



# Talking with Aussies

## Volunteer Position Description

Talking with Aussies is a social program for international students to meet with members of the community for language and cultural exchange. Each volunteer is linked with an individual student with whom they have regular unsupervised conversations.

### Program aims

- To provide students with the opportunity for regular practice of conversational Aussie English.
- To provide students with a link with the Australian community.

### Volunteer responsibilities and requirements

- Be available to meet with one international student once a week for one hour over one semester.
- Be willing to support and encourage students' language development, confidence, pronunciation, and understanding of Aussie slang. (The program is not a tutoring or editing service).
- Be able to engage in a range of conversation topics that may help the student become more familiar with Australian customs and culture.
- Have a current South Australian Government Department of Human Services Working with Children check (or the University can arrange one for you free of charge).
- Attend an information session, fill out an application form which includes providing referees.
- Be an Australian citizen of 18 years or older, or have Permanent Residency with a strong hold of Aussie English.

### Students:

- Are international students (Undergraduate and Postgraduate) enrolled at the University of Adelaide.
- Have English as a second or subsequent language.
- Have met the university's requirements with regard to the standard of English required for entry to their particular program.
- Have attended an information session and agreed to commit and communicate.
- Come from a range of language and cultural backgrounds.
- Are seeking to listen to Australian English pronunciation, and to learn about Australian slang and culture.



## Development

- Volunteers are provided with an initial, individual introduction to the program.
- Volunteers are offered volunteer specific development opportunities, both through the University's Volunteer Program via Volunteering SA/NT as well as Talking with Aussies Volunteer Gatherings.
- The coordinator is available for consultation on specific issues as they arise.

## Volunteer Insurance

- The University has a number of policies to protect volunteers participating in approved voluntary activities.
- Please Note: the Volunteer Personal Accident Insurance policy does not apply to volunteers over the age of 85.

## First Step – Expression of Interest

If you are interested in joining Talking with Aussies as a volunteer conversation partner, please complete the following [Expression of Interest form](#), and the Program Coordinator will contact you with information about upcoming Volunteer Briefing Sessions.

[Complete Expression of Interest](#)

## Further enquiries

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