The Office of Student Development

In collaboration with students, faculty, staff and families, the Office of Student Development facilitates students’ transformation and enriches their educational experience by embracing their goals, dreams and aspirations. OSD offers opportunities for engagement in educationally purposeful activities, challenges students to develop academically and personally, provides the support necessary for them to do so, and advocates for their needs.

Student Leadership

Student leaders play a vital role in shaping campus life. While our leadership opportunities are diverse, each position carries the common goal of promoting academic excellence and purposeful engagement within and beyond the Woodbury community. Student leaders are able to effect change on campus through mentoring, advocacy, peer education and program planning. They experience the fulfillment of service, as well as the added benefit of marketable skills such as communication, conflict resolution, and time management.

Student Leader Commitment

When you make a commitment to a campus leadership position, you are making a commitment to serve your fellow students. You will be expected to make the integrity and the needs of the campus community a priority in your daily life by conducting yourself with high ethical standards, developing a thorough understanding of campus policies and procedures, and taking your role as a student advocate seriously. You will be provided with tools necessary to do this during Fall & Spring Training and in-services (2 per semester). Participation in each of these opportunities is required.

The Role of the International Peer Advisor in Our Community

The International Peer Advisor (IPA) program is a resource for all incoming international students. The IPA program provides guidance to international students to assist them as they transition into life as a Woodbury University student. International Peer Advisors are students that have already gone through this life-changing situation and are now able to help others. IPA’s will communicate with new international students on a regular basis to support their personal and academic success.

Specific International Peer Advisor Responsibilities

- Communicate with assigned international students weekly.
- Meet weekly with the Coordinator of the International Peer Advisors
- Facilitate international events.
- Provide guidance to all new international students, including monthly one-on-ones.
- Help facilitate SOAR International Sessions and other international events.
- Participate and facilitate international orientation
- Promote events via social media and create flyers
- Facilitate detailed campus tours.
- Be available and accessible to international students.

Qualifications

- Maintain a verifiable cumulative and semester GPA of 2.75 or above and be in good standing with the University.
- Recommended completion of 0/1-unit PPDV 222 Leadership in Community Building course with a B or better.
- Abide by a confidentiality agreement, maintaining confidentiality and respect of individual students’ rights at all times.
- Must be an international student that has attended Woodbury University for at least one year.

Rewards for International Peer Advisor Service

$10.50/hour not to exceed 5 hours per week
(may be $10.75/hour based on prior experience in comparable position)

Under no circumstances may your total weekly hours of on-campus work exceed 29 hour per week.