iMentor Program

iMentor Program is designed to create a mutual learning opportunity for LMU undergraduate students (both US and international) and the new incoming international students (both first year and transfer). An iMentor will be matched up with a new incoming international student based on country of preference or major. The iMentors serve as an academic and social resource at LMU, as well as a general resource for Los Angeles and the US. In return, iMentees will share their unique and cultural experiences with the iMentors. The educational and cultural exchange will continue for the duration of one year, at minimum.

Goals:
- Assist the new international students with adjustment to college life at LMU and to Los Angeles/US
- Expose LMU’s US & continuing international students with an opportunity to experience other cultures first-hand
- Develop stronger international community at LMU through regular meetings and events
- Foster friendships between US and international students at LMU
- Increase global awareness on campus through cross-cultural exchange
- Support enrollment and retention of international students

Commitment:
- Participation for one year. May continue, if desired.
- Participation in iMentor Orientation
- Making initial contact with assigned iMentees via email and maintaining regular contact during the semester
- Optional participation during the week of International Student Orientation in August (week prior to start of semester).
- Participation with iMentees in the OISS Welcome Dinner
- Participation with iMentees in two events (OISS and LMU sponsored)
- Attend monthly check-in meetings
- Evaluation at the conclusion of program

Benefits:
- Exposure to diverse cultural experience
- Free participation in all cultural excursions and activities
- Great resume builder
- Cross-cultural communication training

Time Commitments:
- iMentor Orientation: March 29, 2009 (Sunday)
- Making initial contact with assigned iMentees via email: May ~ August
- International Student Orientation: Starting August 21
- OISS Luau Welcome Dinner: August 30
iMentor Program Application

Name __________________________________________________________________________

LMU Email __________________________ Preferred Email _______________________

Mailing Address: _________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone #: __________________________ Campus Phone #: _______________________

DOB _________________  Age _______ Permanent Phone #: ______________________

Gender: □ Male □ Female Class Level Next Year:  SO  JR  SR  GR

Major _______________________________ Minor ____________________________________

Student ID #: ________________________ Expected Graduation Date: _______________

Languages Spoken: _________________________________________________________________

Language/Culture Interests:  ______________________________________________________

Groups/Organizations Involved: _________________________________________________

Travel or Study Abroad Experience: _______________________________________________

Summer Availability: ______________________________________________________________

Please include the following with your completed application:

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions.

1. Why are you interested in the iMentor Program?

2. What do you expect to get out of the iMentor Program?

3. How do you think you can contribute to the iMentor Program?

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Application Deadline: March 20, 2009

Please sign up for the mandatory iMentor Orientation (March 29, 2009) when you submit the application.

For more information, please contact the Office for International Students & Scholars
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