New to New York? You’ve already got friends here. Whether you are here for an internship or to take Manhattan, the members of our local chapter board are eager to meet you and help you settle in. From helping you get an apartment, tackle your job search, make new friends, or impress your new colleagues and friends with your savvy Big Apple know how—your fellow Hoosiers take an active interest in your success and happiness.

We suggest reaching out to our local chapter board members as soon as you decide to come East.

A few things to know:

- NYC is comprised of 5 boroughs—Manhattan, the Bronx, Staten Island, Queens, and Brooklyn.
- NYC has the largest and most used system of buses, subways, and trains in the world. You can pay per ride or buy a monthly, unlimited pass for the subways and regular buses (express buses cost more and aren’t included in the unlimited). You can buy subway/bus passes with a charge card in the stations. You can use the LIRR if you are headed from Penn Station to Long Island. You could use the PATH if you are going from Manhattan to Hoboken or Jersey City. There are also trains that run along specific routes, like the Metro North, which take riders from Grand Central or Penn Station to New Jersey or Connecticut. There are almost 8 million people that commute into Manhattan for work.
- NYC is a major city so be smart. Keep your bags close and closed—be wary of wallet placement in the back pocket. Watch out for pickpockets. Keep your cellphones and iPods in a secure location and hold on to them. Be aware of other people to avoid being followed or having them press too closely. Be watchful of your surroundings—especially if it is a new area to you, if it is night, etc. Be smart and if you get that funny feeling in your gut—get a cab to take you where you need to be.
- NYC is a melting pot but it’s also one of the largest cities in the world so the folks here can be quirky. You won’t find an overly chatty population that will say “good morning” or “thank you” for opening a door or giving a seat on the subway. But you will find a fast moving highly observant group of people who pull together every day to squeeze into the subway to make sure hundreds on that same train get to work on time.
If you have additional tips and suggestions, we are always eager to share it with others, so don’t be a stranger. Just reach out to us via email at iuaanyc@gmail.com.

If you’ve been settled in for a while and are looking to reconnect, the chapter can also help. By volunteering for charitable events, helping with IU-related events for admissions and We Are IU, there is something for everyone to reconnect based on their availability and interest.