



RSU GLOBAL!

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I am pleased to welcome you to RSU Global!—the official PAL center at Rangsit University. RSU Global! Embodies a supportive community where students learn, grow, and succeed together through collaboration.

As the Head Team Leader Coordinator, I have the privilege and honor of working alongside a dedicated group of 100+ Head Team Leaders who manage and assist their peers. Together, we work to create PAL sessions that go beyond academics, fostering communication, teamwork, and cultural exchange. It is through these shared experiences that students gain both knowledge and confidence while forming meaningful connections in an international environment.

At RSU Global!, which supports Rangsit University's Internationalization at Home policy, we believe learning is not limited to the classroom. Our community encourages creativity, diversity, and leadership, empowering every student to grow personally and academically.

This newsletter reflects our ongoing commitment to excellence and collaboration. Each issue will share updates, achievements, and stories that celebrate the achievement of RSU Global! and highlight the contributions of our team leaders, mentors and students.

RIC PEER MENTOR OF THE MONTH

RSU Global! proudly announces our first Peer Mentor of the Month: Phollapat Rodchue, recognized for his leadership, empathy, and dedication to PAL.



Nominated by his Head Team Leader for always being on-time and ready to help, Phollapat stands out as a reliable and approachable mentor.

Reflecting on his experience, he shared, "I'm really excited and grateful to be mentoring here. It's nice meeting new friends and sharing what I know."

His advice to fellow mentors: "Speak to the student as if you're a friend."

With his enthusiasm and kindness, Phollapat shows how mentorship builds trust and creates a welcoming space for students.

CULTURE CORNER



In October, Buddhists across Myanmar celebrate the Thadingyut Festival, which is also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the country's most significant religious events. On this day, people light candles, lanterns, and oil lamps to commemorate the Buddha's return from Tāvātimsa Heaven, where he had preached the Abhidhamma to his mother. To honor this occasion, Myanmar Buddhists illuminate streets, houses, and balconies as a symbolic welcome to the Buddha's return to the human world. In addition, many people make donations to monks, monasteries, and the religious community.

Moreover, during the full moon week, younger people not only pay respect and show homage to their elders but also formally request forgiveness if they have committed any act of disrespect or displayed any form of inappropriation toward them. This gesture is deeply symbolic, emphasizing the importance of humility, reconciliation, and maintaining harmony within families and communities. The Thadingyut Festival reflects not only the profound religious history and spiritual values of Buddhism.

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

ENL/ILE 125: ENGLISH FOR GLOBAL EXPLORATION

This course is one of RIC's most fundamental classes which is also aligned with RSU Global!



Mentors who have attended this course can share their worldwide knowledge with other students who visit RSU Global! Moreover, they can discuss various *hot topics* that are happening in the world today. There are no right or wrong answers, as they can freely discuss their minds in a free and open environment. As a result, the collaboration between this course and RSU Global! allows both mentors and students significantly improve their speaking skills as a result of RSU GLOBAL!

ENL/ILE 126: ENGLISH IN TED

This course's objectives corresponds with RSU Global!'s mission by integrating English communication with presentation, creativity, and intercultural learning. Through TED-style talks, international students practice articulating their original ideas clearly and confidently to international audiences.



The guidance they offer strengthen both language and presentation skills. By combining practice with mentorship, the course fosters academic growth, critical thinking, and intercultural awareness for global success that they can utilize in their future careers.

ENL/ILE 127: ENGLISH AT WORK

This course aligns closely with RSU Global! by equipping students with the skills to communicate effectively in real-world academic, professional, and social contexts. It emphasizes critical discussion, collaboration, and intercultural exchange, all of which are reinforced through meaningful PAL activities.



Through ongoing guidance and constructive feedback from their fellow international peer mentors, students build greater confidence, adaptability, and communicative flexibility. The course highlights the importance of using English authentically across diverse situations, moving beyond fixed rules or a single variety of English to embrace Global Englishes in practice.

RSU/IRS 127: INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION

This course supports RSU Global!'s mission by preparing students to communicate confidently and effectively in global contexts. It develops key skills in collaboration, problem-solving, and intercultural communication, while PAL mentors provide personalized guidance and opportunities for practice through interactive activities.



By combining hands-on practical experience with thoughtful reflective learning, this course fosters the development of essential life skills. It builds greater flexibility in adapting to new situations, cultivates confidence in applying knowledge beyond the classroom, and encourages a broader global perspective that prepares learners to thrive in diverse academic, professional, and cultural environments.

UPCOMING PEER MENTOR TRAINING MODULES BY OUR PRODEV TEAM:

Foundation of PAL

Peer-assisted learning (henceforth PAL) promotes active learning through collaboration, discussion, and cultural exchange, enabling students to strengthen their language skills, build confidence, and form meaningful community connections.



