

# College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Peer Mentor Program



The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Peer Mentor program offers 3 units of internship credit for both or either fall and spring terms. A one year commitment is preferred.

- In the Fall the program will consist of individual meetings with incoming freshman and transfer students new to CALs. The purpose is to help students with the transition to the University of Arizona (UA) campus life and student expectations.
- In the Spring semester peer mentors will meet with students on academic probation and potentially assist with the CALs 195A course. The purpose will be to help these students on academic probation develop a plan and help them to enhance the skills necessary to become successful UA students.
- Students will build academic success skills as well as foster relationships with experienced students and staff.
- Peer Mentors will earn up to 3 units of upper division units (CALs393 or 493) for each semester (6 total units).

Peer Mentors will be assigned to approximately 7-15 students in the fall semester. In spring it will be approximately 4-6 students.

- They will provide support through bi-weekly meetings with their assigned students.
- Peer mentors will also facilitate workshops for the students.
- They will also have the opportunity to assist with a success course.
- Professional development and coaching skills will be gained from the experiences this program offers.

## Training

Attendance is required.

- ~~Selected Fall peer mentors will attend a training on August 21 from 9am-3pm.~~
- Selected and/or continuing Spring peer mentors will attend training on January 13 from 9am-3pm.
- Both trainings are distinct and required of all selected peer mentors.
- As a student, you most likely have many responsibilities including class, homework, student organizations, family obligations, job(s), etc. We understand how important it is for you to maintain a balance between these competing priorities, and so we make every attempt to let you know up front of the time commitment required for being a peer mentor.

Aside from the mandatory trainings prior to each term, all peer mentors will also attend bi-weekly meetings with CALs Career and Academic Services (CAS) staff. Please understand that if you are offered a peer mentor position, your offer is contingent on your ability to attend the mandatory trainings and peer mentor meetings with CAS staff. If you suspect that you may have a conflict with training dates, please address these timing conflicts with Nancy Rodriguez-Lorta, Associate Director of Career and Academic Services \* [nancyr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:nancyr@email.arizona.edu) \* 520-621-3611\* Saguaro Hall Room 221.

**Bi-weekly Peer Mentor Meetings with CAS staff:** Meetings will be for 50 minutes. Peer Mentors can choose from either Thursday 1-2pm or Friday 12-1pm (every other week throughout the academic terms).

**Workshops:** Participation in *some* workshops will also be required. The dates and times for the Spring 2015 workshops will be announced at the spring training. The workshops will be for one hour.

## Application Components

In order for your application to be considered complete for the Spring Peer Mentor program, please submit the following items by **Friday, January 9 at 4:00pm** in person to Saguaro Hall Room 221 or electronically to [nancyr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:nancyr@email.arizona.edu) .

- **Spring 2015 Peer Mentor Program Application Form**
- **Cover Letter:** Please include a cover letter that addresses why you are interested in being a college peer mentor, relevant work or leadership experience, and why you are uniquely qualified to serve as a leader and role model to students.
- **Current Résumé:** In your résumé, please list relevant on- and off-campus work experience as well as academic and campus involvement.

**Minimum Qualifications**

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75
- Currently enrolled in a UA undergraduate program of study at least half-time. Must also be planning to enroll at least half-time for Spring 2015 semester.
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to relate to students from diverse backgrounds
- Basic knowledge of University of Arizona campus resources
- Commitment to student success and confidentiality
- Ability to attend bi-weekly staff meetings
- Training attendance is mandatory

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**Spring 2015**

**General Instructions**

This application is due by **4:00 pm on Friday, January 9, 2015** in person to the Saguaro Hall Room 221 (Front Desk) \* electronically to [nancyr@email.arizona.edu](mailto:nancyr@email.arizona.edu) \* or fax: 520-621-8662. Your application will not be considered complete unless you include this application, a cover letter, and your current résumé.

**Applicant Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ UA Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_@email.arizona.edu

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in earning internship units (university credits) for your participation as a peer mentor? Yes No

Have you served as a peer mentor in college or in high school? If yes, for what programs?

In three sentences maximum address what your most rewarding experience(s) was as a peer mentor. If no prior experience, why would you be a great peer mentor?

For returning peer mentors, are you interested in a peer mentor coordinator position? Yes No

**Academic Information**

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Status (FR, SO, JR, SR): \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Candidates must meet a minimum cumulative **GPA of 2.75** to be considered for a peer mentor position.

**Signature**

I certify that everything I have submitted on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the appropriate peer mentor description, responsibilities, and mandatory training dates and meetings. I also give permission to allow CALS Career and Academic Services staff to examine my academic record to verify the information submitted on this form. If you plan to submit it electronically type your name and date in the line below.

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Signature Date

