

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Deadline: Monday, May 2 by 5:00p.m.

Interviews: May 16 – 20, 2016

First Team Meeting: Friday, June 17

Required Peer Mentor Training: September 12-16

Required International Student Orientation: Sept. 7 & 8



2016 – 2017 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 seven to ten 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 (June 17 and September 12-16)
- International Student Orientation (September 7-8, December 2017 & March 2017)
- Attend quarterly area excursions (ie: Multnomah Falls, Portland Saturday Market, OMSI)
- Attend all scheduled Peer Mentor meetings (dates & times are to be determined)
- Facilitate one Conversation Café quarterly in the Office of International Programs.
- 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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- ❖ Name: _____
- ❖ SID Number: _____ Gender: _____
- ❖ Email Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____
- ❖ Alternate E-mail Address: _____
- ❖ Major: _____ Available Quarters: ☐ Fall 2016
☐ Winter 2017
☐ Spring 2017
- ❖ How did you hear about this opportunity? _____
- ❖ Will you be able to attend the **required Peer Mentor Trainings** on **Friday, June 17 and September 12-16, 2016**?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe
- ❖ Will you be able to attend the **required International Student Orientation** on **September 7-8, 2016**?
☐ 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 215) or jshulnak@clark.edu no later than **May 2, 2016 @ 5:00p.m.**
For Questions Contact: Clark College | Office of International Programs, GHL 215 | Tel: (360) 992-2390 | jshulnak@clark.edu