Mentor Program Guidelines
2012-2013

International Club
Case Western Reserve University
Program Overview

• **What is the Mentor Program?**
  
  The Mentor Program is an exciting way to build friendship, get involved on campus, and explore and exchange culture with fellow Case students. Sponsored by the CWRU International Club, the Mentor Program pairs students based on their interests and needs. Usually, mentors assist the mentees in adjusting to the campus life and the American culture in various ways. Mentors may help their mentees with their English, class selections, and exploring Cleveland. On the other hand, mentors are able to make a difference in their mentee’s life and engage in intercultural exchange while doing it! This program is one of the few unique programs on campus and looks great on your resume.

• **Who is eligible to participate in the program?**
  
  Any student at CWRU is eligible to participate in the Mentor Program. We will give priority to first-time international students, but we also encourage natives who are interested in different cultures to join and explore the diverse countries represented in our club.

• **How do I join?**
  
  Interested students must fill out an application online ([http://www.case.edu/iclub/Apply.html](http://www.case.edu/iclub/Apply.html)). Based on the information provided and the number of students signed up, the pairs will be assigned. The mentors and mentees are expected to attend the Mentor/Mentee Orientation at the beginning of the fall semester. They are also required to spend a **minimum** of 4 hours every month and attend **at least two events** sponsored by the International Club per semester.

  Even though you can apply at any time, it would be best to apply before the start of each semester. Especially for the fall semester, it is in your best interest to apply before the Mentor/Mentee Orientation to have the best compatible mentor/mentee assigned to you.
• **Suggestions for mentors/mentees**

  At the beginning of every month, the Mentor Program Manager will send you an email of upcoming events around campus that you can check out with your mentor/mentee. At least once every semester, the Mentor Program will have a scheduled event, such as a movie night or restaurant date, to help you spend time with your mentor/mentee. You can also meet up for a coffee date, lunch/dinner, or to study together. You don’t necessarily have to meet every week, even though we strongly encourage more frequent meetings.

  For questions or more information, contact Helen Han, Mentor Program Manager, at jhh34@case.edu.

**Note-worthy Events**

1. **Thanksgiving Dinner:** The annual Thanksgiving Dinner is our biggest event of the fall semester. Many international students will have the opportunity to take part in a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, complete with dessert!

2. **International Dinner:** Every year, the International Club hosts the International Dinner during the spring semester. Tickets to the International Dinner sell out ahead of time every year. Hundreds of dishes are prepared from numerous cuisines to represent a wide spectrum of countries in the world! Come with an open mind and get ready to experience one of the most memorable meals of the year! Bon appétit!

Don’t forget to look out for more event listings (movie nights, restaurant dates, and more events on and around campus) from the Mentor Program Manager at the beginning of every month.
Who We Are

• **International Club**
  
  We are a group of undergraduate students dedicated to expanding cultural diversity on campus by promoting the exchange of ideas, traditions, and cultures. Most of our members are international students who have experienced difficulties of adjusting to a new culture. We aim to help others so that their transition into the new culture is faster and smoother.

  Check us out: [http://case.edu/iclub/index.html](http://case.edu/iclub/index.html)
  LIKE us on Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/cwric](http://www.facebook.com/cwric)

• **International Student Services (ISS)**
  
  The mission of the Office of International Student Services (ISS) is to enhance the international student experience and promote intercultural exchange at CWRU. This office also works closely with other administrative and academic departments with the objectives in mind, such as:

  - Provide excellent service to the international students, admissions offices, and academic departments of CWRU.
  - Protect the interests of CWRU and its international students by remaining knowledgeable about immigration issues and advising students and University personnel according to regulations.
  - Assisting international students in achieving their academic objectives.

Visit International Student Services ([http://studentaffairs.case.edu/international/](http://studentaffairs.case.edu/international/)) at 143 Tomlinson Hall. You can also reach them via international@case.edu or at 216.368.2517.