

Friendship

WITH AN FAU HOST

The International Friends Program promotes friendship and cultural exchange by matching new international students with other members of the FAU community.

Other supporters of the International Friends Program:

- The International Multicultural Student Advisory Board
- The Office of International Programs

What do I do if I'm interested in participating?

Interested students and hosts who would like to join the International Friends Program can request an application from ISSS.



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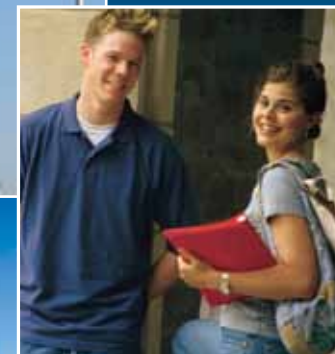


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through Friendship*

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to and from local stores or offices, or temporary housing of one or two days until permanent housing arrangements are finalized).

What are the benefits/rewards for the participants?

For international students, friendship with an FAU host can ease this transition by providing opportunities to become familiar with the local surroundings and with university life. For hosts, friendship with an international student is a great way to learn about other countries and cultures or reconnect with places visited through work or travel.



What is the purpose of this program?

For international students, coming to the U.S. to study is an exciting opportunity. Separation from family and home culture while trying to navigate the university setting can also be a difficult and frustrating experience at times. The International Friends Program is a way of creating a more welcoming environment for international students and scholars as they transition to life in the U.S.

The purpose of the program is to promote friendship and cultural exchange by matching new international students with other members and friends of the FAU community.

How does the program work?

International students are matched with an FAU host with whom they can visit, enjoy an occasional meal, celebrate holidays, join in friend/family gatherings, participate in community events and simply enjoy the exchange of international friendships. In addition, ISSS — in collaboration with other FAU departments — hosts campus-based gatherings for International Friends Program participants.

Hosts may also choose to help international students settle in their new lives by providing assistance during the first few days of their arrival in the U.S. (for example, airport pickup, transportation

What is the time commitment?

There is no minimum time commitment, but the expectation is that students and hosts stay in touch through the student's first semester at FAU.

Current students can also join the program, and they are matched with an FAU friend for the next available semester.

