

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Peer Mentor Program



The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Peer Mentor program will offer two opportunities for both fall and spring terms. 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 2-4 students. They will provide support through bi-weekly meetings with their assigned students.

Training

Attendance at **one** is required: August 15 from 2-5pm or August 19 from 9am-12pm * Location: Marley Room 230

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. There will be a mandatory training and 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 training 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, Assistant Director of Career and Academic Services * nancyr@cals.arizona.edu * 520-621-3611* Forbes Room 211.

Bi-weekly Peer Mentor Meetings with CAS staff: Meetings will be for 50 minutes; weekday and time TBA (will be throughout fall and spring terms)

Application Components

In order for your application to be considered complete, please submit the following items by **Friday, August 9 at 5:00pm**

1. 2013-14 Peer Mentor Program Application Form

2. 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.

3. 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 Fall 2013 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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Academic Year 2013-2014

General Instructions

This application is due by **5:00 pm on Friday, August 9, 2013** in person to the Forbes Building, Room 211 (Front Desk) * electronically to 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

Are you interested in being a peer mentor for fall, spring or both terms? ___Fall ___Spring ___Both terms

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

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.

Signature

Date

