



Central Washington University International Programs

Get Involved!

Activities & Opportunities through the Office of International Studies & Programs

Campus Friend Program

Volunteer—AUAP

The Campus Friends Program gives AUAP students and CWU students an opportunity to interact and share Japanese and American culture with each other. Campus Friends are volunteers who meet with their AUAP friends at least once or twice a week and enjoy a variety of activities together based on their mutual interests. For more information, please contact the Student Services Coordinator at werdinm@cwu.edu or at 509-963-1374.

Community Friend Program

Volunteer—AUAP

The Community Friend Program gives AUAP students a chance to experience what life is like off campus, and families/individuals from the community the opportunity to interact with students from Japan and share their family life with them. Community members are matched with one or two AUAP students based on common interests and usually get together about twice a month for a four month period. AUAP students love experiencing American culture and everyday life, so volunteers don't need to plan anything out of the ordinary—just involve them in your family or community. For more information, please contact the Student Services Coordinator at werdinm@cwu.edu or at 509-963-1374.

Classroom Volunteer Program

Volunteer—AUAP

This program strives to provide CWU students the opportunity to gain a perspective of another culture and develop skills in international communication, teaching ESL, and leadership. At a time when the job market is being transformed by globalization and employers are searching for people with intercultural communication skills, volunteer experience, and leadership skills, Central students can build their resumes by becoming an active part of the AUAP classrooms. They model natural English, engage students in activities, and share opinions from an American perspective. They will work with other volunteers to aid the AUAP teachers by leading small group discussion and other classroom activities as directed. For more information, please contact the AUAP Director at kukarn@cwu.edu or at 509-963-1958.

Conversation Partners

Volunteer—UESL

University English as a Second Language students from around the world, including Saudi Arabia, Japan, China and Korea, are paired up with domestic students and/or community members and encouraged to meet with each other to learn about each others' culture and language. This volunteer program is a great way to meet new people, learn about other cultures, and even prepare yourself for studying abroad! In the summer, conversation groups may take the place of conversation partners. For more information, please contact the UESL office at uesl@cwu.edu or at 509-963-1375.

International Peer Advisor

Student Employment—AUAP

An International Peer Advisor (IPA) is a student employee position available for CWU students. IPAs serve as a resource person to the AUAP students by coordinating activities to facilitate students' interaction with Americans, support students with the residence hall community, assist with cross-cultural understanding, and encourage student participation in campus activities. For more information please contact the Student Services Coordinator at werdinm@cwu.edu or at 509-963-1374.

International Student Peer Mentor

Student Employment—GSI

International Student Peer mentors are paid to assist incoming international students with their adjustment to CWU, Ellensburg, and the U.S., as well as gain valuable office experience. For more information please contact the International Student Advisor at moesr@cwu.edu or at 509-963-3614.

Study Abroad Peer Advisor

Student Employment—SAEP

Becoming a Study Abroad Peer Advisor is a great way to stay involved with the international community when you return from your program as it gives you an opportunity to share your experiences with other students, as well as inspire them in their dreams of going abroad. For more information please contact the Study Abroad Advisor at batesr@cwu.edu or at 509-963-3621.

Friends Club

CWU Club—AUAP

The AUAP Friends Club of CWU was created for students who feel they don't have the time to commit to meeting regularly with a Campus or Community Friend partner, or for those who want more interaction with a wider variety of people. There are no dues, and anyone interested in making friends is invited to join and help develop new activities and ways for members of both cultures to learn about and enjoy each other's company! For more information, please contact the Student Services Assistant at auapssa@cwu.edu

International Club

CWU Club—GSI

The International Club of CWU was established to create a sense of community amongst international students and domestic students at CWU and to establish beneficial long-term international connections. Dues are minimal, and anyone interested in making friends is invited to join and build connections and friends from different nationalities, interact with them during various events and activities, and enjoy spending time together. For more information, please contact them at intlclub@cwu.edu.

International House

Living Learning Community—GSI

The International House (I-House), in Kennedy Hall, houses many International Exchange Students and students wishing to broaden their cultural experiences. Many activities and events are planned to enhance this atmosphere. There is no extra cost involved with living in the CWU I-House. For more information, please contact the International Student Advisor at moesr@cwu.edu or at 509-963-3614.