

Cultural Ambassador Program

Application Packet

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cultural.ambassadors@pdx.edu, or visit our office in suite 122 of East Hall.

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Program Mission:

Increase the connections between PSU and the rest of the world by helping and continuing the internationalization of the PSU campus and strengthening the ties between PSU and its international alumni.

About us:

The Cultural Ambassador Program started in 2010 as collaboration between the Office of Alumni Relations, the Office of International Affairs, and the Office of Admissions. In 2011, the Office of Graduate Studies, the Education Abroad Office, and the Intensive English Language Program joined. Our program recognizes outstanding international students who are graduating and excited to share their positive experience at PSU.

The following is a brief description of benefits, qualifications, and duties that Cultural Ambassadors are expected to fulfill. Should you have any questions, please contact the Cultural Ambassador Program at 503.725.9190, cultural.ambassadors@pdx.edu, or visit our office in suite 122A of East Hall.

Benefits:

- Be part of our distinguished international network of Cultural Ambassadors
- Gain networking opportunities with new students and PSU alumni
- Enhance your experience and resume
- Keep in contact with faculty, staff, and PSU President
- Share your PSU experience with others
- Be part of the increasing internationalization of the PSU campus
- Represent PSU, the student body and the Alumni Association
- Complete your PSU experience by serving your alma matter in a memorable way

Qualifications:

- Passion for Portland State University and the City of Portland
- Expected graduation in Spring/Summer 2012
- Good communication skills
- Ability to be self-directed and organized
- Ability to be a positive, reliable and helpful reference for PSU students, faculty, staff, alumni, president, and prospective students

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Duties and Commitments:

The duties and commitments of Cultural Ambassadors depend on whether Cultural Ambassadors choose to return home or remain in the United States. Cultural Ambassadors *are not required to work a fixed number of hours per week*. Cultural Ambassadors are able to work as much as their schedules will allow them to do so and the amount of time dedicated will depend on their availability. Most duties are performed with assistance from PSU staff and faculty.

Cultural Ambassadors who will return home:

- Give a presentation about PSU to their college/high-school/place of employment
- Keep in contact with the Cultural Ambassador Program coordinators as well as Cultural Ambassador Program Stakeholders' Committee
- Be available to help answer the questions from prospective students from their home region
- Help the creation and maintenance of a PSU Cultural Ambassador's local chapter in their home country
- Be the key contact for faculty, staff, and the PSU President who might travel in that region and help to organize events and participate in them

Cultural ambassadors who will stay in the U.S.A:

- Help the International Admissions office to answer questions from prospective students
- Be a key contact if PSU faculty, staff, or the PSU President travel to their home country and help to organize events
- Help with the creation and maintenance of a PSU Cultural Ambassador's local chapter in their home country
- Be a positive, reliable, and helpful resource for PSU faculty, staff, the PSU President, and prospective and new international students as well as alumni
- Participate in various PSU events on behalf of the Cultural Ambassador's Program (Annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner, PSU Weekend, New International Students' Orientation, International Night, etc.).

Application Form

Please submit the following information in a Word document or PDF no later than 10:00 am on Monday, March 5th, 2012 to cultural.ambassadors@pdx.edu:

Name: _____ Student I.D. # _____

PSU Email _____ Skype User Name: _____

E-Mail Address (an email you check regularly OTHER than PSU's): _____

Local Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Country of Origin: _____ Expected date of Graduation: _____

Class Standing (for the Academic Year 2011-2012)

Junior Senior Post-Bac Graduate Student

Academic Major (s): _____

Academic Minor (s): _____

Foreign languages spoken and level of fluency: _____

Please answer each of the following questions (limit each response to 200 words or less)

1. What are your plans after graduation (returning to your country of origin, attending grad school, working in the U.S., etc.)
2. What PSU cultural or social events do you like to attend?
3. Why would you like to be a PSU Cultural Ambassador? (Please include in your answer the top two things you would like to share about PSU)
4. Would you like to recommend anybody else for this position? Yes No
If yes, could you please provide us his/her contact information (name and/or e-mail)?

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Date & Time	Event	Location
1/9/2012	Application Available	www.pdx.edu/alumni/cultural-ambassador-program
1/17/2012 10-11am	Information Session #1	Simon Benson House
1/30/2012 1-2pm	Information Session #2	Simon Benson House
2/17/2012 3-4pm	Information Session #3	Simon Benson House
3/5/2012 by 10:00AM	Application Deadline	Email application to cultural.ambassadors@pdx.edu Incomplete or late applications will not be considered
3/12/2012	Announcement of Selection Results	Candidates will be notified by email
4/9/2012 4-6pm	Mandatory Training	Simon Benson House