

As a PIER Guide, your primary role is to serve as an informal personal source of information about the scientific, organizational, educational, and social aspects of PIER by reminding new PIER students about various events, providing general guidance to graduate student life at CMU and offering supportive peer-to-peer PIER assistance during new students' first year in PIER.

There are no well-defined procedures for PIER guides other than to try to make sure that your mentee becomes familiar and comfortable with the various aspects of the program. One of your first "firm" assignments is to ensure that "your" new student is able to get to the opening Welcome event/reception. You should also arrange to shepherd him/her to the first few PIER EdBags and Colloquia. Later in the semester you should arrange to take your mentee to a lunch or (inexpensive!) dinner (for which PIER will provide a modest budget.)