



RSU GLOBAL!

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I wish to welcome you all to RSU Global! – the official peer-assisted learning (PAL) center at Rangsit University – for which I started in 2018.

From its beginnings, RSU Global! has grown into a vibrant community that empowers students to achieve success while fostering intercultural competence and personal growth. What started as a small peer learning initiative is now collaboration, diversity, and innovation.

At RSU Global!, learning goes beyond the classroom. Through PAL sessions, cultural exchanges, students build skills in communication, problem-solving, and global awareness. By connecting students from different backgrounds, the center bridges knowledge and practice.

This newsletter reflects our commitment to excellence and community. Each issue will celebrate our achievements, share program updates, and highlight the cultural richness that makes RSU Global! unique. Our aim is to inform, inspire, and ensuring everyone feels part of this journey.

RIC PEER MENTOR OF THE MONTH

RSU Global! is launching a new Peer Mentor of the Month program to recognize mentors who show exceptional leadership, empathy, and commitment to PAL. This initiative highlights the spirit of collaboration, intercultural growth, and academic excellence that defines our community.



Selections will be based on qualities such as reliability, creativity, and the ability to inspire others. The first Peer Mentor of the Month will be announced in the October 2025 newsletter, so stay tuned as we begin celebrating the mentors who make RSU Global! a dynamic and supportive learning environment.

CULTURE CORNER



Each September, Myanmar celebrates the Tawthalin Festival, one of the country's most colorful and lively traditions. Held on the full moon of Tawthalin, the festival is famous for its traditional boat races, where rowing teams demonstrate skill, unity, and endurance as cheering crowds line the rivers and lakes. Beyond the excitement of the races, the festival carries deep spiritual meaning, as Buddhists mark the occasion with merit-making activities, including offering food to monks, reciting prayers, and engaging in meditation. By blending devotion, cultural pride, and community spirit, the Tawthalin Festival highlights how Myanmar's traditions bring people together in both celebration and reflection.

PROGRAMS IN ACTION: HOW RSU GLOBAL! ALIGNS WITH THESE RIC COURSES:

ENL/ILE 125: ENGLISH FOR GLOBAL EXPLORATION

This course aligns closely with RSU Global! by combining language development with intercultural learning and peer support.



Through PAL, students build academic English and practice real-world communication. The course reflects RSU Global!'s focus on Global Englishes (GE), encouraging confidence across diverse forms of English. It also fosters intercultural competence through global themes. Together, these elements extend RSU Global!'s mission to prepare students for success in a connected world.

ENL/ILE 126: ENGLISH IN TED

This course supports RSU Global!'s mission by combining English fluency with public speaking, critical thinking, and intercultural communication. Through the delivery of TED-style talks, students develop confidence in presenting ideas to diverse audiences. PAL mentors provide feedback and guidance, helping students refine both language and presentation skills.



Through presentation practice and mentorship, this course builds academic skills, creativity, and intercultural competence for global engagement.

ENL/ILE 127: ENGLISH AT WORK

This course aligns with RSU Global! by preparing students to use English effectively in professional settings, as it emphasizes communication skills such as presentations, negotiations, teamwork, and intercultural interaction, which are reinforced through PAL.



Mentors at RSU Global! provide support and feedback, helping students build confidence and competence. The course encourages students to communicate authentically and flexibly across diverse professional contexts, recognizing that English at work does not follow a single standard.

RSU/IRS 127: INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

This course supports RSU Global!'s mission by equipping students with the skills to navigate cultural diversity in academic, professional, and social contexts. The course emphasizes understanding values, beliefs, and communication styles across cultures, while PAL mentors provide opportunities to apply these concepts through real interactions and reflective dialogue.



By integrating theory with practice, this course enhances academic knowledge and cultivates the intercultural awareness and communication strategies that prepare students to thrive globally.

UPCOMING PEER MENTOR TRAINING MODULES BY OUR PRODEV TEAM:



RESEARCH PROJECTS PLANNED:

RESEARCH GRANT #1 UPDATE

This investigates how Thai university students develop intercultural competence through PAL sessions with international mentors as part of an IaH strategy.



RESEARCH GRANT #2 UPDATE

This study explores how PAL fosters intercultural competence among International students at a Thai university.



