

CULTURAL PEER MENTOR PROGRAM



Are you interested in getting to know different cultures?

Do you like to plan fun-events and meet new friends?

If your answer is yes, fill out the application forms on the next page and turn it into 410 Barrows Hall by August 8.

We hope to have you on board soon!

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APPLICATION FORM
Deadline: August 8th, 2014

Who Are We?

- Cultural Peer Mentors (CPMs) serve as someone who provides guidance, resources, and support to help international students who are currently studying in the Department of Sociology and other departments at UC Berkeley as part of the Berkeley International Study Program (BISP). We are here to assist international students to make the successful cultural and academic transitions at UC Berkeley. Our goal is to represent American culture to newly incoming international students as they adjust to a new culture. We hope American students and international students will develop cultural awareness and acquire intercultural competency through frequent cross-cultural interaction. This is an important skill to develop as the world of work and social networking becomes increasingly more diversified internationally.

Requirements:

- Must be a current undergraduate student at UC Berkeley with at least one academic year of study remaining.
- Must be in good standing with the university.
- Strong leadership skills and willing to take initiative.
- Must be able to attend the mandatory training on **August 23rd**.
- Must be empathetic, able to interact effectively and patiently with people from diverse cultural backgrounds with different levels of English proficiency.
- Possess positive communication and teamwork skills.
- Must be ready to commit for at least a year.
- Be culturally aware and committed to learn about other cultures.

General Responsibilities:

- To help and assist visiting international students adjust and transition into Berkeley life smoothly and easily.
- Be a resource person, making sure each student knows of the support services available to them on campus.
- Provide referrals to campus resources as necessary.
- To create foundations for long-term cross-cultural friendships.
- To encourage new student involvement in extra-curricular clubs and student life activities.
- To provide new students with an “international buddy” or cultural informant to help them navigate the nuances of American culture.
- Foster an intercultural community with the students through various activities and events.

Specific Duties:

- Attend a 1-day CPM training *on August 23rd*
- Attend bi-weekly meetings to be discussed later. If you are selected but cannot make it to the meeting, alternative option will be given.
- Must attend **at least one of the two BISP Orientations**—provides assistance before and during the International Student Orientation on August 19 and/or August 21.
- Plan a minimum of two activities with a group of international visiting students.
- Responsible for photographic and/or video documentation of all CPM events.
- Conceptualize, coordinate, implement, and/or attend academic and social events throughout the academic year for mentors and mentees. These may include workshops, study sessions, holiday events, and panel discussions.

If you are interested in this position, please complete the form by August 8 and bring the application to Chris Chang's mailbox at 410 Barrows Hall. If you have any questions, please email Chris Chang, at BISPinSoc@berkeley.edu.

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*By volunteering to be a Cultural Peer Mentor, you will have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills, broaden your social network, and help new international students transition into the University of California, Berkeley. **Individual interview will be held the week of August 11.***

Please complete the form below:

Name:	SID#:					
Email Address (Berkeley Email):	Gender: Male Female					
Cell phone # :	GPA:					
Major:	Minor (if any):					
Year:	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Super Senior	Graduate
Expected Graduation Date:						
Country of citizenship and ethnic cultures you identify with:						
How did you learn about CPM?						
How long have you been a student at the University of California, Berkeley?						
Please type on a separate sheet of paper and answer the following questions:						
1. Why do you want to be a part of the Cultural Peer Mentor Program? What special skills could you bring to the CPM Program?						
2. Please list your current obligations such as volunteering, internship, employment, etc.						
Please list the time that you are available for an in-person interview.						
Monday, August 11	Tuesday, August 12	Wednesday, August 13	Thursday August 14	Friday, August 15		

Please read and initial all the boxes that you, as a candidate for the CPM program, agree to:

I understand that CPMs serve for both Fall and Spring semester's BISP Orientation.

I understand that my application may be denied, or I may be dropped from the program, if I am unable to attend essential events.

I agree to attend mandatory CPM cultural and/or leadership training sessions in order to better assist the visiting international students.

I agree to follow the CPM duties and responsibilities that are listed on the first page.

I certify that all statements on this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Your Signature

Today's Date