

# INTERLINK PEER MENTORS

*Global Leaders of Tomorrow*



## Overview of Commitments

The Interlink Peer Mentors (IPM) serves as an important connection between international students, scholars, and campus life. At the beginning of each semester, IPMs assist new international students and scholars at the International Student Orientations (ISO). Interlink Peer Mentors are integral in creating a welcoming and appealing community to new international students and scholars. Throughout the school year, Interlink Peer Mentors work closely with International Student and Scholars Services (ISSS) staff to continue serving in their roles of being a friend, a cultural navigator, a resource person and a global leader by assisting in events and services offered through ISSS in the Center for International Education. Participation as an IPM is a rewarding and fun experience. Once selected, Interlink Peer Mentors will develop cross-cultural skills and become engaged global leaders for the Xavier community. Being involved as an IPM is an honor that comes along with many responsibilities and opportunities.

### *Participate in Interlink Trainings*

- The leadership trainings will focus on both intercultural competencies, building personal leadership strengths, and cover practical issues faced by new international students and scholars at Xavier University.

### *Assist at International Student Orientations (ISO)*

- The week before classes each semester, mentors assist with orientation activities, campus tours, and group activities as well as interact with new students or scholars to help them adjust to campus.
- IPMs assist with the preparations for the International Student Orientations. Duties may include compiling new student materials, campus tours, and accompanying new students when they first arrive to campus.

### *Participate and Assist at CIE Events*

- IPMs work with ISSS staff to plan events and programs throughout the year.
- You may be helping set up or take down at various events.
- Take advantage of opportunities to interact and re-connect with international students and scholars during those times.

### *Report Concerns*

- It is your responsibility to report concerns to one of the ISSS staff in the Center for International Education. At times, being new and immersed in a different culture and language can be stressful to a new international student or scholar. It is important that the ISSS staff is made aware of any problems or issues that may require additional intervention.

### *Serve on Committees*

- Social Engagement
- International Education Week
- International Coffee Hour

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# Interlink Peer Mentor (IPM) Applications

## Reminders

- Important Dates: Fall Training (August 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025), Fall Orientation (August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025), Spring Orientation (Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026)
  - Interlink Sponsored Coffee Hour
  - IPM Committees (please tell us your top two choices in order of preference. Descriptions are available on the last page of the application):
    - Social Engagement (twice a semester)
    - International Education Week (November 2025)
    - International Coffee Hour Ambassadors (every Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 in the fall and spring)
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## Committees Descriptions

IPM committees are a way for you to consistently interact with international students and other members of the Xavier community. All IPMs are required to sign up for 1 committee, but are able to sign up for more if you are interested and able to commit to them. You are responsible for fulfilling the duties of the committee you sign up for. If for some reason you are unable to do so, it is your responsibility to let your committee director know. Work done for committees is in addition to the regular responsibilities of IPMs.

Please read the descriptions below to see which committee/s you'd like to join.

### **Social Engagement Committee:**

The CIE hosts many events each semester and could use your help making sure that they are a success! Committee members will sign up for 2 events each semester that they will assist with. This could include helping promote the event, setting up, hosting the event, and cleaning up afterwards.

**International Education Week Committee:**

International Education week is a week in November and is an opportunity to promote and highlight the importance of international education and exchange. Committee members will help plan and execute events during this week with the Education Abroad and ISSS offices. This could include helping promote the event, setting up, hosting the event, and cleaning up afterwards.

**International Coffee Hour Ambassadors:**

International Coffee Hour is one of our key events to engage with the community at Xavier! Ambassadors attend weekly international coffee hour events and assist in the set-up and clean-up of the event. While the event is going on, Ambassadors serve as a hospitality team and welcome guests, promote upcoming events, and mingle and connect with new attendees.

**Questions**

1. Tell us something outstanding about yourself that distinguishes you from others. How will you apply that as an IPM?
2. Describe how you will help integrate international students to life in the US as an IPM?
3. If you were selected to be an IPM, your commitment is for one academic school year. How will you balance being a student and being an Interlink Peer Mentor as well all the other activities you are involved in?
4. How do you react in awkward cultural situations (cultural faux pas)? Give us an example, and tell us what happened.
5. What is the best advice that you would give to a new international student?

6. Which two committees are you interested in (ranked in order of preference)?

7. What is your T-shirt size?

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