

INTERPORT STUDENT POSITION DESCRIPTION

Every voyage Semester at Sea works with in-country partners to select an outstanding university student from port countries on the voyage itinerary to act as Interport Students (IPS). These students travel to the previous port on the itinerary, board our ship, the *MV World Odyssey*, and sail with the shipboard community to their port country. The primary role of the IPS is to act as a peer in cultural exchange and provide the shipboard community with information about the port country or city.

The Institute for Shipboard Education will provide room and board aboard the ship, up to 1000 USD reimbursement of travel costs (airfare, visas, etc.) and possible SAS Field Program/s, up to 200 USD toward purchased items on the ship (which can also include Field Program costs), and ground transportation to the ship in the destination port country. During their time aboard the *MV World Odyssey*, an IPS may do any or all of the following:

Responsibilities:

- Participate as a visitor in courses and offer personal insights on growing up, working, and attending school in their home country
- Share meals with student clubs or other members of the shipboard community
- Assist the Field Office and Voyage Leadership Team with questions pertaining to their home country
- Give a presentation on a topic of cultural or logistical interest or a topic of their passion / choosing (ex: things voyagers can see and do in port, an upcoming holiday celebration in their home country, an interesting community service initiative at their university, different types of local or regional cuisine, etiquette, etc.)
- Assist a professor on a Field Class during the first two days the ship is docked in their home country
- Host informal language lessons (if applicable)

Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years old and able to travel independently (ideal age between 18-23, same age as our students)
- Possess advanced English-speaking abilities, be able to converse with native and non-native English speakers, and discuss complex topics that may arise in an academic university setting
- Enrolled in college coursework and in good academic standing with their current and past institutions (and ideally still enrolled at the time of their intended sail)
- Be a citizen of the country for the position of application (if there are extenuating circumstances that make this requirement challenging, please let us know so that we may evaluate the particular situation)
- Have a valid passport and the ability to procure any necessary visas prior to participation in the program
- An adventurous spirit and an open mind!! Our ship is home to people with varying backgrounds and identities, and the IPS will interact daily with both people and ideas with which they may be unfamiliar.
- A willingness to step out of one's comfort zone, be flexible, speak candidly with others, and build community with a group of peers
- Pass a mandatory background check

Benefits:

- An intercultural academic exchange experience to add to one's resume/CV
- The opportunity to meet peers, experience a different type of university life and culture, and make connections with faculty in a variety of disciplines
- Full room and board on the Semester at Sea ship, the *MV World Odyssey*, during the sailing leg
- The opportunity to practice English language skills with native speakers (if applicable)
- The opportunity to apply for a partial [scholarship](#) to participate on a future voyage as an enrolled student

See the [Interport Student Application](#) for additional information.