International Peer Connection (IPC)

**WHY JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL PEER CONNECTION PROGRAM?**

The International Peer Connection Program (IPC) supports International Students during their transition to university and Canadian life. 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)

**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**

New international and exchange students at Western, will automatically be registered for our International Student Network e-mail list. You will receive weekly e-mails regarding IESC upcoming events and updates. If you are not an international or exchange student, but would still like to receive weekly updates from IESC, please email us at iesc@uwo.ca and write “subscribe to the IESC Network” in the subject line.

**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. Visit our website for upcoming event information.

**APPLY TODAY!**

If you would like to be matched with a Peer Guide, please complete the IPC International Student Application form (see the other side of this page) and drop it off at the IESC or apply online at [http://www.iesc.uwo.ca/peer](http://www.iesc.uwo.ca/peer). We will try to connect you with your Peer Guide as early as possible.

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.

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“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.”

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INTERNATIONAL PEER CONNECTION (IPC)  
PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM  

Part One
1. Student #: _____________________  2. Gender: _____________________
3. First/Given Name: ______________ Last/Family Name: ______________
   Preferred Name: __________________________________________________
4. London Telephone: Home: ______________ Cell Phone: ______________
5. E-mail Address: Western: ______________________@uwo.ca (required)
   Other: _________________________________________________________
6. Which e-mail do you prefer? Western: ___ Other: ___
7. How do you prefer to communicate with your Peer Guide? (Check all that apply):
   ___ In Person    ___ Phone Calls   ___ E-mail   ___ Text messages
   (not all options are always available)
8. London Address: __________________________________________________
9. If you are a graduate student:
   Office Address: ___________________ Office Extension: ______________
10. Academic Program: Faculty: ______________ Major: ________________
11. a) Program Status:  
    Undergraduate Student: ____  Graduate Student: Master: ____, Ph.D.: ___
    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: ____
    _____ Science Without Borders
12. Current Year in Program (e.g. 1st year): _________
14. Language(s): Spoken: _____________________ Written: ___________________
15. Birthday: (MM/DD/YY) _______/_______/_________

Note: Please use extra paper if necessary.  This application form is also available online at: http://www.iesc.uwo.ca/peer

Part Two - The more detail you provide, the better we can try to match you with your Peer Guide who has common interests with you.

1) What do you hope to gain from having a Peer Guide? _____________________
   _________________________________________________________________
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2) What are your interests and hobbies (Please be specific)? _____________________
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________

3) What kinds of individual and group activities would you like to do with your Peer Guide / peer group (e.g., movies, dinner)?
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   _________________________________________________________________
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4) What would you like to learn about university life at Western, London, and Canada?
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5) Do you have any questions about academic life and/or living in Canada? Please indicate.
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6) What would you like to share of your culture with other students (e.g., celebrations, food, music)?
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7) Have you ever lived in Canada? If yes, for how long? _____________________
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8) Any additional information that would help us to know you (e.g., talents, interests). ______
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