

## **Kent State University Global Ambassador Program**

The Global Ambassador program is comprised of cross-cultural student leaders on campus that provide a meaningful connection to incoming KSU international students. Global Ambassadors begin building relationships with students before they even arrive on campus. They help international students adjust to life in the United States and Kent State.

Global Ambassadors serve as part of the support system for international students during their first and second semester at Kent State University. The position requires a 1-year commitment, which is renewable for additional years.

### **Global Ambassador Goals:**

- Serve as a peer leader to foster intercultural exchange among Kent State students
- Connect with international students prior to arrival on campus to answer pre-arrival questions, build excitement, and create a welcoming atmosphere
- Serve as a cultural liaison to help the international student community navigate American culture
- Assist with connecting students to appropriate campus resources
- Create a community for international students and domestic students to share culture

### **Global Ambassador Responsibilities:**

We realize that your first responsibility is to be a student. However, your commitment and willingness to share your time and experience with fellow students is highly valued and appreciated. Below are the responsibilities outlined for your convenience.

Please note the Global Ambassador position has two tracks --

#### **1) Global Recruitment and Engagement Track**

#### **2) Mentorship Track**

In addition to the responsibilities listed under "All Global Ambassadors," each track has specific requirements.

### **All Global Ambassadors**

- Provide administrative and peer leadership support during International Student Orientation
  - Fall Semester: August 15th
  - Spring Semester: January 10th
- Attend Intercultural Education Training and Orientation Preparation
  - Fall Semester: August 14th
  - Spring Semester: January 9th
- Attend bi-weekly Global Ambassador Meetings
- Assist with annual International Cook Off
  - Fall Semester: October (Specific date TBD)
- Attend at least 2 Cultural Cafes per semester
- Represent OGE with professionalism
- Communicate promptly and continuously with Global Ambassador Staff Advisor

### **Global Recruitment and Engagement Track**

- Assist with promotion of the Global Ambassador Program at large campus events
- Facilitate recruitment events in your home country
- Participate and assist with focus groups
- Assist with student panels and presentations
- Provide campus tours
- Communicate with students welcoming them to Kent State and the Global Ambassador Program
- Serve as student liaison to the OGE Events Planning Committee and promote globally focused programs/activities
- *\*Optional\** Outreach initiatives/yield calls to admitted students (additional remuneration)

### **Mentorship Track**

- Serve as a Global Ambassador Mentor for a small group of students
- Encourage and coordinate participation at on-campus events such as cultural, social, or sporting events
- Support programs organized by OGE and encourage your mentees to attend
- Meet on a regular basis with your mentee (at least once every two weeks)
- Connect students with on and off campus resources as needed
- Plan 1 intercultural activity
- *\*Optional\** Outreach initiatives/yield calls to admitted students (additional remuneration)

### **Global Ambassador Benefits:**

- Gain valuable experience serving as a peer mentor and student leader
- Opportunity to expand cultural awareness, learn about new cultures and traditions, and make lasting global friendships
- Expand social networks and gain professional development experience
- Global Ambassador apparel
- Upon successfully completing the commitments and requirements of the program, Global Ambassadors will receive the Global Ambassador Program Letter of Recognition

### **Global Ambassador Eligibility**

- Current international or domestic KSU student
- Present on campus for at least 2 semesters
- Good academic standing
- Ability to obtain all required documents and medical requirements for international travel (for Global Recruitment & Engagement Track)
- Individuals who demonstrate innovative ideas to aid our efforts in targeted geographic locations
- Ability to demonstrate leadership among peers
- Ability to quickly build positive, professional relationships with students, parents, alumni, and staff