

Volunteering at CESL is an opportunity for cultural and language exchange between international students and North Americans. The Volunteer Program matches CESL students, who are studying English, with members of the Tucson community. It is an opportunity for CESL students to learn more about American culture while practicing their English and for Tucsonans to learn about a different culture and gain new perspectives.

Volunteer Activities Include:

- Campus Tour
- Conversation Partner
- Tutoring
- Assist at a CESL Event

The rewards are numerous and include:

- learn about other cultures
- share information about U.S. life and culture
- see the U.S. from a different perspective
- make new friends
- gain insights into a different world view
- and much more!

How Can You Get Become a Volunteer at CESL?

Complete the on-line application, see "Seeking Volunteers" at: <http://www.cesl.arizona.edu>. Applications will be reviewed and volunteers will be matched with CESL students. Megan Goold, Student Services and Immigration Advisor will follow-up with you via email to schedule an appointment to review policies and procedures and provide contact information. Once matched, participants are responsible for determining the frequency and location of meetings and for selecting activities.

Tips for Success

1. Plan to meet around interesting activities. Go to one of the campus museums, sit on the mall and watch people go by. Doing something together will make you more comfortable.
2. If you decide to meet again, write down the day and time of the next meeting. Be specific.
3. Contact your partner if you will be late or miss a meeting. If your partner misses a meeting, call; there may have been a misunderstanding.
4. Please be sensitive to the times you call your partner. It is usually not appropriate to call before 9:00 AM or after 10:00 PM
5. If you volunteer as a conversation partner, make a list of three or four subjects you would like to talk about. Then you will be prepared to keep the conversation flowing naturally.
6. CESL plans many activities every semester. You are welcome to join any of the activities; you will meet international students from all over the world. For more information on CESL activities, please see our website:
<http://www.cesl.arizona.edu/activities.htm>



Suggestions for Conversation Starters

- Share photos of your family and hometown
- Share a book or magazine from your country
- Explain your national traditions or holidays
- Show maps or postcards from your home
- Discuss current national or local events
- Invite your Conversation Partner to participate in CESL activities

A note about time: If you and your partner set a meeting time, you should arrive within five minutes of the set time. Making your partner wait more than ten minutes is considered impolite. If you do arrive late, apologize and explain why you were late.

About the Center for English as a Second Language

The Center for English as a Second Language (CESL) at the University of Arizona is an English language center that offers non-credit English language classes for international students who wish to improve their English proficiency.

We are located in the CESL Building at 1100 East James E. Rogers Way surrounded by Chavez and Communication buildings, and the State Museum buildings.

CESL can be a great international resource for you! With graduate and undergraduate students from over 28 countries, CESL provides great opportunities for those seeking to learn about other cultures and languages. Students majoring in such fields as international marketing, anthropology, business, sociology, geography, education, history, linguistics or languages can profit from exchanging ideas with "experts" studying at CESL to provide first-hand sources for term papers and research projects.

University Faculty: Give your students an opportunity to bring a world perspective into your course and invite CESL students to participate in a conversation exchange. In the past, for example, students in one UA class were required to invite their CESL conversation partners to give an oral interview for the class. Another idea is to ask the UA students to keep a journal of their weekly meetings. If you would like your students to participate in the CESL Volunteer Program, please contact Megan Goold at CESL.



Make an International Friend
Learn more about the world
Expand your knowledge
Meet a new person

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Volunteering with CESL



More than 200 students from over 35 different countries are studying at the Center for English as a Second Language at the University of Arizona. They provide a window on the world for you.



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