Intercultural Conversation Program

What is it?
ICP is sponsored by the International Center at Tufts University. Its mission is to connect new international graduate students with returning students, staff, and faculty on the Tufts campus through a mentor program.

What is the commitment?
Participation in the program is from September to December (fall semester), and requires a time commitment of one hour per week.

How do I Apply?
Apply **HERE**!
Visit our website for more information!
Email ICP@tufts.edu with any questions.

What do you do in the program?
Mentors and mentees meet weekly for one hour throughout the fall semester. Additionally, participants are invited to a variety of events, such as a kick-off party, and seasonal events including pumpkin carving.

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Semester Events

ICP Brunch
*Meet your mentor, as well as other program participants, and enjoy some American-style breakfast!*
Sunday, September 30th 11:00am—12:30pm
Location TBD

Pumpkin Carving Event
*Join in the Halloween tradition of pumpkin carving!*
Wednesday October 31st 12:00pm—1:30pm
Hodgdon Hall Lounge

International Thanksgiving Dinner
*Join us for an American Thanksgiving dinner and traditions!*
Friday, November 16th 6—8pm
51 Winthrop St. Medford

Masala Lunch
*Join us for our final group event to close out the semester!*
Wednesday December 5th 12:00pm—1:15pm
Masala, 1127 Broadway, Somerville

How does it work?
The program matches returning students (domestic and international), staff, and faculty from the Medford campus with new international graduate students. The program helps students who want to practice and improve their conversational English skills and learn more about US life and culture.
“My partner was interesting and helped me a lot. During the last several weeks I did not hesitate to open my mouth any longer especially talk[ing] with my partner.”
- Student from China

“Throughout the ICP program, I developed a close friendship with my partner. We enjoyed our companionship very much. I learned so many interesting things about the American culture from her which absolutely helps me having a smoother experience as an international student.”
- Student from Iran

“I really enjoy talking to my partner and meeting the other international students in the program. They have had so many different experiences in places that I have never been, and they have much to share…”
- English-speaking partner

“WHY JOIN ICP? It has been wonderful to meet someone of a different culture... It feels as if we shared more than just language and also about our lives; learning about each other's cultures, families, and histories.”
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