This training module explains how international mentors support Thai mentees in developing both English proficiency and intercultural skills through weekly mentoring sessions. PAL emphasizes effective communication, guided conversations, constructive feedback, and interactive activities. This reciprocal process equips mentors with transferable skills that contribute to their future academic and professional success that can be utilized in their future professional careers.

Scaffolding and ZPD

The Zone of Proximal Development (henceforth ZPD) is the gap between what learners can do alone and what they can achieve with guidance.



This training module instructs how scaffolding provides support in this gap—through hints, rephrasing, or demonstrations—and gradually fades as learners gain confidence and independence. In peer mentoring, scaffolding is less about formal teaching and more about guiding, encouraging, and collaborating. By working together step by step, peers make challenges more manageable, build skills and confidence, and at the same time strengthen trust, connections, and a supportive learning community.

RESEARCH PROJECTS PLANNED:

DR. EDWARD'S RESEARCH FACTORY

During the current academic term, Dr. Edward Devere Bacon, Director of RSU Global!, is leading four major research projects. Working closely with Deputy Director Ajarn Gary, they are jointly overseeing the progress of these initiatives and are actively engaged in the systematic collection of data that will form the foundation for multiple academic publications.



Over 100 Team Leaders, hundreds of peer mentors, and potentially thousands of Thai students are involved (the actual participant numbers can be seen on the following page). Each project is expected to produce at least five academic papers for submission to Q1 or Q2 Scopus-indexed journals, with an estimated 40 papers projected within the next 12 months.

Following data collection in Term 1, Term 2 will launch *Dr. Edward's Research Factory*, an academic program designed to instruct RIC undergraduates on how to write high-quality papers and provide opportunities to co-author publications, significantly strengthening their CVs for graduate school.

THAI MENTEES:

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

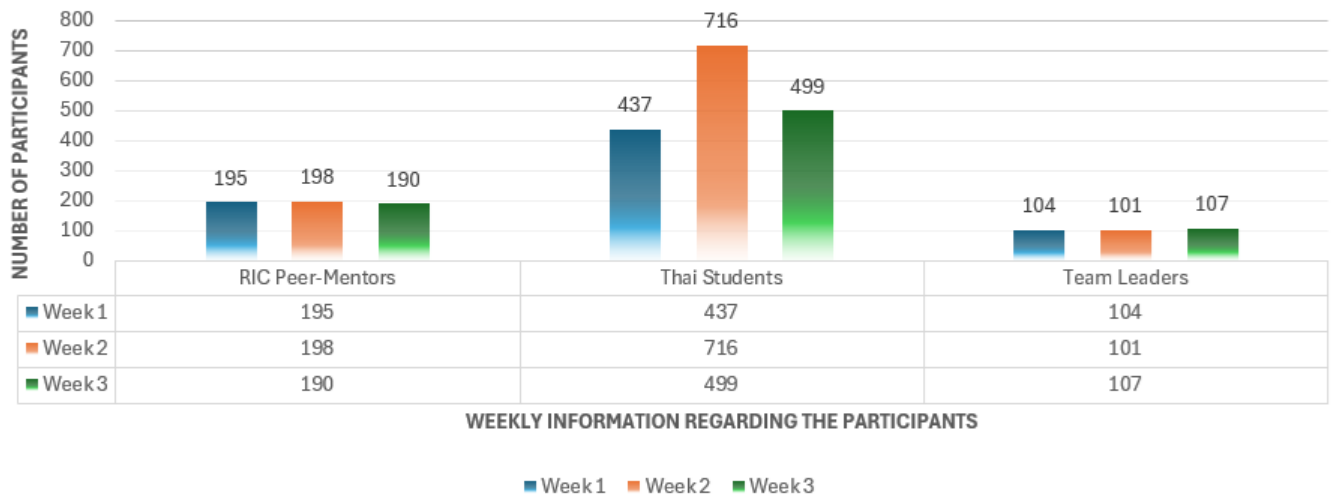
Students in ENL 126 develop advanced speaking skills through meaningful collaboration with our international peer mentors. By engaging in discussions, exchanging ideas, and practicing in supportive settings, Thai students build the confidence needed to express themselves clearly and effectively.



This course also plays an important role in fostering closer connections among students while creating opportunities for the global exchange of perspectives, helping them broaden their understanding of different cultures and communication styles. Through interaction, and guided activities, students strengthen their presentation skills, which can be applied in real-life situations such as public speaking, academic presentations, or professional settings.

IMPACTED BY THE NUMBERS: PARTICIPANT NUMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2025:

RSU GLOBAL! FOR THE MONTH SEPTEMBER - TERM 1, 2025



CALENDAR OF EVENTS: OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Academic Week #7	Exchange students from Vietnam		1	2	3	4
Midterm Break	5 No Mentoring	6	7	8	9	10
Academic Week #8	11	12	13 National holiday	14	15	16
Academic Week #9	17	18	19	20	21	22
Academic Week #10	23 National holiday	24	25	26	27 Dr. Edward's birthday	28
Academic Week #11	29	30	31 Halloween			