



### **What are the benefits of participating in the Connect Adelaide Experience?**

Previous international students have enjoyed the opportunity to informally connect with staff and other international students within the formative first few weeks of their arrival at UniSA.

### **Must be over 18 to participate.**

You must be 18 years of age to be eligible to participate in the Connect Adelaide Experience. You are required to confirm this as part of the online registration for legal reasons.

### **What are the costs associated with my participation?**

The staff volunteer will cover all costs associated with the Connect Adelaide Experience activity/meal. You may need to cover your own travel costs to your arranged activity, unless otherwise negotiated with your matched volunteer.

### **Can I choose when to join?**

Registration closes July 22, 2018. Given the high number of international students enrolling in our University every study period, we recommend you register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as places are limited.

### **How often will I meet with my UniSA staff volunteer?**

As this is a welcome initiative, the expectation is that you and the volunteer will negotiate together a time to meet for a casual meal/activity as early as possible once you commence studying. After this there is no obligation to you to continue, however if agreed by you and your volunteer to continue or stay in touch you can do so.

### **What are the selection criteria for the matching process?**

When matching you with a staff volunteer the preferences and interests that you both have indicated in your respective online registration form will be the main compatibility criteria. We also seek to match where possible you with a volunteer from the campus location that you will be studying. Once we have matched you to your volunteer you will receive an email with all necessary information.

### **Can I select the UniSA Staff Volunteer myself?**

Unfortunately this is not possible due to privacy reasons. You do however, have the opportunity to clearly indicate your interests and/or special requirements in the online registration form. When you are being matched with a volunteer your interests and/or requirements are taken into consideration as much as possible.

### **Can I be matched with a volunteer who is hosting multiple students?**

Yes, you can request to be matched with a volunteer who is hosting multiple students. You will need to indicate this option in the online form. Whilst there is no guarantee, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

### **Can my partner/spouse participate?**



Yes, your partner/spouse can participate as well. If possible, we will match you with a volunteer who has agreed to also welcome family members.

**What activities can I do with my Staff Volunteer?**

There are many activities you can undertake together, e.g. share meal at their home, going to the park for a BBQ or picnic, visit a wildlife park, go to the beach or undertake a sporting or tourist activity, etc. It will depend on your respective interests.

**Will my participation give me enough time for my studies?**

Your studies will be your main priority. This joint activity should be undertaken during your leisure times or when you don't need to focus on your studies. The idea is to meet with your volunteer as early as possible of your commencement to study. Speaking openly with your matched volunteer is very important.

**What if, after making arrangements I am unable to meet with my staff volunteer due to study or work commitments?**

We understand that things can come up, however, as long as you tell your staff volunteer that you can't make it early and not to wait until the last minute to advise them, particularly in case they might have made special arrangements for you (e.g. prepared a special meal, invited friends for you to meet, bought a ticket for you to an event, sports game etc.). Normally two days' notice is polite.

**Who do I contact if I have any concerns or further questions regarding registration or participation?**

Contact the Student Advisers via email at [internationalsupport@unisa.edu.au](mailto:internationalsupport@unisa.edu.au) or phone Louise Evershed, Student Adviser (International) 8302 0630.