THAI MENTEES:

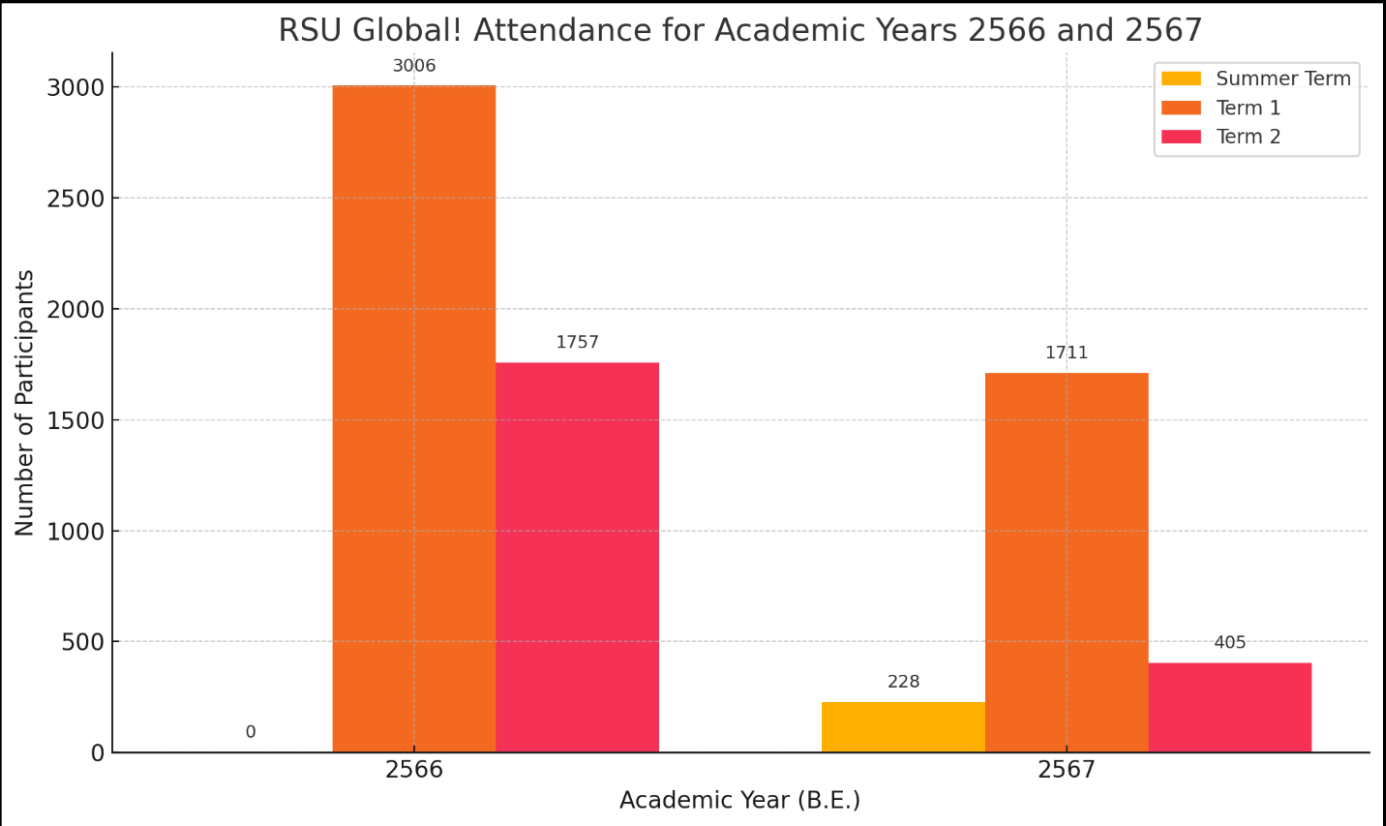
ENL/ILE 126: ENGLISH IN TED (THAI PROGRAM)

Students in the Thai program who take ENL 126 benefit from RSU Global! by receiving peer mentorship that strengthens both their English and their confidence in public speaking. As mentees, they gain hands-on practice in TED-style presentations, supported by international mentors who provide guidance on language, delivery, and critical thinking.



This experience not only improves academic performance but also builds intercultural competence, helping Thai students engage more effectively in global contexts.

IMPACTED BY THE NUMBERS: NUMBERS FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS:



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Academic Week #3	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Academic Week #4	8 First day of mentoring	9	10	11	12	13
14 Academic Week #5	15	16	17	18	19 Thai Museum Day	20 National Youth Day
21 Academic Week #6	22	23 September Equinox	24	25	26	27
28 Academic Week #7	29	30				