by inviting them to activities and social events, introducing them to many of the College traditions such as sporting events, theatre productions, Spring Thing, International Education Week and the Sakura Festival. New international students will be assigned to an International Peer Mentor prior to the start of the quarter by the International Programs Office. Selected students will be assigned to groups consisting of approximately three to five international students. This one-year volunteer appointment is a great opportunity to build important intercultural leadership skills!

Mentor Selection Criteria:

- ✓ Ability to commit to a one (academic) year appointment
- ✓ Must have completed at least two quarters at Clark College
- ✓ Must be a current Clark College student enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits
- ✓ Must have a GPA of 2.5 or above
- ✓ Submit Two Recommendation Forms (can be from Clark College faculty or staff, employers, coaches, or minister for example. Recommendations may not be from the International Programs staff.)
- ✓ Must interview with the International Programs Office
- ✓ Must pass a criminal background check (conducted by Clark College)
- ✓ Mentors are required to attend a **one-week** training provided by International Programs and the **two-day** Orientation for new international students (make-up trainings are not available).

Mentoring Requirements & Responsibilities (You must be able to participate in the following activities):

- International Peer Mentor Training (September 2019, *exact dates TBD*)
- International Student Orientations (September 11-12, 2019, December 18-19, 2019 & March 25-26, 2020)
- Attend quarterly area excursions (ie: Multnomah Falls, Portland Saturday Market, OMSI)
- Attend all scheduled Peer Mentor meetings (dates & times are to be determined)
- Initiate and maintain contact with your group throughout the quarter (at least 3 times per quarter)
- Invite your partners to join you in campus and community activities throughout the quarter
- Maintain contact with the International Programs Office throughout the quarter and respond to monthly update request
- Complete a monthly time log to document time spent volunteering

Program Benefits: Develop leadership and cross-cultural communication skills, learn about other cultures, earn an Intercultural Leadership Certificate and references for future global leadership positions!

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International Peer Mentor Program

APPLICATION for Mentors

2019 - 2020 DEADLINE: FRIDAY, May 31, 2019 by 12:00p.m.

- ❖ Name: _____
- ❖ SID Number: _____ Gender: _____
- ❖ Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____
- ❖ Alternate E-mail Address: _____
- ❖ Major: _____ Available Quarters: Fall 2019
 Winter 2020
 Spring 2020
- ❖ How did you hear about this opportunity? _____
- ❖ Will you be able to attend the **required Peer Mentor Trainings** in **September 2019**?
 Yes No Maybe
- ❖ Will you be able to attend the **required International Student Orientation** on **September 11-12, 2019**?
 Yes No Maybe
- ❖ Will you have time throughout the quarter to connect with your international student partners (at least 3 times per quarter, weekly contact is preferred)? Yes No Maybe
- ❖ Identify some challenges that students face when they go to college in a different country:

- ❖ Please list any organizations, programs, or activities on campus and in the community that you are involved with:

- ❖ Please write a brief statement describing why you are interested in becoming an International Student Mentor:

Submit this **form** along with an **unofficial transcript** and **two recommendation forms** to the International Programs Office (GHL 216) or JShulnak@clark.edu no later than **Friday, May 31, 2019 @ 12:00p.m.**
For Questions Contact: Clark College | Office of International Programs, GHL 216 | Tel: (360) 992-2390 | jshulnak@clark.edu



Recommendation Form for International Peer Mentors

Applicant/Student's Name: _____

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Recommender's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Title/Position: _____

City/State: _____

Length of time you have known the applicant: _____

Relationship to the applicant: _____

Please fill out the chart below, indicating the applicant's skill level in each of the following areas:

Skill	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	No basis for judgment
Leadership Ability						
Teamwork						
Dependability						
Attitude						
Time Management						
Cultural Sensitivity						
Communication Skills						

1. One of the goals of the International Peer Mentor program is to help students integrate into life at Clark College and gain a better understanding of American culture. How do you feel this applicant would help students adjust to their new environment?

2. Please describe this applicant's communication style.

3. Do you think this applicant would be able to make sure that everyone felt included and respected? Please explain why or why not.

4. Based on your observations of this applicant, do you have any concerns about their ability to partner with and mentor students who have a diverse set of backgrounds, languages, cultures, and ideas? Please explain.

Other comments:

Recommender's signature _____ Date: _____

Please return this form directly to International Programs by Friday, May 31, 2019:

(Accepted by mail, intercampus mail, in person OR by e-mail (JShulnak@clark.edu) (if sent directly from recommender))

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