



## International Connection Programme 2024/25

### Objectives

#### **Cross-cultural Peer Mentorship**

- To establish supportive networks that can provide assistance in both academic and personal life aspects.
- To enhance the seamless transition and life adjustment of new students at CUHK.

#### **Global Leadership**

- To develop students' global leadership skills, event management and cross-cultural communication skills, which are essential for global leaders.

#### **Cultural Integration**

- To facilitate meaningful intercultural integration between local and non-local students.

### Eligibility

#### **Mentors**

- All full-time Year 2-or-above UG students at CUHK are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to year 3 or above students. Interviews may be required if necessary.

#### **Mentees**

- All the full-time Year 1 UG students at CUHK are eligible to apply.

### Matching

One mentor will be matched up with one mentee. **Each mentorship group will consist of both local and non-local students.** Matching will be conducted based on factors such as personal interests, major, affiliated college.

### Training Sessions

Each mentor or mentee is required to attend the **Meet-up Session and two workshops** out of the three:

<b>Topic &amp; Content</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>1) Meet-up Session &amp; Stress Management and Resilience Building Workshop</b>	Sept 2024
<b>2) Event Organization &amp; Cross-Cultural Communication Workshop</b>	Oct 2024
<b>3) Global Leadership Skills Workshop</b>	Oct 2024

### Bonding Activities

The mentor and mentee in each mentoring group are expected to strengthen their bond by participating in at least 2 activities together throughout the academic year. They can be self-initiated social gatherings or activities organized by our office.

## Cultural Activities

The mentoring groups will be divided into 6 to 8 teams, with each team consisting of approximately 20 students (both mentors and mentees). Each team will be expected to work together to organize a cultural activity for all the participants of this programme. One advisor will be allocated to each team to provide guidance throughout the activity planning and execution process.

**Format:** A diverse range of cultural elements will be encouraged, such as hands-on workshops (e.g., art, crafts, cuisine), interactive cultural activities, and informative sharing sessions.

**Scope:** 20-50 participants per activity

**Financial Subsidy:** Each cultural activity will receive a subsidy of up to \$8,000.

After the implementation of activities, all teams will be invited to present their work at the final Presentation Session. **The panel will select the best team, which will be fully subsidized to go on a tour to Singapore.**

## Certification and Prize

- Student Development Portfolio (SDP) record update
- Certificate of Participation (Requirement: attendance in at least two training sessions, as well as completion of at least two bonding activities)
- Full subsidy on participation in an overseas cultural tour – awarded to the winning team only

## Programme Schedule (Subject to revision)

Late Sep to Oct 2024	Matching and Training Sessions
Early Nov 2024	Meet-and-Greet Reception
Nov - Dec 2024	Coaching for teams & Teams' submission of activity proposals
Jan - Feb 2025	Teams' implementation of cultural activities
Mar 2025	Presentation Session
Apr 2025	Day trip to CUHK (Shenzhen)
Jun/Jul 2025	Leadership and Cultural Diversity Trip to Singapore