



International Student Ambassador Program Application (ISAP)

Application Deadline May 15, 2018 for selection by June 1, 2018

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The goal of the **International Student Ambassador Program (ISAP)** is to utilize dynamic international student ambassadors to proactively enhance the international student experience at Pepperdine University. ISAP ambassadors represent different regions of the world, as well as serve the broader international student body, the Office of International Student Services (OISS), and the International Student Advisory Council. The ISAP Ambassador program is administered by the OISS in collaboration with other units across Pepperdine University to fulfill the mission and goals of the OISS and the University related to international students.

Ambassadors will proactively collaborate with Pepperdine staff and the greater student body to complete service hours in areas such as:

- ❖ Welcome and acquaint newly enrolled international students with resources that will assist with their holistic acclimation to Pepperdine University and the United States
- ❖ Introduce academic resources/services to help students academically acclimate, thereby improving retention, graduation, and student success at Pepperdine University.
- ❖ Foster a sense of “home” among the international community through social and other engagement efforts; Serving as E-board members of the Rotaract Club to ensure sustainability of an umbrella international club/organization
- ❖ Explore the health/wellness of and contribute to improving international student acclimation to a culturally diverse environment
- ❖ Expand Pepperdine University’s global reach to enroll a more diverse international student body and connect international students with engaged international Pepperdine alumni around the world
- ❖ Collaborate with faculty to better understand the needs of and cultural influences on the American classroom experience
- ❖ Equip international students with resources to help them market their Pepperdine experience for internships and jobs

First Name:		Last Name:	
Preferred Name:		CWID:	
In the 2018-19 academic year, I will be considered a: (mark one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (2 nd) <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (3 rd) <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (4 th /5 th) <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Student	T-Shirt Size: (mark one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Extra Small <input type="checkbox"/> Small <input type="checkbox"/> Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Large <input type="checkbox"/> XXL
In 2018-19, I plan to be enrolled on the Malibu campus:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	In 2018-19, I am planning to go on IP/study abroad:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Preferred Email:		Cumulative GPA:	
Home Country:		U.S. Phone:	

Home City/Region:		Language(s) Spoken:	
<p>I understand that ONE ISAP ambassador will be selected from each of the following six world regions and I can only apply to the one region.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>		<p>I represent (*see addendum at the end of this document):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sub-Saharan Africa <input type="checkbox"/> East Asia <input type="checkbox"/> South and Central Asia, & Oceania <input type="checkbox"/> Europe <input type="checkbox"/> Latin America, the Caribbean & Canada <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East & North Africa</p>	<p>I feel I am qualified as a representative of that region because I (select <u>all</u> that apply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> was born in the selected region <input type="checkbox"/> went to high school in the selected region <input type="checkbox"/> my passport is issued from the selected region <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____</p> <p>The country I represent is: _____</p>

<p>Please know that ALL ISAP ambassadors will be engaged in all of the following collective efforts as a team with the Pepperdine community, however each selected Ambassador will serve as the primary point of contact for enhancing ONE of the following areas of influence.</p>	<p>Please rank order your specific interests: (1 being most interested & 5 being least interested)</p> <p>____ Aiding international students' acclimation to academic expectations & resources for academic success ____ Social event planning and other engagement efforts ____ Supporting the health/wellness of international students and their acclimation to living in a culturally diverse environment ____ Expanding Pepperdine's global reach through enrollment and alumni engagement ____ Collaborating with faculty to better understand the needs of and cultural influences on the American classroom experience ____ Other: _____</p>
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Please answer each of the following questions (150 words maximum per question):

1. Why would you like to be an International Student Ambassador?

2. What are your strengths and interests that make you a competitive candidate for the International Student Ambassador position?

3. What are the biggest differences between your country and the United States?

4. What is the best advice you would give to an international student?

5. What are the specific needs of international students that could use improvement at Pepperdine University?

6. List any organizations, community projects, or volunteer work you have been involved with while at Pepperdine?

7. Describe your own experience showcasing your culture at Pepperdine. What did you do? Who was your audience (i.e. Global Fest).

8. Submit your own idea for a cultural campus event that aligns with the mission/objectives of ISAP:

In exchange for full participation in the ISAP objectives and service hours, ISAP Ambassadors will receive a \$20,000 tuition-waiver scholarship. Students must agree to attend required events and complete pre-determined cultural service-hours required by the program to ensure maximum impact on behalf of the international student body. Given that Pepperdine students' first priority is their academics, we strongly recommend that ambassadors do not hold conflicting employment/commitments that may prevent them from fulfilling the ISAP requirements.

