

# International Education Center

## Fall 2009 Global Connections Partner (GCP) Application

Application Deadline: Monday, October 12, 2009 at 12 PM in the IEC Office

### Global Connections at the International Education Center

The International Education Center has several programs available through our Global Connections at UCR, including: the International Women's Exchange (IWE) group and the International Peer Advisors (IPA) volunteer team. The IPAs are fellow UCR students selected to be peer mentors, working yearlong to help international students adjust to the U.S., Riverside and UCR. Through the Global Connections Partner (GCP) Program, selected students would be paired with an IPA to meet, talk and do activities during the quarter, in order to facilitate international friendships and foster a mutual exchange of culture and language.

### Program Dates:

October 12 (3<sup>rd</sup> week) – November 20 (8<sup>th</sup> week)

### Program Guidelines:

1. This program is available only to currently enrolled UCR students. There are a *limited* number of spots in this program.
2. If selected, you will be matched with an IPA, one-on-one, based on mutual interests, goals and other information provided on your Application.
3. The goal of the program is NOT only to be a conversation partner, as this program is not meant to be a substitute for ESL training. While improvement of a spoken language may be one mutual goal between the partners, the intent of the program as a whole is for a broader experience, including learning about your partner's culture, home country, and/or interests.
4. Meeting times are once a week during the six weeks of the program. Partners must both discuss and agree on the date, time, and location of each meeting during their initial meeting. All agreed upon meetings must be written in the *Meeting Log*, with one copy provided to the GCP Coordinator. Don't forget to also exchange phone numbers and email addresses.
5. If you cannot make it to a meeting with your partner, you **MUST** contact your partner to reschedule. Rescheduling should only be done if a personal emergency or illness arises. Otherwise both partners should try their best to adhere to the established schedule.
6. Missing 2 meetings will result in your dismissal of the program, and your partner will be re-assigned to a new student.
7. The program will be run on a quarterly basis, and is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Partners can, of course, continue their friendship beyond the program dates, if they so choose.



Please return this application to: The International Education Center  
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Please note applications will be accepted and students will be matched on a first-come, first-serve basis. After reviewing your application, we will be contacting you via email. Thank you.

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate: \_\_\_\_ Undergraduate: \_\_\_\_ EAP Reciprocity: \_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer the following questions to help us get to know you better to make the best match.**

1) What is your MAIN reason for applying for the Global Connections Partner Program?

- Make a new friend   
  Exchange cultures   
  Improve my English   
  Networking  
 Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

2) Are you an international student?    Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, where are you from? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, are you planning on studying abroad or have you already been abroad?

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_    Country/ies: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Please briefly describe your interests and hobbies. \_\_\_\_\_

What would you be interested in doing with your partner? (check all that apply)

- Movie                       Coffee/tea                       Lunch                       Party  
 Sporting Event                       Concert                       Dinner/Cooking                       Trip  
 Language/culture exposure                       Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

4) Please list all languages you speak and how well:

Language: \_\_\_\_\_ Excellent \_\_\_ Well \_\_\_ Minimal \_\_\_

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5) Would you prefer not to be matched with someone of the opposite gender?

Yes, I'd prefer same gender \_\_\_    No, it doesn't matter \_\_\_

6) The program dates will be October 12, 2009 through November 20, 2009. Can you commit to these dates? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

7) Please check the days of the week and time frames when you are best available to meet:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning					
Afternoon					
Evening/Night					

8) How did you find out about this Global Connections Partner Program? \_\_\_\_\_