WOULD YOU LIKE TO APPLY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE?
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE APPLICATION BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2014
TO REBECCA.SIBLEY@COLORADO.EDU

What is the International Student Guide (ISG) Program?

Newly arrived international students have the option to apply to be matched with continuing CU students. This is your chance to have a CU student help guide you in the first weeks that you are here. The International Student Guides help you with questions before you arrive, with the initial cultural and academic adjustments, and with finding campus resources in the first critical weeks of each semester. Participating is entirely optional but strongly encouraged!

How Does the ISG Work?

If you sign up and return the attached form, you will be assigned an International Student Guide. The ISG will be in touch with you before you arrive and will be available each week for the first two months of classes to answer questions.

Who are the ISG's?

The ISG's are continuing U.S. and international CU student volunteers who are interested in meeting you and helping you during the critical first weeks you are at CU. They have training in intercultural communication, common challenges facing international students and resources at CU.

Why should I participate?

Take advantage of having advice from a friendly current student! Your ISG will answer your questions and help you to find the resources you need at CU-Boulder. You will also get to meet people of different cultures and gain intercultural experiences! Your Guide will help you get off to a good start here!

Often international students find that it takes longer than two months to form friendships in the U.S. because it is more complicated to form lasting friendships with those of different nationalities. The ISG's will make suggestions on how to make friends in the U.S.

If you are interested in a mentorship program, the College of Engineering and the Leeds School of Business have student peer programs with those in your field of study. If you are interested in these arrangements, your ISG will have details for you after you arrive.

Please be aware that the ISG is not a dating service, nor will the program permit attempts to convert students to a particular religion.

How Long Does the ISG Program Last?

The program ends after the first two months of classes. By sending in the application, you agree to be available via email before classes begin at CU and to take part in activities arranged by your ISG after you arrive and through the end of the program.

Can I have a BFIS Host and an ISG?

Yes, you can also take part in the Boulder Friends of International Students Program (BFIS). Please fill out both applications and return them to ISSS. The BFIS host program is described here: http://www.colorado.edu/bfis/

To apply to have an ISG: please complete and return the application below by September 5, 2014
to rebecca.sibley@colorado.edu

APPLY TO HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE (ISG)

Submit your application to rebecca.sibley@colorado.edu by September 5, 2014. Or Drop it off at the Center for Multicultural Affairs, 3rd floor of the Center for Community, or mail it to: Rebecca Sibley, c/o CMA, Campus Box 103, Boulder CO 80309-0103

Please print passport name (circle your FAMILY name): _____

Print your preferred name, if you have one: _____

Email address (please print): _____@colorado.edu

Other email: _____@_____

Phone (if available in U.S.): _____ Country of Citizenship:_____

Arrival date in Boulder: _____

Do you prefer someone of your own nationality (if so, please understand that this may not be possible)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Level of study: ☐ Bachelor's ☐ Exchange student Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male Date of birth: _____

☐ Master's ☐ Doctorate Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Children_____

1. What is your major or field of study at CU? _____
2. What languages do you speak?
   a. Language: _____ Level: ☐ Fluent ☐ Some ☐ Very little
   b. Language: _____ Level: ☐ Fluent ☐ Some ☐ Very little
   c. Language: _____ Level: ☐ Fluent ☐ Some ☐ Very little
3. Do you have any food restrictions (e.g., do not eat meat, food allergies)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

   If yes, please explain: _____
4. Please list your interests and hobbies. Indoor:_____

   Outdoor:_____ Artistic:_____

   Music:_____ Other:_____
5. What else is important for your International Student Guide to know about you?

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Please read this part carefully!

I agree to the following (please sign your initials by each of these statements and sign below, e.g. John Doe would sign JD in front of each statement):

_____*I agree to communicate with my ISG before I arrive on campus and at least twice per week during the first two months of classes.*

_____*I agree to fully participate in the International Student Guide program for the duration of the program, in the month before classes begin through the end of the program in mid-semester. This includes:*

I understand that the information included in this application will be shared with the International Student Guide assigned to me. Furthermore, I understand that the staff of CMA does not undertake any background check on any of the students in the International Student Guide Program. I agree to hold harmless and waive any liability on the part of the University of Colorado Boulder, its staff, and or its Regents.

_____ (signature) _____ (date)

(Please sign your full passport name in ink, don't just type it!)