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Orange Connection Professional Host FAQs

What is Orange Connection?

Orange Connection is a unique, 1 ½ day, job shadowing opportunity that allows Wartburg College students to gain an insider's view into a career field of their interest, observe on-the-job activities, and participate in hands-on learning experiences in the workplace.

Why should I volunteer to be a host? You can:

- Connect and make a difference in the lives of talented students who are eager to learn.
- Share your career and professional expertise, and help Wartburg students understand the working world.
- Get reacquainted with current Wartburg news and interact with students.
- Meet students who could potentially become great candidates for future employment.

How many students would I host?

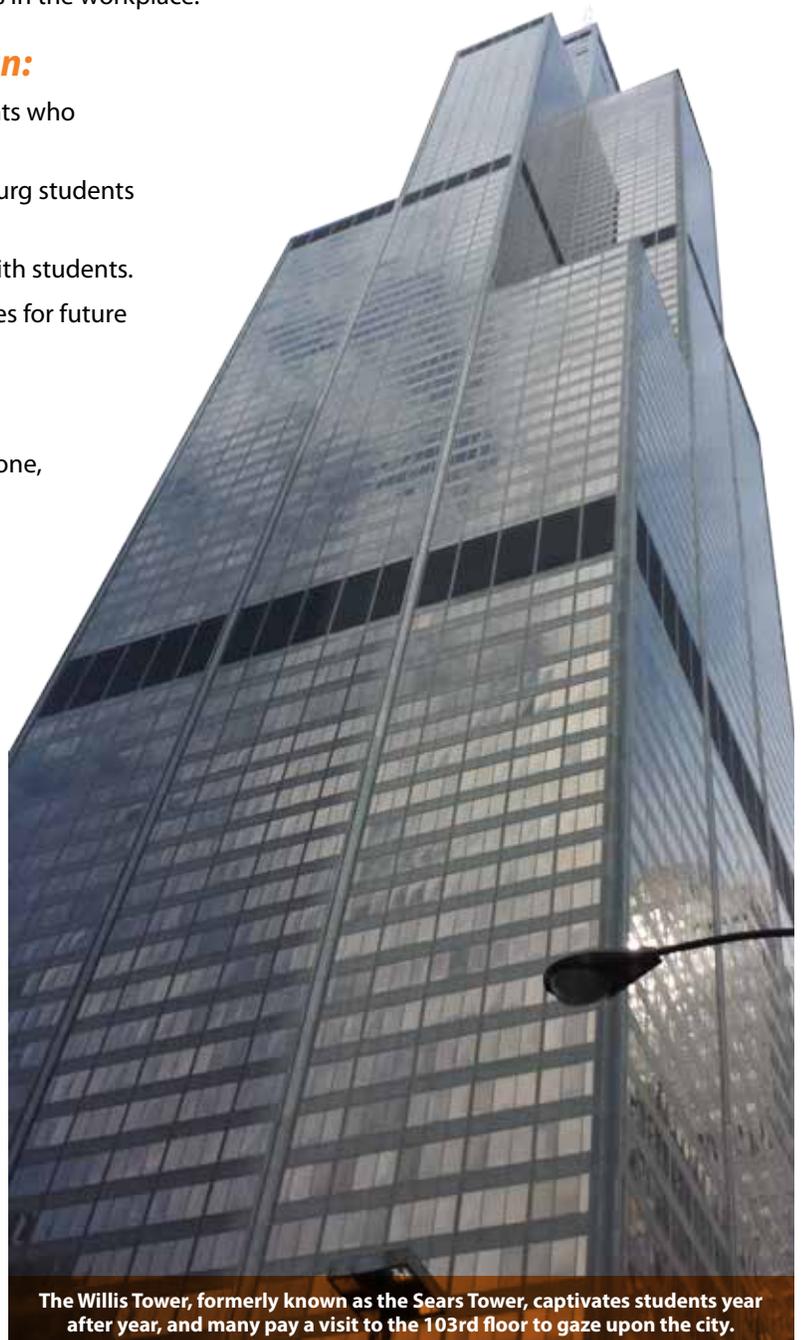
This is up to you. If you are willing and able to host more than one, you are welcome to do so.

How much preparation does hosting an Orange Connection student require?

