

## 2025 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 2025 will take place from **Sunday, August 24 to Thursday, August 28**. Training for ISP leaders will take place from **Thursday, August 21 to Saturday, August 23**. Qualified students are invited to apply to be an ISP leader, guiding the international students of the Class of 2029 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 \$650 stipend.

In order to apply, a student must be:

1. An enrolled student for the 2025-26 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 **Thursday, August 21, 2025**. (Leaders will be able to move into their houses that day).
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 you would like to grow as an ISP leader and contribute to the program, and how your Smith experience so far has prepared you to take on that role for your fellow international students.
- **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](mailto:interstu@smith.edu) by **Sunday, March 16 at 11:59PM**. Successful applicants will be notified the week of March 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

Imagine that you are in charge of international student orientation at another college. What are 1 or 2 things that you think are important thing to prioritize as part of an international student orientation program?

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

Though ISP is a great start to a new international student's journey, the transition to Smith continues long after ISP. What was something that was challenging for you as a new Smithie about living cross-culturally, and how did you work through it? What resources, if any, helped you move through it?

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