

Language and Culture Center Conversation Club Guide

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the benefits of being a Guide?

- Develop your cross-cultural awareness and understanding of pedagogy
- Gain teaching experience that strengthens your resume, applications, and skill set
- Receive counseling about careers in ESL
- Learn about other cultures
- Make friends and have fun!

Who should apply?

The program is ideal for UH* students who:

- 1) are considering applying for a Fulbright grant or interested in teaching English abroad
- 2) have recently studied abroad or have plans to go abroad
- 3) are interested in pursuing careers with a global or international component
- 4) are interested in discussing cultural differences and commonalities and able to explain different aspects of American culture

*LCC students are not eligible.

What do Guide responsibilities include?

As a guide, you will serve as a conversation facilitator for small groups of international students who are enrolled in UH's intensive English program, the Language and Culture Center (LCC), and studying English. During Conversation Club, each guide will host a table with students at different levels of English proficiency, from Level 1 (beginner) to Level 6 (advanced). The purpose of the program is to provide LCC students with the opportunity to practice their English conversation skills while sharing their cultures and learning about American culture. Training, session topics, and talking points will be provided to you.

Visit <http://www.uh.edu/class/english/lcc/students/activities/> to see a video of Conversation Club and go to <http://www.uh.edu/class/english/lcc/> to learn more about the Language and Culture Center.

How do I apply?

You should apply only if you are available from 12:00-2:00 pm MWF the semester you would like to apply for. There are no exceptions to the schedule. You may be asked to take part in some social/learning activities outside of the club hours as your schedule permits. Guide positions will be filled on a rolling basis as qualified candidates are interviewed and selected. Applicants are encouraged to apply before the priority deadline. Applications will be reviewed until all positions have been filled. Interested applicants must follow these instructions:

1. Complete the Conversation Club Guide Application
2. Submit your Resume
3. Email application and resume to Dr. Jodi Nelms at jlnelms2@uh.edu
4. Use subject line: "LCC Guide Application – first last name"

Is the Guide position paid?

If you are selected as a Guide, you will be hired by the Language and Culture Center (LCC). The position will be paid hourly, and the expected time commitment is about 5-10 hours per week (This includes training.). Note: If you are currently working on campus, you may hold more than one campus job, but the combined total hours worked for all jobs cannot exceed 20 hours. This is not a work-study position.

Contact

Should you have any additional questions, please email LCC Program Manager, Curriculum and Special Programs, Dr. Jodi Nelms at jlnelms2@uh.edu.