



ISEP Personal Statements

International Student Exchange Program

Name: _____ Home Institution: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please answer the following questions in clear, thoughtfully prepared short essays (about 250-500 words each). Include your name and the name of your home institution on each page. **Do not include references to a specific host site or university.**

1. Introduce yourself and present your goals for studying abroad. What aspects of your background (i.e. coursework, job experience, travel, intercultural experience) have prepared you to live abroad? Focus on a situation in which you have encountered a great deal of ambiguity or have felt like a foreigner. Explain how you handled the situation, what you learned, and how it will help you while abroad. If you are applying to study in a language(s) other than English, submit your essay in both English and the other language(s).

2. ISEP is unique because it offers the opportunity for full immersion in the host culture. However, it is your responsibility to make the most of this experience. What are your goals for integrating in the host culture? How will you prepare beforehand and while abroad to accomplish those goals? What do you hope to learn from a full immersion experience?