Taste of America at UC Irvine provides the opportunity for cross-cultural exchange between local residents, alumni, and international graduate students over dinner. Taste of America matches small groups of international graduate students (2-5 per group) with hosts for dinner in the month of November.

In many countries, sharing a meal is a place of community. It is a place to have a conversation, get to know someone, and gain new perspectives. The goal of Taste of America is to help international graduate students connect with the local community and to assist with their cultural adjustment.

**STUDENTS**

International graduate students can expand their local networks and can learn about American customs and traditions.

International graduate students who would like to participate can apply online at: https://goo.gl/forms/xsUtI9qYqEBKpldi2

**HOSTS**

Hosts can share their American way of living with international graduate students and can expose family and friends to diverse cultures. Dinners can be hosted during the work week in November or during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Interested in hosting? Email gradinterconnect@rgs.uci.edu for details and a host application.

All interested international graduate students should complete an application no later than Monday, October 15 for priority matching. Applications will be reviewed for the purpose of matching students with hosts.

Questions? Email Gabriella Pham, International Support Officer, at gradinterconnect@rgs.uci.edu

www.grad.uci.edu/services/graduate-interconnect-program.php