Moving to a new country and getting to know a different culture all while trying to focus on your studies can be challenging. Here at the Office of International Students and Scholars, we know that to get the best out of your Yale experience, you don't just need a smooth immigration process but also a community that makes you feel like you truly belong. Luckily, there are many opportunities right here on campus for you to find life-long friends, learn new skills, and receive the support you need to succeed.

And don't forget to check out the [OISS event calendar](https://oiss.yale.edu) to stay up-to-date on everything happening in our building on 421 Temple Street!

**Affinity Groups**

Each of the eight groups support recruitment, retention, education, advocacy, and community building.
Cultural Centers

The Yale College cultural centers act as social hubs and community bases for students from various cultures or ethnicities, supplementing the social environment of the larger Yale College community.
Belonging at Yale

Belonging at Yale is the name for the university’s activities to enhance diversity, support equity, and promote an environment of welcome, inclusion, and respect.

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Dwight Hall

Dwight Hall is Yale’s Center for Public Service and Social Justice that encourages student leadership in bringing members of the university and New Haven citizens closer together.

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Good Life Center

The Good Life Center puts on events that center students' mental, physical, social, and emotional well-being, such as yoga and meditation.

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LGBTQ Resources

The Office of LGBTQ Resources brings together people of different identities and experiences across Yale, and offers a place for them to form connections.

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McDougal Graduate Student Center

The McDougal Graduate Student Center is where you can find support resources, attend events, build community, and connect with your fellow graduate students.
Mental Health and Counseling

Mental Health and Counseling gives you access to medical professionals that can help you navigate difficult times.
Office for Graduate Student Development & Diversity

The Office for Graduate Student Development & Diversity (OGSDD) offers different diversity-focused programs and mentoring opportunities.

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Poorvu Center

The Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) advises aspiring educators how to be mindful of diverse student populations, and how to create inclusive classroom environments.

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The FGLI Community Initiative

The Community Initiative is an administrative effort to support and empower first-generation, low-income students at Yale.

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Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at Yale is committed to promoting equitable access to education and student life for students with disabilities, and to fostering a campus environment of belonging, inclusion, and respect.