The ESL Programs at The University of Iowa invites faculty and staff to meet and form lasting friendships with international students from our Iowa Intensive English Program and Teaching Assistants Preparation in English Program. As established members of the community, faculty and staff offer international students the unique opportunity to become directly involved in Iowa City and U.S. culture. International students offer faculty and staff the chance to learn first-hand about the culture of a distant country.

Get involved today!

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Information and application available at:
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Make friends around the world!

Apply online at
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Make friends from everywhere!

- All faculty and staff at The University of Iowa are encouraged to apply.
- Get acquainted with your international campus conversation partner in an introductory meeting with ESL staff.
- Create a rewarding friendship with a student who has a strong desire to learn about American culture.
- Learn all about your partner’s country and culture.
- Play a vital role in promoting international relations and cross-cultural dialogue.
- Help an international student learn to adapt to the culture and customs of the U.S.
- Be a role model for your partner to learn naturally spoken English.
- Share music, books, recipes, stories, and fun!

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How does it work?

1. Apply online, at www.uiowa.edu/iiepesl/ccp/ccp.

2. ESL Programs will match you with an interested international student from the Iowa Intensive English Program or Teaching Assistant Preparation in English program. Efforts are made to match partners with the same gender and cultural interests. (See online application for details.)

3. You will be introduced to your partner in a meeting with an ESL staff member in order to become acquainted and comfortable with one another. Both of you will sign a brief contract stating that you will meet once a week on campus for the duration of the semester.

4. Partners begin meeting once a week on The University of Iowa campus. You and your partner can meet more often and at other places once you’ve established a relationship. If you have any concerns, notify ESL Programs.