(Print this out and take the following information abroad in your wallet)

**All participants must arrive in Auckland by February 6, 2014**

**First EAP Orientation Event: Dinner and Welcome Session at the Grafton Hall dining room on Thursday, February 6 at 5:30PM.**

1) **Book a flight to Auckland:** There is no pre-arranged group flight to New Zealand. You must make your own arrangements to fly to Auckland, and arrive on or by February 6. The flight takes about two-to-three three calendar days because it crosses the International Date Line and so – in essence - you skip one day. When arranging your flight please note that you must depart the U.S. West Coast by the evening of February 4 at the latest to be able to arrive in Auckland by the required arrival date; check your itinerary carefully! Although the UCEAP arrival date is February 6, you might be more comfortable if you arrive one or two days early (although you will need to make your own arrangements for accommodation until February 6 if you arrive early). After arrival, make your way to Grafton Hall (address below) by 5:30PM for dinner and a short welcome session.

We advise you to avoid taking flights that go through Fiji on your way to New Zealand. In recent years Fiji has experienced political problems, including military coups, and severe weather conditions. While you may find that a flight with a stop in Fiji could save you a few dollars, you will likely have a lengthy stopover and spend money on food and other incidentals. The likelihood of running into a delay in Fiji is high, and the orientation in Auckland is mandatory.

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2) **Accommodations**: For the five nights of the UCEAP Orientation (from **February 6 through 11**) accommodations in Auckland are arranged for you at Grafton Hall, paid on your behalf, and included in your UCEAP fees. If you wish to **arrive before** February 6 (or remain after the orientation is over) you will need to **make your own arrangements** for accommodation.

**University of Auckland**
**Grafton Hall**
40 Seafield View Road, Grafton
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3) **Can I skip orientation? Can I arrive late?** No, participation in the full UCEAP Orientation program is **required** and **attendance will be carefully noted***. It is an important part of your adaptation to life and study in New Zealand. It will provide you with valuable details about your academic program, discuss what to do in an emergency, and cover the most important points of your UCEAP participation, including what you need to do to get your NZ grades to show up on your UC transcript.

**Attendance at your host university orientation is ALSO mandatory.** See the program calendar on the [Participant’s page](#) of the UCEAP website and find your host university’s mandatory orientation date. Check your host university’s website for updates, as well as your NZ host uni offer letter and accompanying attachments (which often give the full orientation schedule and details).

(*PLEASE NOTE: Failure to present yourself at the official meeting place (Grafton Hall, UoA, Auckland) on the official arrival date and time (February 6, 2014 at 5:30PM) can lead to dismissal from the EAP New Zealand program.)*

4) **UCEAP Orientation is over. Now what?** On February 11*th* you may depart Auckland for your host university city (unless, of course, you are attending The University of Auckland). **You will need to make travel arrangements to get to your NZ campus.**

5) **“The Space Between”**: The UCEAP orientation program is scheduled around the varying orientation and semester start dates of several different NZ universities. Depending on your host university’s orientation and start date, there may be a gap between the end of UCEAP orientation and the beginning of your host university’s mandatory orientation for international exchange students. Past students have used this time to do a bit of traveling or sight-seeing in New Zealand, to settle in to their new campus, or to search for private housing (if not reserving on-campus semester accommodation). Be sure to **include expenses for this period** in your personal budget.

6) **Arriving at your New Zealand Host University**: When you arrive at your host university you can settle into the living accommodations you have selected, reserved and arranged with your host university. If you have reserved space in a residence hall and you have a gap between the end of UCEAP orientation and your host university orientation, check with your residence management.
and ask if early move-in is available. If not, set up temporary accommodations until the move-in date. Your host university housing department will help you with information about temporary housing at your New Zealand campus or in your host city.

If you are not planning to live on campus, you should go apartment hunting when you arrive at your host university. You will need to arrange temporary accommodations while you search for a flat or apartment.

7) IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION: Take this with you! If you are detained unexpectedly by an emergency, contact Professor Ivan Reilly as soon as you can. (If calling from the US, be aware that there is a 21-hour time difference.)

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