

## **What is an International Peer Coach (IPC)?**

Similar to a WU Opening Days Leader, the International Peer Coach (IPC) is responsible for introducing American Studies Program (ASP) students to the Willamette and Salem communities. For six weeks you and a co-leader, along with a team of other IPCs, will help newly arrived international students become confident and independent in their new environment with a deeper understanding of the Willamette way of life.

With an IPC partner, you will orient your group of 20-24 ASP students to different aspects of being a student at Willamette, such as living on a residential campus, communication style differences, student involvement, making friends, and personal responsibility. You are the students' first American mentor, coach, advocate, and resource person and have the chance to introduce everything you love about Willamette and Oregon: the best places to study, the best coffee shops downtown, or the best place to sit at a home basketball game.

Transitioning to a new culture is never easy, but as an IPC you can help smooth this transition and make truly life-long friends in the process. Being an IPC is an unforgettable experience; you can improve your cross-cultural skills, sharpen your leadership skills, challenge your own self-awareness, and have fun doing it!

**Please email us with questions about the position, or make an appointment to meet us in person!**

Sarah Shinn <sshinn> or Naomi Collette <ncollett>, TIUA associate directors

**Tuesday, September 25: Applications due at 11:59pm via Google Form Application- available at the TIUA website ([tiuma.edu](http://tiuma.edu)) or Handshake via the WU Career Services website. This includes:**

- Application form
- Resume (upload to the application form)
- Unofficial transcript (upload to the application form)

*If you encounter any issues uploading documents or completing the Google form, please email Sarah Shinn <sshinn> immediately. Please note that you must use your Willamette email account to complete the form. Individual interviews will be scheduled upon receipt of your application via Google appointments.*

### **September 26 – October 5:**

Individual interviews – Please meet interviewers at the TIUA front desk (individual sign-ups via Google appointments- Sarah Shinn will send a link)

### **Tuesday, October 9:**

Group interview 6:30-8:00pm, Kaneko Commons

### **Mid- October**

Hiring notifications

### **Thursday, November 1:**

Mandatory IPC Training, 4:30-5:45pm

### **Friday, January 25 (late afternoon/evening) + Saturday, January 26 (all day)**

IPC training and arrival preparation

### **Weekly IPC meetings after January 26—April 1 (1 hour/week, time TBA)**