The International Center is Accepting Applications for India PDO Student Leaders

In-Country Pre-Departure Orientation Student Leaders

The University of Michigan International Center is excited to host in-country Pre-Departure Orientations (PDO) for new international students and parents in June 2020 in India (New Delhi: Friday, June 5; Mumbai: Sunday, June 7). The International Center is seeking PDO Student Leaders to volunteer at the PDO events. Student Leaders will share valuable information with new students and their parents in order to prepare them for their travel to and arrival in Ann Arbor. They will also gain valuable experience developing skills around public speaking, presentation development, and peer-mentorship, as well as have this exciting opportunity to represent U-M abroad!

Eligibility

- Must be a citizen or someone who has significant experience living in India.
- Must be a current student in a U-M degree program and will continue to enroll in the Fall term. Those graduating in May 2020 are still eligible to apply but priority will be given to students who will return in the Fall term.
- Students can volunteer for more than one city and must stay for the entirety of the event held in each city.

Meetings and Training

Student Leaders will be required to attend an in-person training on either Friday, April 17 or Saturday, April 18 (exact date, time, and location will be announced at a later date.). Additionally, Student Leaders are asked to attend a refresher meeting one hour prior to the actual event overseas.

Compensation

Please note this is a volunteer position and provides no compensation. Volunteers are responsible for their own transportation to and from PDO sites and any other expenses incurred.

Major Job Responsibilities

- Greet and welcome students and parents upon arrival.
- Provide translation services for parents and/or students.
• Provide information to students and their parents about topics related to: traveling to Ann Arbor, adjusting to U.S. culture, life as a student at U-M, banking, transportation, housing, phones, etc.
• Review presentation content, provide necessary feedback, assist with translation and interpretation as needed.

Required Qualifications

• Excellent listening, verbal communication, and interpersonal skills.
• Very comfortable speaking in front of a group of students or parents and answering questions.
• Very familiar with U-M, U-M services, and Ann Arbor.
• Ability to work independently as well as a strong team member
• Excellent presentation skills
• Comfortable talking about your own experiences and the adjustments you had to make when you came to U-M and to the U.S.

How to Apply

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Those interested should complete the application [1] by Sunday, March 15. Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview in late March/early April.

Questions? Contact icenter@umich.edu

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[1] https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfAcYjNg2R3ikP5jR8ngeRHZMXhjXjZiTQH8ZZtKkP0T7Xtw/viewform?usp=sf_link