Peer Mentor Program

Peer Mentor
Leadership Role Award Description

The peer mentor is a student leader who provides academic support and mentorship for living-learning communities (LLC) and/or learning communities. Mentors assist in achieving personal, academic, and overarching program goals and objectives.

Each mentor will:
- Serve as a role model helping students in their community in making the transition to college life
- Provide academic support for the living-learning/learning community students

Qualifications:
For consideration, candidates must possess the following qualifications:
- Juniors or Seniors preferred (sophomores considered on case by case)
- Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills
- Positive attitude
- Self-motivated
- Must be available to attend and complete all mentor training provided throughout the academic year
- Must have a genuine interest for helping others succeed
- Must be willing to make a commitment for both semesters (for LLC Peer Mentor)**

Responsibilities:
This position involves a minimum five hours weekly commitment and involves the following activities:
- Coordinate activities during the semester with faculty member or other academic partner(s)
- Facilitate academic and social initiatives within the community
- Contact students to provide information about community activities and important academic dates/events (e.g., 5-week grades, registration, etc.)
- Help students become familiar with university resources; refer students to appropriate academic resources, as the need arises
- Spend time throughout week getting to know students in the community and discussing what they are learning and spending their time on throughout the week
- Attend peer mentor meetings and meetings with supervisor
- Meet individually with students as needed
- Record observations from student meetings/activities/class interactions and submit reports of student interactions to your supervisor
- Respond to staff and mentee communications within 24 hours
- Coordinate with fellow Peer Mentors and other staff members to collaborate and work together to provide academic support to students in the community
- Make digital contact with mentees via email, phone, Adobe Connect, Twitter, Facebook, etc.
- Appropriately document out-of-class and/or in-residence-hall experiences through social media, video, and pictures
- Participate in training and on-going training and development opportunities as needed
WIFM (What’s in it for me):

- $1000.00 award per semester, paid at the successful conclusion of the semester
- Attend networking opportunities once a semester
- Work on a close-knit team and develop mentoring and leadership skills
- Receive training for mentoring
- Gain experience with public speaking, mentoring, leadership, and problem-solving
- The opportunity to network with faculty and staff members from across the university
- Potential of serving in other leadership roles on campus
- Free ODU Gear

INFORMATION SESSIONS:
Student’s interested in being a Peer Mentor should attend one of the following information sessions to obtain more information:

- October 24th @ 7:30pm in Gresham Community Room
- November 2nd @ 7:30pm in Scotland House community Room
- November 6th @ 7:30pm in Powhatan Community Room
- November 14th @ 7:30pm in Virginia House Community Room

HOW TO APPLY:
Students may apply for the peer mentor position by completing the following:

- Completed application
  - Application opens November 15th and closes December 15th.
  - Application will be posted on Housing & Residence Life Student Employment website
- Ask a for faculty/staff recommendation (e-mail form to 1 faculty/staff member) **NOT A STUDENT

For questions regarding the Peer Mentor Program, please contact

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