

Student Groups for New International Students

University of Minnesota, Fall 2018

Do you want to make new friends or develop your leadership skills? Join a student group! There are more than 900 student groups at the University of Minnesota, including groups that focus on academics, culture, volunteering, sports, and more.

Below is a short list of groups that support new international students. You can find the 900+ student groups at the U on GopherLink (gopherlink.umn.edu). We hope you will join one this fall!

If you have any questions about student groups, please come to the Student Activities Office in [Coffman 126](#), contact sao@umn.edu or (612) 626-6919.

ISSS STUDENT GROUPS

International Buddy Program - IBP (2180)

International Buddy Program aims to ease new incoming students' transition to the U, with current U.S. and international undergraduate students helping new undergraduate students. We are going to hold our Welcome Party in early September. Stay tuned for more information!

E-mail: ibp@umn.edu

International Student Ambassadors (2589)

We help international students discover, prepare, transition, engage and achieve at the University of Minnesota through the experiences and insight of current international students.

Email: passport@umn.edu

Culture Corps Ambassadors (3799)

The Culture Corps Ambassadors is a student group for the International Student and Scholar Services, Culture Corps program. The officers in the student group will serve as the board members for the program. The responsibilities for the board members include these areas: mentoring Culture Corps participants and their projects; hosting events, for example, the annual celebration; and advertising and recruiting for the Culture Corps program to more international students on an F1 or J1 student visa here at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

E-mail: culturec@umn.edu

Small World Coffee Hour (SWCH) (591)

To provide social activities and events for all participants every other Friday, allowing people from different countries to gather for new friendships and fun. Free coffee and refreshments are served.

E-mail: swch@umn.edu

OTHER STUDENT GROUPS

Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education Group (#720)

The Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education is the University of Minnesota's crisis center for UMN and Augsburg students, staff and faculty. We serve victim/survivors of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking year round. We specialize in advocacy, support services, and education services. You can find us tabling at all new student orientations and during Welcome Week this summer and fall. We are located in Appleby Hall 117 and you can contact us at the email aurora@umn.edu. Our website with all our other information is aurora.umn.edu.

E-mail: aurora@umn.edu

Council of International Graduate Students - CIGS (3272)

CIGS is a student organization at the University of Minnesota consisting of international graduate and professional students. We provide resources, and organize events, for international students to improve their social, academic, professional, and personal wellbeing, and offer a place for international students to come together and voice their opinions at the U of M. Furthermore, we advocate on behalf of international students, and do so by working closely with university administration and services, student governments, and various student groups on campus.

E-mail: cigs@umn.edu

De-Stress (3402)

The de-stress student group provides peer support and connects students to resources, creates a community that promotes mental wellness and normalizes help seeking, and promotes stress management for all students. De-stress does this by providing "how-to" tips on stress reduction to students and groups, training students to become peer helpers for our [Stress Check In program](#), and tabling at numerous events throughout the semester to increase education about the importance of healthy stress management in college students.

E-mail: destress@umn.edu

English Club @ UMN (3916)

English Club provides an opportunity to welcome and help out students coming from other countries. It breaks down cultural barriers between students and enhances cultural understanding between different people groups on campus.

Contact Grace at: prins035@umn.edu

Frenatae: Entomology Student Association (116)

Frenatae is the Entomology Graduate Student Association at the University of Minnesota. Frenatae's mission is to promote the professional development and well-being of entomology students at the U, as well as to foster a better understanding and appreciation of insects and their kin in the greater Minnesota community. Each year Frenatae organizes numerous public outreach events, invites guest speakers, and plans professional skill-building workshops. Frenatae also represents student concerns within the Entomology Department and shares in departmental decision-making, in addition to providing social networking opportunities for entomology students.

E-mail: frenatae@umn.edu

GLOBE (1976)

GLOBE is committed to fostering awareness, knowledge and understanding of international management and multicultural issues among Carlson School of Management students. We sponsor and organize social and business events ranging from panel discussions on international business issues to exhibits representing countries from around the world. Our events are a chance to network, enhance your level of cultural awareness, and learn more about current global issues. We partner with the International Business Association, the Center for International Business and Education Resources, Carlson Global Institute and several other student organizations to plan events and fulfill our mission. GLOBE's officers are strong believers that in today's marketplace being a successful manager requires not only outstanding management skills and capabilities, but also the ability to lead a diverse workforce in an increasingly globalized and boundaryless environment.

E-mail: umnglobe@umn.edu

Latino International Student Association (LISA) (3078)

¡Mucho gusto! The Latino International Student association is a student group created to foster a community on campus for Latino students and anyone else interested in learning more about the Latino culture. We have great opportunities and fun events to get involved in.

Contact Sofia at: cerkv007@umn.edu

Malaysian Student Association (Persisma) (24)

PERSISMA is a non-profit organization that serves the welfare of Malaysian students at the University of Minnesota. Established since 1991, this organization has been passed on to dedicated groups of students who take on the responsibility of providing support and service to Malaysians both in Malaysia and Minneapolis. We organize events every semester to keep Malaysians connected as well as to introduce our community and our culture. We also co-host and help out at affiliate events to extend our reach to locals and to connect with other student groups.

E-mail: persisma@umn.edu

Student Legal Service (SLS) (1978)

Student Legal Service (SLS) offers legal services and education to University of Minnesota students. We were founded by students in 1976, are funded by students, and are run by an administrative board of students. All legal services are provided by experienced legal professionals, some with 30+ years of experience representing students. Our areas of service are: landlord-tenant, criminal, immigration and personal-family law, as well as notary and name change services.

E-mail: uslsbod@umn.edu

Tesla Works (2626)

TESLA WORKS is a project-based community of makers that brings together passionate and goal-oriented students from around the university to turn conceptual ideas into reality. By providing funding, lab space, online tools, and an environment for collaboration, Tesla Works fosters unbridled creativity to build the skills to solve 21st century problems.

E-mail: tesla@umn.edu

University YMCA (138)

The University YMCA is a cause driven organization committed to developing the ethical leadership capacities of students in a context of social issues: Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility. We do this by combining cross-cultural and community-based experiences with active reflective learning.

E-mail: UYlead@umn.edu

RELIGIOUS GROUPS:

Chi Alpha International Christian Fellowship (2980)

We are an international/American student group seeking to share the good news of Jesus Christ and make disciples (learners) who make disciples. This is a place where you can learn to know Christ in a deeper way and to make Him known. Also a place where you can find Christian community and use your gifts in serving God.

E-mail: xai@umn.edu

CRU (1035)

Cru is a caring community passionate about connecting students to Jesus Christ. We do this through our weekly meeting (SHIFT), Bible studies, retreats and conferences, and other regular social events. We desire to serve any and all students looking for Christian community and/or looking to learn more about the Christian faith. Questions?

Please contact Gabe Kaufmann at kaufm272@umn.edu

UMN - Bridges International (2355)

Bridges International is a student organization which seeks to help international students through service activities, social networking opportunities and spiritual resources.

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