The amount of time you spend as a host will vary. It may take some initial set up with your place of employment. In addition, time is needed to determine what aspects of your position you want to share with the student(s) and if any other colleagues or departments should be involved so the student(s) can get an in-depth view of your career field.

What should I do with the student(s) during the job shadow?

The student(s) should be involved in the day-to-day activities of your office/department (i.e. meetings, conference calls, projects, etc.) that will provide them with insight into your career field. The student(s) do not have to be with you the entire time. You can set up meetings with other colleagues or departments to give the student(s) a more well-rounded view of the company or organization. You also can give the student(s) a project to work on for the duration of the job shadow.



The Willis Tower, formerly known as the Sears Tower, captivates students year after year, and many pay a visit to the 103rd floor to gaze upon the city.



Des Moines Orange Connection participants toured the Iowa State Capitol building.

Where does the student stay during Orange Connection?

Wartburg alumni and friends of the college host the students. The students are responsible for getting to and from your place of work.

Does it cost me anything to participate as a host?

No, professional hosts are not expected to provide meals or transportation.

How will I be matched with the student(s), and when will I be notified?

An internal committee of Alumni and Career Services staff reviews the applications and matches students based on their application materials. Professional hosts are notified of their student participant(s) in late March or early April.

How can I provide feedback?

You will be asked to complete an evaluation after the program.

What if I need to cancel?

If some unforeseen event occurs that requires you to cancel, notify your student and college contact.

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OC participants Leslie Davis and Braulia Carlos snap a quick photo during the Amazing Race scavenger hunt in Des Moines.



Lindokuhle Simelane was able to experience life at Navistar—a leading manufacturer of commercial trucks, buses, and defense vehicles and engines—for his Chicago OC experience.



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Orange Connection Overnight Host FAQs

What is Orange Connection?

Wartburg's Orange Connection program centers on the mentoring relationships between students and alumni or friends of the college. This includes an opportunity for students to stay in the homes of alumni mentors, learn about balancing work, family, and community commitments after college, and find out what others took away from their college experience.

Students participate in a 1 ½ day job shadowing opportunity with another alumni or friend of the college that allows them to gain an insider's view into a career field of their interest, observe on-the-job activities, and participate in hands-on learning experiences in the workplace.

When would the student(s) be staying with us?

Student(s) would arrive at your home Sunday evening. The exact arrival time would be determined by you and the student(s). Student(s) would stay with you through Tuesday morning.

How many students would I host?

This is up to you. If you are willing to host more than one, you are welcome to do so.

What are the host family's responsibilities?

The host family provides the student(s) with a room furnished with a place to sleep. They also are expected to involve the student(s) in their evening activities.

Do I need to provide entertainment for the student(s)?

Some hosts will plan special entertainment, but it is not an expectation. The student(s) really enjoy the conversation with their hosts and sharing fun Wartburg stories.

Does it cost me anything to participate as a host?

As a personal host, you provide lodging and ideally cover morning and evening meals. In Des Moines, we ask that you provide dinner Sunday and Monday and breakfast Monday and Tuesday. In Chicago, we ask that you provide dinner Monday and breakfast Monday and Tuesday.





Chicago Orange Connection participants take a group photo during the alumni networking event.

Do students have any special requirements (allergies, diet, etc.)?

Sometimes students have special dietary restrictions such as no pork, vegetarian, vegan, no dairy, etc. Others have allergies to certain foods or may not eat certain foods for personal or religious reasons. Some students also may have environmental allergies such as hay, pets, or perfume. All of these questions are asked on the student's profile form, which you will receive for each student you host.

Do I need to provide bedding/towels for the student?

Student(s) will need to shower at your home, but, if needed, they can bring their own towel. They also can bring a sleeping bag and pillow if need be.

Will I have to drive the student?

No. We do not expect hosts to drive students to their professional job shadow sites unless you are willing and able to do so. Typically, students use their own vehicle, utilize public transportation, or a college staff member will assist with transportation needs.

How can I provide feedback?

You will be asked to complete an evaluation after the program.

What if I need to cancel?

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OC participants Heather Cole and Leslie Paris strike a pose during the Amazing Race scavenger hunt in Des Moines.



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