

ISCA Academy Programme



The ISCA Academy

The ISCA Academy is a selective leadership programme for former ISCA students who wish to take their next step within the ISCA community. Each year we welcome a small number of alumni to return and work alongside experienced ISCA staff, gaining first-hand experience of teaching, leadership and educational travel.

ISCA Academy members play an important role in supporting the delivery of the programme while developing valuable skills in communication, teamwork and student leadership.

Above all, the ISCA Academy allows former students to continue the international friendships and experiences that first inspired them.

ISCA Academy Programme – Summer 2027

About ISCA

The Independent Schools Cultural Alliance (ISCA) provides high-quality educational travel programmes in the UK for middle school students from across the world. Our programmes combine safe international travel with immersive learning, allowing students to explore British history and culture by visiting many of the country's most important landmark sites.

Students travel as part of a school group and are accompanied by teachers from their school, creating a supportive and well-supervised environment throughout the programme.

With 45 years of experience, ISCA has built an outstanding reputation for delivering unique and enriching educational programmes. Our network includes 47 schools from Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Japan, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and the United States. Through this global community, students broaden their cultural horizons, build international friendships and develop a deeper understanding of the world.

The ISCA Summer Programme is a three-week experience exploring historic, cultural and modern sites across England. The programme is based at the beautiful Cranleigh School campus, where students also participate in a wide range of sports and activities.

ISCA Academy Position

Dates: Sunday 11 July – Sunday 1 August 2027

Location: Cranleigh School, Cranleigh, Surrey

Position Type: Voluntary leadership development role

The ISCA Academy provides former ISCA students with the opportunity to gain valuable leadership and teaching experience while supporting the delivery of the summer programme.

Working alongside experienced ISCA staff, ISCA Academy members assist with tours, activities and student supervision while developing skills in communication, leadership and pastoral care.

Role Overview

During the three-week programme, ISCA Academy members support ISCA staff both on tour and on campus.

On tour days, you will assist with supervising students as they visit major historic and cultural sites across southern England. On campus days, you will help lead sports, arts and activity sessions that encourage international friendship and teamwork.

ISCA Academy members should feel comfortable working with students aged 12-15. Previous experience working with this age group is helpful but not essential.

In addition, ISCA Academy members assist with pastoral care in the boarding houses, helping to ensure students feel safe, supported and included throughout their stay.

Pastoral Responsibilities

Each programme includes four boarding houses, with experienced ISCA staff supervising each house.

ISCA Academy members support the Head of House and other staff by helping to monitor student wellbeing and maintaining a positive residential environment.

Responsibilities may include:

- Ensuring students are in their rooms after lights out
- Helping students wake up and prepare for the day
- Supporting students experiencing homesickness
- Communicating any concerns to the Head of House or International Chaperones
- Assisting with general supervision in the boarding houses

Summary of Main Responsibilities

- Help ensure every student enjoys a safe, positive and memorable three-week experience.
- Support the educational element of the programme by sharing information about the places we visit.
- Supervise students exploring sites in small groups, ensuring they understand meeting points and timings.
- Assist with coach briefings and provide historical context when appropriate.
- Support the delivery of sports and activities during on-campus days (typically with groups of around 30 students).
- Assist with the supervision of evening activities.
- Work collaboratively with ISCA staff and international chaperones to ensure the programme runs smoothly.

Additional Duties

- Help wake students in the morning and ensure they are in bed at lights out.
- Assist with airport transfers when welcoming and departing school groups.
- Contribute to the ISCA Blog on two occasions during the programme.
- Take photographs for ISCA's social media, marketing and website.
- Assist with basic first aid support alongside the ISCA Medical Officer.
- Support staff and chaperones when responding to homesickness or pastoral issues.
- Assist with preparing sports equipment and boarding houses before student arrival.
- Help tidy boarding houses and equipment at the end of the programme.

Accommodation and Expenses

ISCA provides:

- Flights to and from the UK
- Accommodation at Cranleigh School
- All meals during the programme
- Entrance to all sites and attractions visited
- Transport throughout the programme

ISCA Academy members will also receive at least four days off (9:00am - 5:30pm) during the three-week programme.

How to Apply

For further information and an application pack, please contact:

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