Fall 2018 Peer Mentor – Faculty of Science
Role Description

The Faculty of Science Peer Mentorship program is looking for volunteer Peer Mentors who are interested in developing and fostering an inclusive and welcoming community at SFU. Through the sharing of personal experiences and knowledge, Peer Mentors are expected to act as a social resource to help to create a sense of community and connectedness for first year students to help make the transition to SFU a smooth and positive experience.

Responsibilities of a Peer Mentor:

- Complete all required interview, training, check-in, and assessments as indicated by the program supervisor
- Meet in person with your mentee(s) at least twice per term
- Maintain regular contact with your mentee(s) via text, email, social media
- Attend or promote campus-wide and Faculty of Science-specific events to your mentee on a monthly basis
- Regularly refer your mentee(s) to resources and supports on campus
- Other related duties as indicated by your program supervisor

Why Become a Peer Mentor?

- Feel more connected to the SFU community and Faculty of Science
- Use your experiences at SFU to help a new student effectively transition during their first year
- Gain leadership skills, and improve communication and interpersonal skills
- Expand social groups through networking with other students and staff
- Gain recognition on SFU’s official Co-Curricular Record (CCR) upon fulfillment of all responsibilities, and gain free access to Passport to Leadership (P2L)

Position Requirements

Are you a Math, Biology or BPK student? If so, please note that these departments host department-specific Peer Mentorship programs. While the application process is the same as outlined below, there may be additional requirements for these programs, such as attendance at events or specific reporting responsibilities.

Qualifications:

- Be a continuing undergraduate student in the Faculty of Science with a minimum completion of 30 credits at SFU and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.25
- Demonstrate strong verbal and written communication skills
- Strong organizational and time management skills
- Prompt, reliable, and responsible with the ability to exercise sound judgment
- Positive, enthusiastic, and passionate about SFU and the Faculty of Science
- Respectful and inclusive and enjoy working with a diverse group of people.
- Complete all required training as indicated below:
Peer Mentor Application Details

NEW Peer Mentors:
- Please complete the application form by March 26, 2018
- Group interview – choice of one of the following three dates: Tuesday May 15th 4:30-6:30 in Burnaby, Thursday June 14th 4:30-6:30 in Surrey, or Tuesday July 19th 4:30-6:30 in Burnaby
- Online Canvas training (about 2 hours) to be completed before in-person training
- In-person training – choice of one of the following dates: Saturday June 23, Friday August 24 and Saturday August 25

RETURNING Peer Mentors:
- You will be contacted by a program supervisor to find out if you are interested in renewing your commitment. If you know you want to volunteer again, you can fill out the returning peer mentor statement of interest here.
- Online Canvas Training
- In-person training as outlined above. Training will offer unique sessions for returning volunteers to further develop their skills. It will also provide a chance to share your knowledge with new volunteers.

Welcome Leader Opportunity
- We strongly encourage our Peer Mentors to also volunteer as Welcome Leaders to provide a seamless transition for our first-year students throughout their first-year experience programs!
- This is a great opportunity to connect with new students, including your mentee(s) at one of the largest first year events of the year!
- Because Welcome Leaders and Peer Mentors go through the same training, all this entails is 1 extra hour of logistics training and you being available to volunteer on Welcome Day (Wednesday, August 29 in Surrey OR Thursday, August 30 in Burnaby).
- Click here to sign up!

Questions?
Contact Alyssa Wiens at alyssaw@sfu.ca if you have any questions or concerns regarding the requirements above.