

English Language Institute The Chat Room Volunteer Partner Application

Fall 2020

Each fall and spring semester, UB's English Language Institute (ELI) admits students from around globe to attend its Intensive English Program (IEP). The University at Buffalo also enrolls more than 5,000 international students each year, many of whom register for Spoken English (ESL 411) and Introduction to Academic Writing (ENG 100) courses.



By volunteering to be a Chat Room partner, you will be able to help our international students not only with their conversational English skills but also with their cultural, academic and personal adjustment to UB.

The Chat Room will “open” on September 21 and “close” on November 13 (8 weeks). Chat sessions start at 2:30, 3, and 3:30 p.m. for 50 minutes each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No sessions on Tuesday and Thursday.

You will be required to:

- Attend an orientation session during the first week of the semester.

Volunteering to be a Chat Room partner will give you an opportunity to learn about other cultures and people as well as your own and yourself. Chat Room will also open the door for the beginning of a true global experience without leaving UB. Many long-lasting friendships have developed from chat sessions. Students often say that their Chat Room experience has been a highlight of their UB studies.

If you wish to volunteer, complete the volunteer application and return it in person to Yueqiu (QQ) Zhang in 321 Baldy Hall or Kathy Curtis in 323 Baldy Hall.

The Chat Room is not online! It is a face-to-face conversation program matching one native English-speaking student with two non-native English-speaking students.

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NOTE: The Chat Room REQUIRES volunteer partners to have native-speaker proficiency in spoken English.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Person Number: _____

Buffalo Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check your fall semester status (✓):
First year Sophomore Junior Senior

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Language(s) spoken (other than English): _____

Have you studied in, lived in or travelled to another country?
If so, please describe your experience(s):

What interests you about the Chat Room program?

How did you hear about our program?

Friend Poster Other