International Student Mentoring Program

Why Be a Mentor?
The UAB mentoring program is a Leadership Program designed to provide ongoing assistance to new and existing undergraduate and graduate students as they adjust to UAB, to the Birmingham community and to the US.

Mentors help out with the International Student Information Program, assist with retention efforts and introduce students to departmental, campus and community resources. They will also implement activities (picnic, parties, trips) for new international students.

Mentors will be trained on cross-cultural communication skills, orientation resources, leadership, and program expectations.

Program Requirements
Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible to apply for this program.

- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must be a UAB undergraduate or graduate student
- Must have one term completed by the time of Mentor service
- Serve a one academic year commitment
- Complete interview process
- Complete mandatory Leadership Retreat (Feb 28-March 1, 2003)
- Complete training sessions

Interest Sessions
Attendance at one of the following interest sessions is mandatory. If you cannot attend and are still interested please email Erica ebrown@uab.edu or Laure laurepio@uab.edu

February 2, 2004  11:30 AM  International House  
February 2, 2004  5:00 PM  HUC 411

February 5, 2004  11:30 AM  HUC 411
February 5, 2004  5:00 PM  International House

February 10, 2004  11:30 PM  International House  
February 10, 2004  5:00 PM  HUC 411

February 12, 2004  11:30 AM  HUC 413
February 12, 2004  5:00 PM  International House

How to Apply
- Attend one of the above listed interest sessions
- Provide two letters of recommendation (from UAB faculty/staff or other professional)
- Turn in complete application to HUC 250 International Scholar & Student Services or the Smolian International House at 1600 10th Ave South before February 20, 2004.
- Interviews are scheduled for February 26th at the Smolian International House.

Questions?
Contact Erica Brown at ebrown@uab.edu or 934-8225 or Laure Piotet at laurepio@uab.edu or 934-1205
UAB International Mentor Program
Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name:________________________________________

Relation to Applicant:___________________________________

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas:

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Name (Please Print) Signature

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Date

Please return this form not later than February 20th to

Laure Piotet
Campus and Community Services Specialist
Smolian International House
1600 10th Ave South
Birmingham, AL 35294

Erica Brown
Coordinator of Student Activities
1400 University Blvd, HUC 136
Birmingham, AL 35215
Application for International Student Mentoring Program
Please return to the Smolian International House, 1600 10th Ave South or International Scholar and Student Services, HUC 250, with two letters of recommendation
Application Deadline is February 20, 2004
Interviews February 26, 2004

Name: ________________________________ Student ID Number: ____________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ___________ Work Phone: ___________ Email: ____________________________

Grade Point Average (Cumulative): _______ Gender: M____ F____ Major: ________________

Can you make a one-year commitment? Y_____ N_____ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐ UAB Staff ☐

List activities, clubs, and organizations you are involved with and any honors you have received:

Currently employed? Y____ N____ Where: ____________________________________________

Do you have a car and valid driver’s license? Y____ N_____ Are you classified as an International Student at UAB? Y____ N_____

Your Nationality: ________________________________

Please answer the following questions (print neatly or type, you may use the back of this application if more space is needed):

1. What were your major needs and concerns during your first semester at UAB? How could UAB personnel have better addressed your specific needs?

2. Why are you interested in helping International Students make a smooth transition to the U.S. and UAB? What qualities do you possess that will make you a good mentor?

I certify that the above statements are true. ____________________________________________
(Signature) (Date)

Note: Your signature grants us permission to verify your GPA and current enrollment.