

2021 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 2020 will take place from **Sunday, August 29 to Thursday, September 2**. Training for ISP leaders will take place from **Thursday, August 26 to Saturday, August 28**. Qualified international students are invited to apply to be an ISP leader, guiding the international students of the Class of 2025 through their first days on campus and in the US. Housing and meals will be provided to leaders during the training and following program.

In order to apply, a student must be:

1. An enrolled international student for the 2020-21 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, arriving at Smith on **Thursday, August 26, 2021**.
4. Able to demonstrate active involvement and contribution to Smith campus community and/or international student life.
5. Free from other work responsibility or other training sessions during the training and ISP programs. This includes summer jobs on campus, Residence Life training, Campus Center staff training, etc.

Students must submit (TYPED):

- **500 word personal statement** outlining: (a) their reasons for wanting to be an ISP leader, (b) any experience leading small groups, (c) ideas and/or specific skills to bring to the program.
- **Personal Resume** (The Lazarus Center has resources to help with this, if needed!)
- **ISP Leader Application Form**

Complete applications will be accepted via email as a single PDF document at interstu@smith.edu by **Sunday, March 28th at 11:59pm**. Successful applicants will be notified the week of April 5th.

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

Smith Email: _____ Personal Email: _____

Major(s): _____

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)

___ **Social Events Coordinator** (Lead a team of ISP leaders to handle details around large group social events, like Karaoke night and Talent Show)

___ **Logistics Coordinator** (Lead a team of ISP leaders to handle details around things like Arrivals Day, Scavenger Hunt, Mall trip, Registration Rotations)

___ **Digital Media Coordinator** (Lead a team of ISP leaders to organize efforts to photograph the week and provide social media presence for ISP)

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:

Logistics Team

Social Events Team

Digital Media Team

SHORT QUESTIONS

What was the most impactful part of ISP on your Smith experience, and why?

What do you anticipate would be most challenging to you about being an ISP leader?

A successful ISP leader is one who will step in to solve problems without needing to be asked. Tell us about a time you have identified a need and taken initiative to resolve the situation?

Do you think ISP will be different in the "new normal" after the pandemic? If so, how?

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