



FACULTY MENTORING PROGRAM

AT GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Since 2013, Georgia State University has hosted scholars in the Faculty Mentoring Program (FMP), a **professional development program** designed to engage international scholars in customized, field-specific, and cross-cultural activities. Visiting international scholars are paired with Georgia State University faculty to engage in **academic mentoring** including: teaching in an U.S. classroom, class observations, syllabi development and enhancement course evaluation, and language enhancement. Georgia State University faculty may also engage scholars beyond the classroom. Participants take part in **cross-cultural activities/experiences** such as sporting and cultural events, visits to historical sites, and possible travel within Georgia and across the United States. Additionally, scholars have the opportunity to **enhance their English language proficiency** through a customized Conversation Partner Program and an Intensive English Instruction Program, when requested.



MENTEE PROFILE

- Affiliated with international institution (partner or otherwise)
- Hold a master's or doctorate degree
- Interested in learning about the U.S. educational system while collaborating on research and projects with Georgia State University faculty
- Meet J-1 visa requirements, including English language proficiency and proof of financial support

HIGHLIGHTS

- Curricula and syllabi development
- Access to the University Library and other campus amenities
- Co-teaching in and observing a U.S. classroom
- Regular consultations with Georgia State University Faculty Mentor
- Potential international research collaborations

LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT

The Faculty Mentoring Program includes a Conversation Partner Program as well as access to the Language Acquisition Resource Center (LARC), making language-learning software available to the scholars. A customizable Intensive English Instruction Program is available upon request.

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- Visits to Atlanta sites using CityPasses provided by the program
- Travel opportunities within the region and across the United States

PROGRAM COORDINATION

Georgia State University's Office of International Initiatives will coordinate the FMP with the international institution's relevant office and Georgia State host departments.

Services include, but are not limited to:

- Coordination of admission and visa application (English language proficiency interviews, International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) fees, ISSS application including invitation letters)
- Georgia State University Faculty Mentor pairing
- Logistical support for airport pick up and drop-off
- Orientation and farewell events
- Mid-program evaluations
- Access to university resources and services (e.g. PantherCard, Recreation Center; Library, LARC)
- Conversation Partner Program and Intensive English Instruction Program, as requested
- Final program report to sponsoring institution

N.B. Airfare, in-country visa fees, housing, and mandatory medical insurance are not included.

COST & DURATION

This is a customizable program. Please request a quote based on your needs. The typical program structure is 4 to 6 months for \$7,000, however scholars can attend anywhere from one to 12 months. For discounted group rates, please contact the Office of International Initiatives.

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