International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) will offer an academic counseling internship during the 2022-2023 academic year. For more information about ISSS, go to www.isss.umn.edu.

Description:
Counseling interns provide academic counseling to international students on academic probation, which often includes personal, family, financial, and career issues. The counseling interns also co-lead a Cross-Cultural Discussion Group each semester. Counseling interns receive training on cross-cultural and academic counseling, and on F-1 visa regulations.

Qualifications:
● Current graduate student in counseling or a related field.
● Previous counseling or related experience and coursework.
● Effective oral and written communication skills.
● Flexibility and adaptability.

Preferred Qualifications:
● Cross-cultural or multicultural experience and sensitivity.
● Previous student service experience.

Required Hours:
● Minimum of 20 hours/week during each semester.
● Winter and Spring break – not required to be here.

Application Timeline & Selection Process:
● Submit a letter of interest and resume or C.V. to Alisa Eland by email (eland@umn.edu).
● Applications will be accepted beginning February 11, 2022.
● The priority deadline to apply is February 21. If the positions are still open after the priority deadline, applications will be considered on a rolling basis until positions are filled.

Activities:
● Provide counseling to international students, primarily to students on academic probation or new to the University of Minnesota. Topics frequently include academic, career, health/mental health, financial, personal, and family issues.
● Receive training on F-1 visa advising. Observe advising appointments and walk-ins with other advisers. Once training is complete, advise international students on F-1 visa issues.
● Co-lead Cross-Cultural Discussion Groups. Conduct screening interviews for potential group participants.
- Participate in individual supervision meetings with supervisor and discussion group leader meetings. Attend ISSS general staff meetings and F-1 adviser meetings, if schedule permits. ISSS staff meetings are Tuesday afternoons.
- Other possibilities based on availability and interest, for example, F-1 advising during walk-ins, involvement with New International Student Seminar (NISS) and Global Gopher Events.
- At the end of the academic year, present to ISSS staff about your internship experience.
- Counseling interns can also apply to an optional paid summer position with the ISSS Check-In and Welcome Session Internship helping with new incoming international students. This position can provide a general introduction to working with international students. If interested, please remember that the position is not guaranteed and counseling interns will need to apply separately.

**Delivery of Counseling Service Model:**
In addition to one-to-one counseling, we provide international students support and opportunities for personal exploration and connection to others in a variety of ways, including advising, Cross-Cultural Discussion Groups, online information, workshops, and other programs and events. These other types of service also provide Counseling interns opportunities to practice and enhance counseling, communication skills, and theoretical approaches.

**Supervision:**
Practicum supervision is provided by Charles Dania (not licensed), and overseen by Alisa Eland, Ph.D. from Counseling and Student Personnel Psychology (not licensed).

**At the interview, we will discuss:**
- Your background and interests
- Your counseling and cross-cultural experiences
- Counseling, advising, and programs at ISSS, including our clients and our counseling service delivery model
- Possible interest in summer employment in the ISSS Check-In and Welcome Session Internship
- Your questions

**Recommended reading during Practicum:**
*Helping college students succeed: A model for effective intervention*
By Glenn Hirsch (available at University Bookstore)

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