

2024 INTERNATIONAL PRE-ORIENTATION LEADER APPLICATION

The International Student Pre-Orientation (ISP) is a week-long program specially designed to welcome international students. As you might remember, the first few days and weeks on campus—especially in a new country—can be overwhelming. The purpose of ISP is to give international students a chance to recover from their long journeys, acquaint themselves with Smith, and learn how to fully benefit from the United States' educational system. ISP also provides entering international students an opportunity to get to know one another and discuss the upcoming excitement and challenges of college life here.

ISP 2024 will take place from **Thursday, August 22 to Tuesday, August 27**. Training for ISP leaders will take place from **Monday, August 19 to Wednesday, August 21**. Qualified students are invited to apply to be an ISP leader, guiding the international students of the Class of 2028 through their first days on campus and in the US. Housing and meals will be provided to leaders during the training and following program, and each leader will receive a \$750 stipend.

In order to apply, a student must be:

1. An enrolled student for the 2024-25 academic year
2. In good academic standing (C average or better) as defined in the Smith College catalogue.
3. Able to attend training sessions on campus prior to the beginning of ISP, starting the evening of **Monday, August 19, 2024**. (Leaders could move into their houses on either Sunday, August 18 or Monday).
4. Able to demonstrate active involvement and contribution to Smith campus community and/or international student life.
5. **Free from other responsibilities or training sessions during the training and ISP programs**. This means students **cannot** jointly participate in ISP and programs like Residence Life, HONS, or Campus Center staff, etc.

Students must submit:

- **A 500 word personal statement** outlining why you want to be an ISP leader, how your Smith experience has prepared you to be an ambassador for international students, and any ideas or specific skills you might bring to the program.
- **Personal Resume** (The Lazarus Center has resources to help with this, if needed!)
- **This ISP Leader Application Form**

Complete applications will be accepted via email as a single PDF document at interstu@smith.edu by **Sunday, March 17 at 11:59PM**. Successful applicants will be notified the week of March 25th.

Name: _____ ID#: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Smith Email: _____ Personal Email: _____

Majors: _____ Class Year: _____

Country (ies) of citizenship: _____ Other places you call home: _____

Do you have a U.S. Driver's License? Yes _____ No _____ Are you Smith Van Certified? Yes _____ No _____

Did you attend ISP? Yes _____ No _____ If no, why not? _____

Have you applied to be an ISP leader before? Yes _____ No _____ Have you been an ISP leader before? Yes _____ No _____

If YES, how do you plan to build on your experiences from your last ISP as a leader? How will this year further both your own personal leadership goals and those you have for ISP?

ISP LEADER ROLES

During the week, all ISP leaders will work together on group activities. In order to work best as a team, however, each ISP leader will have a specific role. Please check all the roles that interest you:

(Note for returning ISP leaders: Coordinator roles can be a wonderful way to change and deepen your involvement in ISP planning and execution!)

___ **First-year Leader:** Work directly with a first-year group, lead discussions)

___ **Program Coordinator (Social Events focus):** Help to lead the team of ISP leaders, with bigger picture oversight for large group social events, like Karaoke night and Talent Show

___ **Program Coordinator (Logistics Focus):** Help to lead the team of ISP leaders, with bigger picture oversight for Arrivals Day, Scavenger Hunt, Mall Trip, and Registration Rotations.

Regardless of your choices above, please also rank, in order of preference, the following teams. These are the sub-groups that we will be forming during training as we prepare for ISP. Please refer to the description of coordinator roles above for an idea of the tasks involved in each group:

___ **Social Events Team**

___ **Logistics Team**

___ **Digital Media Team**

SHORT QUESTIONS

Looking back to your own experience, what do you think is the most impactful aspect of the ISP program for new international students?

Do you consider yourself an introvert or an extrovert? As a leader, do you see that as a strength or a challenge, or both?

Excluding the ISSO and your ISP leaders, tell us about someone who made an impact on your transition to Smith and the US, and why?

Is there any additional information you'd like ISSO to know about you or your application?