

International Student NSO Follow-up Kit

This kit consists of FAQ and 3 templates for you to use in follow-up messages. Personalize and use the communication platform of your choice. Be sure to include a checkbox with "I'm an international student" on contact cards!

FAQ

<p>1.) Why a different follow up message to internationals?</p>	<p>International students' journey, understanding (think: language learners, different cultural interpretation), and felt needs may be drastically different than typical American students. See also FAQ #6 & 7.</p>
<p>2.) How do we use the 3 templates below*?</p> <p>*Based on these contact card options:</p> <p>a) ___ I'm not a Christian, but I'm interested in learning more about God b) ___ I consider myself a Christian, and want to grow in my faith c) ___ I want to learn how to share my faith with others d) ___ I'm interested in leadership opportunities with InterVarsity on my campus</p>	<p>→ Use General or Non-Christian Student for those who check a) NonChristian, didn't check a box, or if you don't have time for specific templates.</p> <p>→ Use Missional Christians for those who check b, c, or d. [Note: Internationals who check these can be interested in leadership opportunities though the term "leader" may not always be the best fit. Try "volunteer" or "servant". See this 3x3]</p> <p>→ Use Planting for missional christians without a chapter.</p>
<p>3.) What if I can't follow up due to lack of capacity or gender differences that make it inappropriate to follow up?</p>	<p>→ Send to closest local staff/chapter or contact ISM department (ism@intervarsity.org)</p>
<p>4) What if there are no staff at their campus?</p>	<p>→ Use Planting. See FAQ #6.</p>
<p>5.) If they respond, what are some next steps?</p>	<p>→ Invite InterVarsity student(s) to build relationships with them (See Friendship 3x3).</p> <p>→ Start an (international) I-GIG!</p> <p>→ Invite them to an international SG, start one or invite them to start one if one doesn't exist! (See tiny.cc/sisg)</p>
<p>6.) What is ISM National offering?</p>	<p>→ Consultations for staff/volunteers/student leaders or planters - contact eva.glick@intervarsity.org</p> <p>→ A monthly zoom call for Q&A, brainstorming, & community space for those serving internationals in their chapters. Sign up here. Drop by any month.</p> <p>→ Follow the Multinational Instagram for ideas & resources.</p>
<p>7.) What else should I know?</p>	<p>→ Be mindful of extra security concerns for international students.</p> <p>→ Besides those with international student visas, Third Culture Kids, refugees, recent immigrants etc. on campus also need a special welcome.</p> <p>→ Creating space in your chapter for a globally diverse group will help internationals stay. (A few tips here).</p>

General International or Non-Christian Students:

Hello, _____.

We are very excited you want to learn more about our student group. We do fun events that build friendships with internationals and Americans. We also value exploring who Jesus is and what he has to teach us in the Bible. Regardless of your religion or culture, all are welcome to join us as we learn about Jesus together.

Note: Add information about upcoming events & how to get connected to the chapter.

Potential questions to ask in follow up email or verbal conversations:

What's your preferred name? [On contact cards, some may use their legal name vs. the names they go by]

What's your country of origin?

How long will you be in the United States for?

What's your living arrangement (ex. host family, dorms, off-campus apartment etc.)?

What's the best way to contact you (ex. email, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, U.S. phone number, etc.)? [Some may not have a U.S. phone set up yet]

Missional Christians at Campus with IV Chapter:

Hello, _____.

We are very excited you want to learn more about our student group! We are also excited that you are already a follower of Jesus. Our student group seeks to empower Christian students and scholars to serve other Internationals while they study here in the U.S. and be prepared to serve Jesus faithfully when they return to their home countries.

Note: Add information about upcoming events & how to get connected to the chapter.

Potential info to collect in follow up email or verbal conversations:

What's your preferred name? [Some may use their legal name vs. the names they go by on contact card]

What's your country of origin?

How long will you be in the United States for?

What's your living arrangement (ex. host family, dorms, off-campus apartment etc.)?

What's the best way to contact you (ex. email, WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger, U.S. phone number, etc.)? [Some may not have a U.S. phone set up yet]

Planting with *Missional Christians*:

Hello, _____.

We are very excited you want to learn more about our student group. We are also excited that you are already a follower of Jesus. Our group exists to empower students to share Jesus with their friends and be prepared to serve Jesus faithfully when they return to their home countries. We don't currently have a group at your campus, but we welcome you to join our community at ___ (name of school). I would also love to talk with you about what a group like this could look like on your campus. Do you have time to chat with me over lunch or tea/coffee? **Note: Add information about upcoming events & how to get connected to the chapter. Potential info to collect in follow up email or verbal conversations:**

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How long will you be in the United States for?

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