Indiana University of Pennsylvania
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Global Ambassador Program Spring 2013 Application

***Mission**: Global Ambassadors will assist new international students in adjusting to life at IUP during their first semester or year through one-on-one mentoring and group activities that facilitate cross-cultural learning and academic success.*

Description and Eligibility: This is a volunteer position similar to a peer mentor program. Two Global Ambassadors will be paired with 4-5 new international students for 1 semester. Ambassadors must be a current IUP student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher and must either be an international student who has completed two semesters at IUP OR be a returning study abroad student (or had experience abroad). Applications are due November 1, 2012. Turn into our front desk or scan and email global-ambassadors@iup.edu. Students will be notified by November 15, 2012 of selection and are expected to attend a training session in May prior to the end of the semester.

NAME: _____ BANNER ID: @_____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____
Residence Hall/Street *City* *State* *Zip*

MAJOR/AREA OF STUDY: _____ HONORS COLLEGE STUDENT? Yes / No

CURRENT CLASS STANDING THIS SEMESTER: _____Undergraduate _____Masters ____Doctoral

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY:
NATIONALITY: _____ YEARS IN US: _____ Receive PTW?_____

RETURNING STUDY ABROAD STUDENTS ONLY:
Date & Location of STUDY ABROAD: _____

ALL APPLICANTS:
LANGUAGES SPOKEN FLUENTLY: _____

List best times available for our first training meeting
Weekends: _____

Weekdays: _____

HOBBIES and INTERESTS:
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Please answer the following questions.

1. Why are you interested in being a Global Ambassador?

2. Which category(ies) most interests you in how you can help Global Ambassadors?
    - Communications (Facebook, website, emails, publications)
    - Activity Planning (Movie night, on-campus event, festivals, bowling. . .etc).
    - Planning Trips (To Pittsburgh, or other trips within 2 hours)
    - Academic Support (Helping new international students with writing, speaking, presentation skills, tutoring help)
    - Other : _____

3. What types of activities or assistance do you wish you had during your first semester in the U.S. or abroad? How do you think we can implement that with Global Ambassadors?

4. What areas of training would you like to receive to feel better equipped to help new international students?
    - IUP Services (Housing, Dining, Career Services)
    - International Education Services (programs and services)
    - Academic Help on Campus (Writing Center, Tutoring)
    - Community resources and services
    - Other : _____

5. List your other clubs and organizations in which you are involved.

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PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT

I hereby agree that if I am selected to be a Global Ambassador, I will perform the required tasks to the best of my ability. I will engage in this program with the utmost respect of all cultural values, religion, and sexual orientation. I will do my best to welcome new international students and to equip them with knowledge of resources available to them at IUP. I promise to:

- Not disclose personal or academic information about the international students I'm assigned to (FERPA)
- At minimum, I will contact my assigned international students once per week. Two Ambassadors will be given a group of students to contact.
- Attend four training and planning sessions: one in May, one in September, October and November. We will try to arrange these meetings when everyone is available.
- Organize and participate in one activity for the spring semester while working with two to three other ambassadors. Example: bowling trip, ice skating trip, movie night. . .etc. (one activity per month will be planned)
- Remain in the program for the entire semester.
- Refrain from any drug and alcohol use during Global Ambassador events, and to otherwise comply with all state, local and university laws and regulations regarding the use of alcohol and other substances. I understand that furnishing another student with alcohol incurs a penalty of a full year's suspension from the university.

Failure to meet these requirements will result in my termination from this program. I will not be given volunteer hours or letters of recommendation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____