

## International Education - Peer Ambassador Program

Former Study Abroad Participants:

Have you thought about how you might stay involved with the Office of International Education when you return to URI? Are you interested in meeting students from around the world? One way to do this is through the OIE's Peer Ambassador Program.

If you are a study abroad alum you probably can vividly recall your first few days/weeks after arriving in your host countries, the uncertainty you may have felt, the culture shock you may have experienced, the anxiety caused by not knowing anyone on campus. Every semester, URI welcomes International Exchange students to its campus from around the world and many have the same feelings and concerns you did.... Our Peer Ambassadors will have the unique opportunity of greeting these students during the first few days of their arrival, helping them get acclimated to the campus, and generally serving as a friendly contact to help smooth the transition into their new university environment.

What is expected on the Peer Ambassador?

- Introduce yourself to your student via e-mail (before they leave their home country) and answer questions they may have about the URI, Rhode Island and the U.S.

- When the exchange student you are assisting arrives on campus give them a personal tour of campus, help them move in, answer questions they may have about classes and life on campus.

This is a volunteer position and an excellent opportunity to get to know an exchange student at your home university, while enriching their overseas experience at the same time. If you are interested in being a Peer Ambassador fill out on the attached application and either email it to **oie@etal.uri.edu** or mail to:

Office of International Education  
URI  
Attention: Peer Ambassador Program  
107 Taft Hall  
Kingston, RI 02881

We hope you take advantage of this great opportunity to have fun, meet students from around the world and represent URI as a welcoming location to study.