

Make a Difference this year! **Become a *Graduate Student Ambassador!***

We are currently accepting applications from domestic graduate students or experienced international graduate students in all academic disciplines who are interested in volunteering as Graduate Student Ambassadors. As a Graduate Student Ambassador and a representative of Cal State L.A., you will be an important point of contact for the incoming international graduate student eager to explore the countless possibilities available to them during their time on campus.



As a volunteer Graduate Student Ambassador, your **role** will be to:

- Assist first year international graduate students with their transition (examples: answer questions, provide a campus tour, introduce them to campus resources, share your perspectives as a graduate student) for the duration of the academic year.
- Communicate one-on-one regularly with your matched international student(s) throughout the academic year (examples: meet for coffee, call to check in, exchange emails).
- Attend as many events as your schedule allows
- **Have a great time at our sponsored and non-sponsored social and cultural events!**

Some activities from last year included:

- Trip to the Museum of Contemporary Art
- An Artwork Painting Party
- Tour of the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens
- International Cultural Night and Dinner
- A lot of free food and great fellowship!

Some of the **benefits** of being a Graduate Student Ambassador include:

- A Certificate of Recognition upon completion of the program and an invitation to attend the Graduate Student Recognition Reception as guests of the Office of Graduate Studies.
- Social events sponsored free of charge by ISGPSP.
- Networking opportunity and ideas exchange with graduate students from around the globe.
- Résumé or CV enhancement as a global professional and a student leader.
- New friendships and opportunities for collaboration.

How to Apply and Timeline

Fill out the application and email it to gradprograms@calstatela.edu or drop it off in person in the Office of Graduate Studies no later than **Friday, August 12, 2016 at 6 p.m.**

You will be notified of your status **by August 19, 2016**. The Graduate Student Ambassador Orientation will take place in early September. You will meet your matched new international student(s) at a "Meet and Greet" event sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies also in early September.

Thank you again for your interest! Please contact gradprograms@calstatela.edu with any questions or concerns. You may also visit our website at <http://www.calstatela.edu/graduateresourcecenter/international-graduate-student-peer-support-program> for more information.