The International Employee Resource Group (IERG) offers a supportive and welcoming social network to international employees, students and volunteers throughout OHSU. The IERG provides resources about adjusting to OHSU and the Pacific Northwest by connecting international employees, students and volunteers with OHSU services, community organizations, cultural events and diverse businesses. The IERG helps OHSU’s international members expand their social network, reduce their experience of isolation and become successful in adapting to a new cultural environment.

Global Village Rendezvous – International Networking Event

This happy hour event, held regularly at 5:30-8:30 pm, will give you an opportunity to build new connections across cultures. These events are organized in various local restaurants. Food and drinks are available for purchase. Bring your partner, coworkers, family and friends with you. To RSVP or to request accommodations, email ierg@ohsu.edu.

- September 29 – Saucebox, 214 SW Broadway
- January 28 – Henry's Tavern, 10 NW 12th Ave.
- March 29 – Punchbowl Social, 340 SW Morrison St.
- May 31 – Bridgeport Brewery, 1313 NW Marshall St.
- July 26 – Dig-a-Pony, 736 SE Grand Ave.
**International ERG Meetings**

During these meetings, held the second Tuesday of every month, 2-3 pm, the IERG leadership team and members plan various educational, networking and community events and develop services for its members.

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**Special Events**

**Gathering of Nations, November 17, 2015 5:30-8:30 pm, OHSU Student Center**

Join us for a harvest-themed potluck, conversation and storytelling about Native American culture and history. Discussion includes sharing different perspectives about the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday as well as harvest holiday traditions around the world. Please bring a savory dish or dessert typical to your culture to share. Family members are welcome. To RSVP (required) or to request accommodations, email ierg@ohsu.edu by November 3. The Gathering of Nations dinner is organized by the International and Native American Employee Resource Groups, in partnership with the office of International Affairs and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion.

**Tax Filing 101, March 3, 2016, 11:30 am-12:30 pm OHSU Hospital 8B60 (8th floor auditorium)**

Topic: General tax liability for international employees: deductions, tax treaties and filing.
Presenter: Carol-Ann Simon, CA, CPA, Perkins & Co.

**Financial Planning, March 9, 2016, 11:30 am-12:30 pm OHSU Hospital 8B60 (8th floor auditorium)**

Topic: Tax planning, real estate, investments, retirement planning, and banking.
Presenters: Andrew Fisher, CFA, CPA, President and Chief Investment Officer and Jason Haggart, Senior Wealth Advisor at Maxim Global Wealth Advisors.

**Successful Transitions Across Cultures workshop, April 14, 2016, 12-1 pm, KPV13000A**

International employees will have an opportunity to discuss their experiences with culture shock, cultural adjustment and strategies for establishing a community in a new country.

**Cultural Exchange Program (Ongoing)**

Are you a recent international arrival to OHSU with a need for cultural or language guidance? You now have an opportunity to partner with a local who can help you learn about American culture and become more confident in your conversational English. Are you a local OHSU employee and would like to build connections in the international community? You now can help new international employees and visitors navigate American culture, while learning about your exchange partner’s culture. It’s not required that you be a native speaker of English, though you should be fluent enough to feel very comfortable coaching an English language learner.

Apply at: [https://o2.ohsu.edu/international-affairs/resources/cultural-exchange-program.cfm](https://o2.ohsu.edu/international-affairs/resources/cultural-exchange-program.cfm). This program is sponsored by The Office of International Affairs, in partnership with the OHSU/AFSCME Career and Workplace Enhancement Center and the International Employee Resource Group.

**Book Drive for Children**

We are collecting new/used books, plus art and school supplies for the Doernbecher Children’s Hospital’s Child Life Program. All books are welcome, but they need more books showcasing racial, ethnic, cultural, and language diversity. Drop off your donations by May 30, 2016 at Healthcare Human Resources: Sam Jackson Hall Room 1102. Your donations are tax deductible via The Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation.