DESIGN + GOAL

The peer mentoring program at Georgia State is designed to engage international scholars in a customized, field specific professional development and cross cultural program. Visiting international scholars are paired with Georgia State faculty to engage in academic activities including: teaching in an U.S. classroom, class observations, syllabi development and enhancement, course evaluation, and language enhancement. Georgia State faculty also engage scholars beyond the classroom. Participants engage in cross cultural excursions and experiences including sporting and cultural events, visits to historical sites, and possible travel within Georgia and across the southeastern United States. Additionally scholars have the opportunity to increase their confidence in English speaking skills through a customized Conversation Partners Program.

PARTICIPANTS

- Georgia State faculty in field of incoming international scholar
- Incoming international scholar

HIGHLIGHTS

**PEER MENTORING**

- Curricula & syllabi development
- Co-teaching and observing a U.S. classroom
- Regular consultations with peer mentor

**LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT**

- Customized language enrichment through the Conversation Partners Program and language learning software

**CROSS CULTURAL INTERACTION**

- Visits to historical sites and travel

**DURATION** 16 weeks

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

REQUIREMENTS

- Home department approval
- Intermediate level English proficiency (in reading, writing and comprehension)
- J1 visas with support from host department(s) and Office of International Initiatives

PROGRAM COORDINATION

Georgia State University’s Office of International Initiatives and the partner institution’s relevant office will work together to coordinate the program.

COST

This program charges a fee to compensate Georgia State host faculty and units that provide coordinated services and varied access to support the initiative, efforts which are minimal or non-existent on a regular faculty exchange.

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