



International Students Peer Mentor Program

The International Student Peer Mentorship Program connects incoming international students with current Brooklyn College international students who are committed to helping our new students navigate through their first year at Brooklyn College and New York City by providing support and resources that will see to a smooth transition into the Brooklyn College and New York City culture. Our mentors will provide new students with a sense of community, interacting with them in various capacities introducing them to a network of people, taking them on excursions and various social, sporting and other events on and off campus, and being a resource for them on campus. An international peer mentor will be assigned a group of approximately --- new students whom they will mentor over the one year period. This is a unique opportunity for mentors to develop valuable intercultural communication and leadership skills.

Mentor selection criteria

- Able to commit to a one year appointment
- Must be involved in student life/co-curricular activities
- Must have completed at least two semesters at Brooklyn College
- Must meet the minimum credit and GPA requirements: undergrad (20-24 credits, 2.7 GPA), grad. (12-18 credits, 3.2 GPA)
- Must have a working knowledge of the services offered on campus and where to refer students for various queries
- Must have reasonable knowledge of Brooklyn
- Must have great interpersonal skills

Mentor responsibilities:

- Be available for your mentees for 3-5 hours per week (excluding weekend events)
- Respond to mentee emails within 24 hours of receiving them
- Attend at least one on-campus and one off-campus event with mentees
- Encourage mentees to get involved in student life
- Attend monthly coffee-time with mentees
- Attend welcome workshops/orientations (2 per year)
- Do a weekly journal of your experiences with your mentees (a paragraph per entry) and email it to the Director of ISS.

International Students Peer Mentor Application
2016-2017
International Student and Scholar Services

Personal Information

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Email:</u>
<u>Address:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>

Academics and extracurricular activities

<u>Major:</u>	<u>GPA:</u>
<u>Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior</u>	
<u>Campus clubs/Activities:</u>	
<u>Knowledge of languages/cultures:</u>	

References (advisors, coaches, professors, etc.)

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>
<u>Email:</u>	

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Written responses- Each response should be 100 words or less.

- 1) Talk about your international student experience and how it has enhanced your Brooklyn College education as well as contributed to your personal growth.
- 2) Why are you a good candidate to serve as an International Peer Mentor representing the Office of International Student and Scholar Services? Include details of how you have demonstrated leadership ability, both in and out of school.
- 3) What are some innovative ideas you have for enhancing international student services and for recruiting international students to Brooklyn College?