

What is an ISI Ministry Representative?

A Ministry Representative with ISI is a VOLUNTEER who has the desire to give every international student an opportunity to hear/respond to the Gospel of Christ and to see them disciplined in the faith to prepare for future ministry.

A Ministry Rep's volunteer service is in support of a local ISI ministry team. Only under very specific circumstances is a Ministry Rep accepted in an area in which there is no other ISI staff or team.

What does ISI look for in a volunteer Ministry Rep?

ISI wants volunteers with the following qualities:

- Person of prayer
- Spiritually maturity
- Teachable spirit
- Shepherd's heart for the city team
- Team-building experience
- Strong leadership skills
- Encouraging and helpful to others
- Experienced developer of leaders
- Discerning with strong interpersonal skills
- Committed to evangelism and discipleship
- Faithful, loyal, and dedicated to both the local ministry and to ISI's national identity and mandate from the Lord to reach all international students for Christ
- Positive, professional manner
- Commitment to evangelism and discipleship
- Experience in project/time management
- Strong defender of confidentiality
- Ability to function in stressful situations
- Team player
- Flexible.

Since ISI ministers specifically to college and university international students (undergrad, grad, and post-doc), it is most helpful if a Ministry Rep has experience in a higher education environment as a student, employee, or other academic role.

Also, because ISI is a faith-based Christian ministry, all team members (including Ministry Reps) must accept and adhere to ISI's Statement of Faith and Moral Conduct Policy.

What ministry involvement might an ISI Ministry Rep experience?

A Ministry Rep may participate in some, or all, of the following activities as determined by the Rep and their assigned staff contact:

- Helping with campus ministry as directed by the local ISI staff team
- Attracting and building relationships with international students with the goal of sharing the Gospel of Christ with them
- Discipling believing international students to prepare them for ministry in their homelands
- Seeking and involving other volunteers, pastors, and churches into ministry with international students
- Assisting in the building and maintaining of positive relationships with university administrators and faculty
- Contributing to the campus ministry and returnee student information reporting systems.

Privileges and Expectations of an ISI Ministry Representative

The following benefits are offered to ALL volunteer Ministry Reps:

- Subscription to the ISI Grapevine list serv, a communication tool for the ISI family's use in communicating with each other to provide a platform to share (or solicit) valuable ministry ideas and tools/resources to enhance ISI's outreach to international students.
- Direct access to ISI's volunteer ministry specialists via ISIField@isionline or 800.ISITeam (800.474.8326).
- Assistance with contact information to connect students transferring to a new location with an ISI team member, volunteer, ministry partner, or church.

Ministry Reps receive the following additional privileges, normally reserved for ISI's staff members:

- Ministry Reps may open and maintain a ministry fund account for the purpose of reimbursement of ministry expenses and may escrow funds for ISI National Conference attendance, if desired. Individuals may make tax-deductible donations for the Ministry Rep's ministry expenses by indicating the Ministry Rep's name and fund number.
- Ministry Reps who raise funds for a ministry fund account will be provided:
 - Licensed software and tech tools, including Microsoft Office365 (Word, Excel, Outlook, etc.)
 - Donation processing and online giving and reporting tools (i.e., Virtuous)
 - Coverage of donation-related credit card fees.

The above are covered by a direct deduction from the Ministry Rep's ministry fund account (See ISI's *Tech Fee Schedule* for details).

- Other benefits available to Ministry Reps include:
 - ISI resource materials at the discounted Staff price
 - ISI business cards and stationery at the Staff price
 - ISI's Weekly Message, a team-only informational e-newsletter pertaining to ISI ministry
 - An ISI Outlook email address (with related tech support), required for ISI communications
 - Opportunity to participate in ISI's online orientation and fundraising (i.e., Partnership Development) training
 - ISI National Conference registration at the Staff rate.

While Ministry Reps are not legally employees of ISI, we request and expect cooperation with the following:

- An ISI Outlook email address will be assigned and is required to be used for ISI ministry communications.
- As a representative of ISI, a Ministry Rep's ministry with international students is directly under the auspices of ISI and, or in cooperation with, partnering churches and organizations who adhere to ISI's Statement of Faith.
- We request Ministry Reps to submit the number of student professions of faith and other ministry-related statistics to their staff contact for ISI's records.
- Although Ministry Reps are not required to submit bi-monthly narrative reports as our staff do, we like to keep abreast of what is happening in Ministry Reps' local ministries. So, we request Ministry Reps submit and update at least twice per year in January and July. (More frequent updates are most welcome.)
- Though Ministry Reps are not required, we ask Ministry Reps to attend ISI's National Conference (at the discounted Staff rate) at least once every two years if possible.