

SLS Ministry Role FAQ:

International Student Liaison

What is an International Student Liaison?

An International Student Liaison (ISL) is a servant leader who serves alongside the Office of International Student Advancement in serving and leading the campus international population (Third-Culture and international students) through ministry and activities coordination. The ISL is under the leadership and guidance of the Dorm Staff and the Office of International Student Advancement. The ISL helps to make the residence halls a healthy and happy place to live by assisting students toward unity and faithfulness to live a life consistent with the Word of God, encourages participation in both international community and campus-wide events, and mentors members of the campus international community in adjustment issues relating to academics, church involvement, and social life. ISLs will also work with the International Student Office to present seminars on various issues and challenges faced by international students, including research, student surveys, and presentation preparation. Students will learn to apply biblical counseling principles to cross-cultural relationships and articulate a biblical perspective on cultural diversity.

How do I know if being an International Student Liaison is right for me?

The ISL should be someone who is:

1. Submissive to the authority of the Word of God and the Student Life department
2. Able to humbly lead peers through cultural challenges and adjustments
3. Willing to confront peers
4. Willing to sacrifice personal time to serve the various need of residents
5. Able to prepare and lead discussion in small group setting
6. Capable of carefully and accurately fulfilling administrative responsibilities
7. Enjoys cross-cultural relationships and learning about other cultures

What are the International Student Liaison responsibilities?

1. Supports the Dorm Staff in discipling students toward a deeper love for Christ
2. Sets a godly example for other students to follow
3. Guides new international students through cultural transitions
4. Mobilizes international students to become involved throughout campus
5. Creates international community events that foster meaningful relationships

What meetings are expected?

1. International Student Advancement staff meeting (1 hr, every other week)
2. Weekly SLS meeting (1.5 hrs per week)
3. Various meetings with students

How many hours per week will this commitment involve?

This position involves approximately 10 hours of volunteering per week.

How do I become an International Student Liaison?

1. Attend the Servant Leadership Informational Meeting
2. Acquire, complete, and return a completed SLS application
3. Interview with the Coordinator of International Student Advancement
4. Be appointed to leadership by the SLS Application Committee

Is there a scholarship involved?

Not at this time.

What if I still have more questions?

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