Do you have great communication skills, cross-cultural experience and familiarity with some really cool spots in Beirut and/or greater Lebanon?

Are you interested in meeting & mentoring students from all around the world?

What about gaining leadership skills for your CV that also demonstrate your cross-cultural competence skills to future employers?

Can you commit to attending training sessions, regular meetings, and events?

Then you just might be the right person to join AUB’s Mentor Program!

The purpose of the AUB Mentor program is to provide timely and useful information to incoming international students and to assist the Office of International Programs in ensuring their stress-free integration into the AUB community. And to have fun and see Lebanon while doing so!

The Office of International Programs (OIP) announces the start of the recruitment process for AUB’s Mentor Program (AMP).

To apply, follow the 1Stop link to online applications on the AUB Homepage, download and fill out page 4 of the Mentor Program Application.

Please submit the application form no later than NOON on Thursday, March 28, 2013

You may submit it electronically by emailing it to oip@aub.edu.lb or in hard copy to the office of International Programs (OIP), West Hall-Room 322. All complete applications will be considered and successful applicants will be contacted for a first-round interview before the final selection.
About the AUB MENTOR PROGRAM

Studying at AUB provides opportunities for incoming students which are selected to contribute to the development of critical thinking, tolerance, and respect for diversity, civic responsibility and cross-cultural leadership. The Office of International Programs works on providing visible and effective support systems for incoming international and visiting students. OIP recognizes that incoming international students have special issues and concerns different from those of most local students. This is where the Mentors play a major role in making the students’ transition to AUB and Lebanon a much smoother one.

The Program’s aim is to foster greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures through the establishment of personal relationships between AUB international students and AUB current students.

The Mentors are made aware of the needs and concerns of international students and are trained on how to efficiently address them. The Mentors are a group of dedicated and dynamic students with a genuine interest to assist new students coming from abroad assuring that their stay at AUB and Lebanon is a memorable one.

As a Mentor, you would be the first point of contact for the students studying at AUB. You will take part in making them feel at home in Beirut, making their transition, to a country you are familiar with, an easier one. While maintaining your role as representative of OIP and AUB, you will also work with the other Mentors on organizing culturally interesting events and trips around Lebanon.

For more information about OIP and what OIP does, please check the following link:

http://www.aub.edu.lb/oip/Pages/index.aspx
Eligibility
The AUB Mentor must:

- Be enrolled at AUB
- Be in good standing with the University
- Demonstrate strong commitment, dependability and responsibility.

Program Requirements

- Attend the mandatory Mentor training sessions
- Remain in contact with the international students throughout the academic year (periodically checking the Facebook group and e-mail, answering questions and concerns).
- Plan social and cultural events for the international students.
- Keep a record of your meetings, which will include the date, activity, and a short comment about the meeting.

What is the AUB Mentor Program?

The AUB Mentor Program fosters greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures through the establishment of personal relationships between AUB international students and AUB current students. A group of International students will be matched with an AUB Mentor and enjoy the friendship and guidance that these volunteers offer. The Mentor Program hopes to assist students adjust to and understand the campus and community culture during their first time at AUB.

When is the deadline?

A “final” application deadline is scheduled for Thursday March 28th, 2013. Any application received beyond this deadline will not be considered!

When will I know if I’m accepted?

OIP will contact you by April 10th, 2013 to inform you about the decision on your application. If the application was successful through the first screening, an OIP staff member will contact you to schedule an interview with you towards the end of April. A final decision will be made based on the interview and you will be notified by formal invitation letter to become a member of the AMP.

Do I need to attend the International Welcome Week?

Yes, participation in the International Welcome Week is mandatory for all accepted Mentors. The IWW for the Fall 2013/14 will take place on Wednesday, August 28th, 2013.
## AUB MENTOR APPLICATION FORM

Name: ___________________    ___________________    ___________________
First     Middle     Last

Major: _________________    Faculty: _____________    AUB ID# _________________

Class (as of academic year 2013-2014):
- [ ] Freshman
- [ ] Sophomore
- [ ] Junior
- [ ] Senior
- [ ] Graduate

AUB imail: ___________@aub.edu.lb    other: ___________________________

Mobile number: _____________________

Country of Birth: ________________________    Citizenship (s): ____________________

Have you applied to be a Mentor before?    [ ] yes    [ ] no

Mobile Number: _____________________

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### Required Documents

For your application to be considered please attach the following to this document before submitting it. **NO late or incomplete applications will be accepted - no exceptions.**

1. **Your CV** including any extracurricular activities and hobbies/interest as well as list of countries, if any, in which you have lived, worked or studied other than Lebanon; including cumulative amount of time, approximately, you have spent in each

2. **A brief, organized and focused essay** explaining:
   - What special talent, perspective or interest you could bring to the Mentor Program?
   - Mention a previous experience with international students or activities you were involved in, that required you to use cross-cultural communication skills.
   - Discuss any prior experience in community involvement that you may have.
   - By being a mentor, what would you like to achieve?