



# International Peer Mentor (IPM) Program

2020/2021

Thank you for your interest in becoming an International Peer Mentor at NAIT! The International Peer Mentors are a team of volunteer student leaders at NAIT who provide peer-to-peer support to reduce cultural barriers for students who are new to studying in Canada. The IPMs do this by facilitating social connections, leading conversations, sharing their experiences, and creating opportunities for intercultural interactions.

The IPMs play a key role in the NAIT student community and we look forward to meeting and working with you!

Please review the program details and requirements below *before* filling out the electronic application form. Submit your complete application **via email to Freya Fu at [freya@nait.ca](mailto:freya@nait.ca) no later than July 24, 2020.**

*(Note: due to the current pandemic situation, our program activities will be carried out through virtual platforms.)*

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## Program Details

### Who's eligible to apply?

- current NAIT students who have completed at least 1 semester of full-time study at NAIT by May 1 of 2020 and are enrolled to study in the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 semesters.

### What are the requirements and expectations for IPMs?

- commit to the IMP role from August 2020 to May 2021;
- attend an online group interview at the self-selected time in the "Applicant Availability" section;
- attend live online training on August 5 and 6, 2020 (from 9am to 4pm);
- connect, support, and facilitate conversations and activities with your assigned International Peer Groups in each semester (you will learn more details about group activities during the training; all program activities will be online/virtual during pandemic);
- connect peers with the wider NAIT community, resources and other student services;
- host minimum of 4 virtual meetups/activities with each of your International Peer Group (i.e. minimum of 8 meetups/activities from August 2020 to May 2021);
- support and collaborate with other IPMs in organizing virtual group meetups/activities.

### Who should apply?

If you are a current NAIT student who is...

- passionate about creating a supportive and inclusive environment for other students at NAIT, especially those who are new to studying in Canada;
- open to sharing your NAIT stories and experiences with students in the program to support their transition to Canada;
- good at connecting and engaging with other students;
- comfortable hosting virtual meetups and facilitating conversations in a virtual setting;
- eager to polish your student leadership and teamwork skills;
- open and curious to developing your intercultural skills.

### What do I need to include in my application?

- A complete application form (see below);
- A video Cover Letter – this will help us to get to know you better (please see detailed instructions in the "Video Cover Letter" section).
- Email your application to Freya Fu at [freya@nait.ca](mailto:freya@nait.ca) no later than July 24, 2020.

### What are the benefits of becoming an IPM?

- gain meaningful and fulfilling experience in engaging and empowering students new to studying in Canada to become more successful in their transition to NAIT and Canada;
- bring positive contributions to the NAIT student community and grow your social and professional network;
- gain interpersonal, leadership and intercultural skills that will benefit future career development;
- obtain co-curriculum record recognition that shows your IPM experience on your official transcript and a recognition letter upon successfully completing the full term of Peer Mentor role from August 2020 to May 2021.

**I have reviewed and understand the IPM program details.**



## Applicant Information

First Name		Last Name	
Phone		E-mail Address	
Expected month and year of Graduation		NAIT Student ID	
Academic Program at NAIT			
How did you learn about the IPM Program?			

## Video Cover Letter

*As part of your application, we are asking applicants to include a Cover Letter in a video format. Just like a written cover letter, the video cover letter will be your introduction to help us get to know you more. Please review the instructions below before you start making the video.*

### What should be covered in this video?

1. A brief introduction about yourself (as if you are being asked to introduce yourself in an interview).
2. Why are you interested in becoming an International Peer Mentor?
3. How will you add value to NAIT's student community as an International Peer Mentor?
4. What do you hope to get out of the International Peer Mentor Program?
5. Share an experience when you learned something new from a different culture. How did you react to it and what did you learn from this experience?

### How long is the video?

- The overall time length of your video should *not exceed 5 minutes* (there's no minimum time requirement).

### How do I include this video in my application?

Upload your video to a cloud drive (e.g. OneDrive, Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.) or any video website (e.g. YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) where you can generate a safe and link that is *public* or *shared with Freya* ([freya@nait.ca](mailto:freya@nait.ca)) directly. Please *do not* attach the original video file in your application email.

**Paste the link to your video cover letter here:** (*asking someone to test it to make sure the link works would be a good idea*)



## List your previous volunteer and/or work experience.

## Applicant Availability

<p>Please outline your availability for both the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 semesters.</p>	<p><i>(e.g. Monday 10am to 12pm and after 3pm, Tuesday &amp; Wednesday N/A, Thursday after 5pm, etc.)</i></p>
<p>You must be available for one of the group interview sessions. Please select any sessions you can attend.</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 28 from 9am to 10am (MST)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 29 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm (MST)</p> <p>Wednesday, July 29 from 3:00pm to 4:00pm (MST)</p> <p><i>You must only attend ONE session, but please select ALL that you are available to attend. We will confirm the group interview time slot with applicants at a closer date.</i></p>
<p>I confirm that, if I am selected as an IPM, I will be available to attend the live online training on <b>August 5 and 6, 2020 (9am to 4pm)</b>.</p>	



## Reference

*Please provide two references, they can be your previous/current teacher, instructor, employer, volunteer supervisor, etc. Family and friends are not acceptable references.*

Name		Relationship	
Company/ Organization			
Phone		E-mail Address	
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## Disclaimer and Signature

- By submitting this application, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am accepted as an International Peer Mentor, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this application may result in my immediate dismissal.
- I acknowledge that failure to properly complete all the sections in this electronic application form will result in the rejection of my application.
- I acknowledge that failure to attend the interview and/or training sessions will also result in the rejection of my application.
- I understand that all the information obtained through this form and the reference checks will be kept confidential. I understand that the reference checks are a matter of routine to ensure that volunteers are suitable for the position.

Applicant Name			
Signature		Date	

**Thank you for your application!**

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