

"What positive experience would you like to to share with potential and new EIA tutors?"

"As an EIA tutor, I had the opportunity to mentor and guide an international visiting scholar from Brazil. Not only did I learn a lot about his country, his university and his culture, **he also genuinely made me feel important in his life**... I highly recommend volunteering as a tutor. It was a great experience for me."

-Sandra, UCSD Staff



"The friendships that you make with your tutees are so nice. They're your friends just like any of your other friends, but what they can share with you about their countries is always so interesting. **The greatest plus is that you can even go to visit them in their countries one day!**"

-Sukrita, Undergraduate Student



"Fun new friendships. Lucky me to have friends from around the world. Lots of laughter. Helping others with aspects of American Culture not easily understood is rewarding. **Thank you for allowing me to support your wonderful program.**"

-Becky, UCSD Staff



"My students are so appreciative of the time I spend with them. They are all such amazing people and I have learned a lot from them about their countries and traditions. I keep in touch with most of my former students by email and one of my former students and her husband travel from Japan to visit us every year. **I'm currently tutoring my 17th student and every student has been a wonderful experience.**"

-Carol, Retired Staff

"Although I run a very busy private practice, I make time to volunteer to be a tutor for international students at UCSD. **It has been so rewarding and fun,** and I keep on learning from the tutees about their lives and countries of origin, which seems more valuable to me than the English I'm teaching them. "

-Jeff, Community Member

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"Don't hesitate to sign up...you will be a true cultural ambassador, you will probably learn more than you'll teach, and **you will make some life time friends** who will welcome you when you visit their country!"

-Earl, Community Member



"The EIA program has been a wonderful experience for me, as I have seen my tutee become more and more comfortable with American English and culture... I have also grown from this experience. **It was my tutee who first ignited my interest in teaching abroad,** and now I am involved with UCSD Extension's [TEFL certificate](#) and English Language Institute (ELI) Conversation Leader programs."

-Bonny, Undergraduate Student