

APPLICATION FORM

LAST NAME : _____

FIRST NAME: _____

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN : _____

AGE: _____

GENDER: M _____ F _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

I am in my _____ year at Concordia and I am enrolled in the _____ program for the Fall Semester 2013.

Languages spoken :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

My interests are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Do you own a car: YES _____ NO _____

If so, would you be willing to pick up students from the airport? (Maximum 2)

Yes _____ No _____

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

- Student Life & Learning (HA 114)
- Welcome Centre (HA 107)

If you have questions about the program email: studentlife@concordia.ab.ca for more information.

WHERE WILL YOUR BUDDY COME FROM?

Concordia has several established Partnerships, including:



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION:

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INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM

Join Today!



WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL BUDDY PROGRAM?

For international students who are new to Edmonton or the Canadian lifestyle, moving to Concordia can be a daunting experience. That's why we offer the International Buddy Program.

The program pairs new international students with current students, who can provide a friendly face, helping hand, and be the first Edmonton friendship, for the newly arrived international student.

Buddies can also offer linguistic support, cultural guidance and information about life at Concordia and in Alberta. Typical "buddy" activities might include showing international students around campus, locating banks and grocery stores near campus, helping with an apartment search, or chatting over a cup of coffee.

Volunteers and new students are paired over the summer months for the Fall academic term. This gives the paired students a chance to communicate with the new arrival before arriving in Canada, should they choose to do so.

There is no hard deadline for signing up, although it's important for both volunteers and new students to sign up before the term begins in order to ensure a smooth pairing...

Volunteers will receive official recognition for their volunteer efforts.

WHY BECOME A BUDDY?

- ◆ Be an cultural ambassador to new in-ternational students
- ◆ Gain insight on different cultural values and world views
- ◆ Join a global minded community
- ◆ Attend events with new international students and other current students
- ◆ Build your resume
- ◆ Receive an official letter for your volunteer efforts.
- ◆ Have FUN!!

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ◆ Contact assigned buddy via email, get to know buddy and provide information about life as a Concordia student
- ◆ Identify (if any) what their immediate concerns may be upon their arrival to Edmonton. Help the international student transition to life in Canada
- ◆ Support buddy in first week at Concordia. Show them around, introduce them to other students.
- ◆ Meet several times a week for the first four weeks of the semester. Just be a friendly face; as the new student adjusts to their surroundings.



HOW CAN YOU BECOME MENTOR?

QUALIFICATIONS:

- * Must be a current undergraduate student.
- * Submit a mentor application to Student Life, HA114
- * Have a good knowledge about Edmonton and its surroundings.



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Once you have submitted your completed application to Student Life & Learning (HA 114) you will be asked to attend an interview. On approval, you will be matched with a new, incoming international student.

You will be given the opportunity to 'meet' via email, prior to the start of the semester.

The International office will host a welcome event and a variety of catch up events for all buddies throughout the semester. Buddies also have the opportunity to organize events with other buddies, and invite others in the buddy network along.

The International office and Student Life will provide on-going support for all students in the case of questions or concerns.