

Georgia Tech
Office of International Education

Education Abroad Peer Advisor Program General Information
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If you are interested in becoming a Peer Advisor, please read the follow program description and complete the application. Important dates to keep in mind are:

Application deadline: Friday, September 4th

Orientation and First meeting: Monday, September 14th from 5:00-6:30pm
(if you know now that this time is a problem for you, please let me know immediately)

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The Georgia Tech Office of International Education (OIE) invites students to apply for its Peer Advisor Program. Applicants must be returned Education Abroad students who participated in a semester/academic year exchange or a summer/faculty-led study abroad program.

Peer advisors play a critical role in promoting study abroad to Georgia Tech's students. They help OIE at campus events throughout the academic year, talk to their fellow students interested in specific programs, interact with incoming exchange students, and help develop marketing materials. Peer advisors gain public speaking, leadership, and creative experience.

Peer Advisor Program Activities

- General presentations about Education Abroad – GT 1000 classes, admissions events, etc.
- Trainings/meetings (Fall and Spring) and social events (end of year dinner, info on international activities on campus and in Atlanta)

Benefits of Membership

- Great experience – public speaking, collaborating with others, etc.
- The opportunity to talk about your education abroad experience to very interested audiences
- Regularly thinking about and putting into practice the benefits of your education abroad experience will help you to market it better to future employers
- A way to meet like-minded people and learn from each other

How do I join the Peer Advisors?!

1. Complete the application by the deadline.
2. OIE will review all applications and select the new peer advisors of each academic year.
3. New members will be added to the group's email list and must attend an orientation session/opening meeting with the returning Peer Advisors.
4. Sign up for activities throughout the Fall and Spring semesters.

Please indicate which of the following activities interest you most. Check as many as apply:

- _____ Volunteering/speaking at recruiting and informational tables and sessions (Connect with Tech, orientations, classroom presentations, etc.)
- _____ Serving as a buddy/mentor for exchange students at GT
- _____ Mentoring prospective study abroad participants
- _____ Organizing/volunteering at cultural events on campus (such as CultureFest)
- _____ Writing articles for study abroad newsletters/websites
- _____ Participate in Georgia International Leadership Conference
- _____ Help with events on campus such as International Education Week and the Study and Work Abroad Fair
- _____ Other (please describe below)

Please read and initial the following items and then sign below:

- _____ If selected for the Peer Advisor Program, I will commit to participate for at least one academic year. Participation is defined as a) attending a required training session/opening meeting during fall semester, b) participating in at least two other education abroad events each semester, c) answering occasional email questions from students interested in study abroad.

Signature: _____ Date: _____