Our mission is to provide educational services and advocacy to the international population at Duke as well as outreach to the Durham community. We offer extensive cross-cultural programming and information to enhance the global mission of the university.

For many international students and scholars, International House is one of the first places to consult regarding the issues of transition and cultural adjustment. Duke staff can also benefit from International House programs that enhance their cross-cultural awareness and understanding.

**International House is here for you:**

We are open from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 5pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us. There will be an advisor on duty always ready to answer any questions and to assist you.

There is a great deal of useful information on our website [http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ihouse](http://studentaffairs.duke.edu/ihouse). You can also follow us on twitter @dukeihouse and like us on facebook.com/duke.ihouse.
International Orientation Programs:

- International Undergraduate Student Orientation (August)
- International Parent/Family Orientation (August)
- International Graduate/Professional Student Orientation (August/January)
- International Spouse/Partner Orientation (August/January)
- International Scholar Orientation (Every weekday at 11am except Wednesday)

Cultural Programs open to Duke Community members:

- **Connect.Learn.Grow. Extended Orientation Series**: Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm for the first ten weeks of the semester. Offers international students and scholars further opportunities to learn how to navigate their life at Duke and in Durham.

- **Duke Language Partner Program**: Language exchange program based on you and a partner’s language interest.

- **English Conversation Club** (Mondays 5:15-6:15 pm): Interesting topics and small group discussions on American culture. Open to anyone to practice conversational English.

- **Spanish Conversation Club** (Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm): Practice your Spanish and learn about various Latin cultures with the help of native speakers.

- **Chinese Conversation Club** (Tuesdays 5:15-6:15 pm): Practice your Chinese and learn about Chinese culture with the help of native speakers.

- **Global Café** (Fridays 9:30-10:30 am): Join us for good coffee, pastries and casual conversation with people from all over the world.

- **The International Friends Program**: Matches incoming internationals with locals to promote friendship and culture exchange.

- **Spouse/Partner English Hour**: Fridays at 11:00am. Improve your English skills through conversation, games, arts and craft, and more.

- **Spouse/Partner Book Club**: Fridays at 12:00 pm. Share a fun book on international themes with others.

* For more spouse programs, please contact Seun Bello Olamosu at seun.olamosu@duke.edu.

** Spanish/Chinese language club participation requires basic knowledge of the language equivalent of class 101 level at the minimum.

Training Programs:

- **International House Orientation Peers**: IHOPs are Duke students who volunteer to help incoming international students during the orientation week. IHouse offers various training to IHOPs so they can develop leadership skills and intercultural communication skills through the program.

- **Global Engagement Program**: Selects American students who are interested in developing their intercultural communication skills to participate in IHouse programs and get tailored training for the program.

- **Crossroads Student Advisory Council**: First-year students from diverse communities with an interest in bridging the cultural gap between domestic and international students through interactive activities and panel discussions.

- **Intercultural Skills Development Program**: Curriculum based program for university and health system employees towards building awareness and skills to engage the dynamic cultural landscape at Duke.

- **Departmental Training on Cultural Awareness**: Based on departmental requests, IHouse can provide tailored training to help staff work with students, scholars, and other staff more efficiently across cultures.

- **Postdoc Lunch and Learn Workshop**: Offered two to three times per year on select topics geared toward the specific needs of international postdoctoral scholars.

- **Administrator’s Workshop**: Offered twice a year on select topics to help Duke staff better understand international community and their needs.

- **Business Workshop**: Offered twice a year on select topics to help business professionals around Duke and Durham to better understand international clientele and their needs.

Other Services:

- **Trip to Social Security Administration**: For those who need to apply for a social security number. Trips depart IHouse every Wednesday at 10am.

- **Trip to Department of Motor Vehicles**: For those who want to get a NC State ID or take a written test to get a driver’s license. Trips are offered once a month.

- **Trip to Super Target & LiMing’s Global Mart**: For those who would like to do grocery shopping and make other purchases. Trips depart IHouse at 9:30am first Saturday of every month.

- **Intflash weekly email newsletter**: Provides upcoming IHouse events and useful information to all visa holders.