

WHY JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL PEER CONNECTION PROGRAM?

The International Peer Connection Program supports International Students and their spouses/partners during their transition to university and Canadian life. The IPC assists you in having a positive and rewarding experience at Western. When you join IPC, you will be connected with a Peer Guide who will:

- be your guide, resource person, cultural interpreter and a friendly support to you during your transition to University and Canadian life
- link you to Western and London activities, services and resources
- connect you with other Peer Guides, International and Canadian Students, and the Western community
- call or e-mail you regularly until the end of the term to ask how you are doing, answer your questions, inform you of upcoming events, and arrange to meet with you (e.g., for coffee or lunch, to attend a group activity)
- contact you, if you have e-mail, BEFORE you arrive in Canada and answer your questions!

WHO ARE THE PEER GUIDES?

Peer Guides are current undergraduate and graduate Western students who:

- have already experienced the transition to university life
- are familiar with the Western campus and resources
- possess intercultural experiences
- are interested in cross-cultural exchange
- are dedicated volunteers who have been carefully selected and trained
- **are ready to help with your transition to Western!**

FIND OUT ABOUT UPCOMING IESC EVENTS

Sign up for the **International Student Network** to start receiving weekly e-mails regarding IESC upcoming events and updates. Students who register to have a Peer Guide are automatically enrolled in the International Student Network e-mail list.

IESC ACTIVITIES

IESC promotes internationalization at Western through intercultural connections.

IESC offers you opportunities to meet with your Peer Guide individually as well as all the other Peer Guides and International Student participants through a variety of activities. View our Activity Calendar online.

APPLY TODAY!

If you would like to be matched with a Peer Guide or receive weekly e-mails from the IESC, please complete the IPC International Student Application form (**see the other side of this page**) and mail it to us or apply online at <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/int/services/index.html?ispc>

We will try to connect you with your Peer Guide as early as possible.

**International and Exchange Student Centre
Room 2120, Western Student Services Building
The University of Western Ontario
519-661-3031 | iesc@uwo.ca
<http://www.iesc.uwo.ca>**

Any personal information recorded on the application form will not be disclosed other than for the purpose of matching under the International Peer Connection (IPC) program and the International Student Network e-mail list.

International and Exchange Student Centre
The University of Western Ontario

Get Connected!



"IPC is a great source of information. It is the easiest way to make friends and to feel welcome in a place where every day brings new experiences."



International Peer Connection (IPC)

Celebrating over 20 years!

INTERNATIONAL PEER CONNECTION (IPC) and INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NETWORK PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

Part One

1. Student #: _____ 2. Mr.: ___ Ms.: ___ Mrs.: ___ Miss: ___
3. First/Given Name: _____ Last/Family Name: _____
4. London Telephone: Home: _____ Cell Phone: _____
5. E-mail Address: UWO: _____@uwo.ca
Other: _____
6. E-mail of Preference: UWO: _____ Other: _____
7. London Address:
Apt./Room #: _____ Street #: _____ Street Name: _____
8. If you are a graduate student:
Office Address: _____ Office Extension: _____
9. Academic Program: Faculty: _____ Major: _____
10. a) Program Status: Undergraduate Student: _____
Graduate Student: Master: _____, Ph.D.: _____
Spouse: _____
Other (e.g., Visiting scholar, postdoctoral fellow): _____
- b) Are you a/an:
Degree Student (you are completing your degree at Western): _____
Exchange Student: Full Year: _____ Fall Term: _____ Winter Term: _____
11. Current Year in Program (e.g. 1st year): _____
12. Country of Origin: _____
13. Language(s): Spoken: _____ Written: _____
14. Birthday: (MM/DD/YY) _____ / _____ / _____

Part Two - Please select only ONE of the following options:

A. _____ I would like to be matched with a **Peer Guide**, which includes the following:

- Being matched with an upper year undergraduate or graduate Western student who will become your Peer Guide
- Receiving regular e-mails and phone calls from your Peer Guide
- Being a part of the International Student Network. This includes receiving weekly e-mails regarding IESC up-coming events and updates
- Receiving a copy of the IESC Newsletter

Please continue to Part Three.

B. _____ I would like to join the **International Student Network**, which includes the following:

- Receiving weekly e-mails regarding IESC up-coming events and updates
- Receiving a copy of the IESC Newsletter

**STOP here and
hand in the form.**

Part Three - The more detail you provide, the better we can try to match you with your Peer Guide.

- 1) What are your interests and hobbies (Please be specific)? _____

- 2) What kinds of activities would you like to do with your PEER GUIDE / peer group (e.g., movies, dinner)? _____

- 3) What would you like to learn about university life at Western, London, and Canada?

- 4) Do you have any questions about academic life and/or living in Canada? Please indicate.

- 5) What would you like to share of your culture with other students (e.g., celebrations, food, music)? _____

- 6) Have you ever lived in Canada? If yes, for how long?

- 7) Any additional information that would help us to know you (e.g., talents, interests). _____

