

## 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](mailto: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> 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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## International and Exchange Student Centre

# 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)

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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): \_\_\_\_\_
13. Country of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Language(s): Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_ Written: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Birthday: (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

**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)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 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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- 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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