I agree that my academics at Pepperdine are my top priority and that, given the amount of service hours required, I will not overextend myself with additional employment/commitments that could compromise my commitment to the international student community. I understand that the scholarship award is contingent on these objectives, and that if my grade point average goes below 2.0 or I fail to uphold my commitment to the Ambassador team, my scholarship and role as Ambassador may be rescinded.

AMBASSADOR AGREEMENT

You must agree to the following statements in order to submit your Ambassador application. *Please mark each statement with your initials to say that you agree to each statement:*

STATEMENTS	Initial
1) I acknowledge that I am required to attend the International Student Orientation	
2) I acknowledge that, if I do not fulfill my time commitment and responsibilities in this role, I may be removed from the program and will not be given credit as an International Student Ambassador.	
3) I agree to attend four mandatory leadership and intercultural training retreats	
4) I commit to volunteering at the newly admitted students Malibu Reception in April 2019	
5) I agree to attend and help plan various OISS/ ISAC programs throughout the school year.	

6) I consent to have my name, general profile, and photo published on the Pepperdine websites in order that students may contact me and ask questions about my experiences at Pepperdine, my country and its culture, etc.	
7) I agree that I will respond to all email correspondences within 72 hours of receiving them and provide quality answers to students' questions.	
8) I agree that I must be enrolled full-time, meet Satisfactory Academic Promise , maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better and must remain in good standing in all areas of the university to remain eligible.	
9) I agree that my total institutional grant/scholarship may not exceed tuition and that half of this award will be applied each term.	

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Drop off: Office of International Student Services

Questions: **PHONE:** 310-506-7747. Ask for Brooke Cutler, Director

Addendum 1.0 (designations by the Institute of International Education, Open Doors Report)

Sub-Saharan Africa	
East Africa	Burundi Djibouti Eritrea Ethiopia Kenya Rwanda Seychelles Somalia South Sudan Sudan Tanzania Uganda
Central Africa	Cameroon Central African Republic Congo, Republic of the (Brazzaville) Equatorial Guinea Gabon Sao Tome & Principe
Southern Africa	Angola Botswana Comoros Lesotho Madagascar Malawi Mauritius Mozambique Namibia Reunion South Africa Swaziland

	<p>Zambia Zimbabwe</p>
West Africa	<p>Benin Burkina Faso Cabo Verde/Cape Verde Cote d'Ivoire/Ivory Coast Gambia Ghana Guinea Guinea-Bissau Liberia Mali Mauritania Niger Nigeria Saint Helena Senegal Sierra Leone Togo</p>
East Asia	<p>China Hong Kong Japan Macau Mongolia North Korea South Korea Taiwan</p>
South & Central Asia, & Oceania	
South and Central Asia	<p>Afghanistan Bangladesh Bhutan India Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Maldives Nepal Pakistan Sri Lanka Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan</p>
Southeast Asia	<p>Brunei Cambodia Indonesia Laos Malaysia Myanmar Philippines</p>

	<p>Singapore Thailand Timor-Leste/East Timor Vietnam</p>
Oceania	<p>Australia Cook Islands Fiji French Polynesia Kiribati Marshall Islands Micronesia Nauru New Caledonia New Zealand Niue Palau Papua New Guinea Samoa Solomon Islands Tonga Tuvalu Vanuatu Wallis and Futuna</p>
Europe	<p>Albania Andorra Armenia Austria Azerbaijan Belarus Belgium Bosnia and Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Georgia Germany Gibraltar Greece Hungary Iceland Ireland Italy Kosovo Latvia Liechtenstein</p>

	<p>Lithuania Luxembourg Macedonia Malta Moldova Monaco Montenegro Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania Russia San Marino Serbia Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey Ukraine United Kingdom Vatican City/Holy See Europe, unspecified</p>
Latin America, Caribbean & Canada	
<p>Caribbean</p>	<p>Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda Aruba Bahamas Barbados Bermuda British Virgin Islands Cayman Islands Cuba Curacao Dominica Dominican Republic Grenada Guadeloupe Haiti Jamaica Martinique Montserrat St. Kitts and Nevis St. Lucia St. Vincent & Grenadines St. Maarten Trinidad and Tobago Turks and Caicos</p>

	Caribbean, unspecified
Mexico & Central America	Belize Costa Rica El Salvador Guatemala Honduras Mexico Nicaragua Panama
South America	Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Ecuador Falkland Islands French Guiana Guyana Paraguay Peru Suriname Uruguay Venezuela
North America	Canada
Middle East & North Africa	
Middle East	Bahrain Iran Iraq Israel Jordan Kuwait Lebanon Oman Palestinian Territories Qatar Saudi Arabia Syria United Arab Emirates Yemen
North Africa	Algeria Egypt Libya Morocco Tunisia