

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MENTOR

Working as part of the team, the International Student Mentor is responsible for mentoring a group of international students. In this capacity, the mentor will act as a cultural guide and a resource person assisting in their transition to the University, North Bay and Canada.

As part of the role, each mentor will be required to work within their mentor group to assist in planning one event per semester, which includes proposal development, recruitment, organization and execution of the event.

This role requires an average commitment of 5 hours/week.

Responsibilities

- Maintain contact with international students in group (a minimum 2 times per month) and report back on student status
- Communicate regularly with the ISMP executive team and fellow mentors through the Facebook group, email, phone, etc.
- Proactively support mentees in their transition to Nipissing University by providing information and referrals to appropriate campus resources
- Collaborate with group members to plan semester events including, but not limited to; proposal development, recruitment and event execution
- Promote a sense of belonging and inclusion through regular contact with mentees and encouraging participation in ISMP events
- Share your knowledge about Canadian culture and actively engage in dialogue, learning more about their experience and culture
- Encourage students to attend ISMP events and communicate benefits of programming
- Create a safe, open, and culturally sensitive environment
- Attend mentor training and team-building retreat
- Attend monthly mentor meetings
- Assist students in their integration into the NU and North Bay community
- Communicate student issues and/or concerns to executive members and/or International Student Support Services and Programs Office employees

Skills/Attributes

- Exhibit cultural sensitivity and willingness to learn from mentees and executive team
- Interpersonal, listening and communication skills
- Ability to foster inclusivity and build global awareness
- Informed knowledge of NU and resources available
- Empathy and interest in helping others
- Dedication to mentoring role
- Enthusiasm and desire to learn about all cultures