### Semester Events

**ICP Kick-Off Brunch**  
*Meet your mentor and other program participants, and enjoy an American-style breakfast!*  
Sunday, September 29th 11:00am - 12:30pm  
Alumnae Lounge

**Pumpkin Carving Event**  
*Join in the Halloween tradition of pumpkin carving!*  
Wednesday, October 23rd 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
Hodgdon Hall Lounge

**International Thanksgiving Dinner**  
*Join us for an American Thanksgiving dinner and traditions!*  
Friday, November 15th 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
51 Winthrop St., Medford

**Final Lunch**  
*Join us for our final group event to close out the semester!*  
Wednesday, December 4th 12:00pm - 1:15pm  
Flatbread Company, 45 Day St., Somerville

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### Intercultural Conversation 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.

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

**How does it work?**  
The program matches Tufts community members 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.

**What will we do in the program?**  
Mentors and mentees meet weekly for one hour throughout the fall semester. Additionally, participants are invited to events, such as a kick-off brunch, pumpkin carving, and an end-of-program lunch.
“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 talking with my partner.”
- Student mentee from China

“I really enjoy talking to my partner and meeting other international students in the program. They have had so many different experiences in places that I have never been.”
- Mentor

“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.”
- Mentor

“My partner and I developed a close friendship during the ICP program. 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 mentee from Iran