Who Are We?

- The Cultural Peer Mentors (CPMs) serve as someone who provides guidance, resources, and supports 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. One of our goals is to represent American culture to the newly incoming international students as they adjust to American cultures. 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:

- Be a current undergraduate student at UC Berkeley with at least one academic year of study remaining.
- Strong leadership skills and willing to take the initiative.
- 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.

General Responsibilities:

- To help and assist visiting international students adjust and transition into Berkeley life smoothly and easily.
- Be a resourceful 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 cultures.
- Foster an intercultural community with the students through various activities and events.

Specific Duties:

- Attend bi-weekly meetings. Dates are to be discussed later. If you are selected but cannot make it to the meeting, an alternate option will be given.
- Must attend at least one of the two BISP Orientations—provides assistance before and during the International Student Orientation. The dates of orientations are to be announced later.
- Plan a minimum of three activities with your own 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.
- Prepare weekly newsletter for the international visiting students.

What’s in for You?

- Receive an awesome Cultural Peer Mentor T-shirt designed by the CPMs themselves.
- Meet friends from all over the world.
- Create and plan exciting activities for your own group of mentees!
- Work with a team of Cultural Peer Mentors to develop your leadership skills.
CULTURAL PEER MENTOR PROGRAM (CPM)

APPLICATION FORM

1st round application deadline: Friday, May 8
2nd round application deadline: Friday, August 7

Email your completed application to chrischang3@berkeley.edu or drop it off at his mailbox at 410 Barrows Hall

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 Skype or in-person interview will be scheduled.**

Please complete the form below:

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| Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Super Senior |
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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 read and initial all the boxes that you, as a candidate for the CPM program, agree to:

_____ I understand that I must attend one of the BISP student orientations.

_____ 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

Revised on April 18, 2015