

Dear Honors College Students:

We are beginning the recruitment for 16 Peer Leaders (PL) to work with incoming students in Fall 2012 as part of a Peer Leader Team!

**Description:**

A Peer Leader is a fall semester paid position in the Honors College aimed at easing the transition from high school to college for incoming first-year Honors College students. The Peer Leader Team operates under the supervision of the Student Leadership Coordinator. A PL leader will work collaboratively with the rest of the PL Team to plan programs and workshops, as well as to facilitate academic discussions with first-year students. PLs are role models and mentors for a group of approximately 10-12 students during their first semester in the Honors College.

**Primary Responsibilities:**

- Training
  - Attend up to 15 hours of training prior to the start of the Fall 2012 semester. Tentative dates: August 22 -25.
- Mentorship
  - Mentor 10-12 first-year students, meeting with them at minimum twice per month during the fall semester, *as a group or individually*
  - Attend the Peer Leader Match-Up Event, opening weekend (Saturday, August 25, time TBD)
  - Note participation rate of mentees and share student concerns with Student Leadership Coordinator
- Collaboration
  - Attend bi-weekly 1:1 meetings with Student Leadership Coordinator
  - Attend monthly group meetings to coordinate programming efforts
  - Check and respond to e-mail in a timely manner
- Programming
  - Host one program for group of mentees that will address social, educational, and/or emotional needs of students, in consultation with the Student Leadership Coordinator
  - Host one Honors College Social event during the semester
  - Host one Dinner Discussion following Plenary during the semester

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must be current Honors College students in good academic standing, having completed a minimum of one semester within the college.

Living in UHN is not required, but highly preferred.

**Benefits and Remuneration:**

There are a number of benefits to being a Peer Leader. By contributing your own background experience, knowledge, and skills to the position while working both independently and collaboratively, we hope each leader will learn and develop transferrable life skills such as active listening, leadership, interpersonal communication, project and time management, and problem solving.

PLs are considered student employees (hourly) and may earn up to \$600 in the fall semester. Hours will be logged weekly using PeopleSoft.

There may be the opportunity to continue this position as a part of recruitment efforts in the spring semester.

**To Apply:**

If you are interested in becoming a Peer Leader, please submit a typed, completed application in person to Tina Griffis by Friday, February 10, 2012.

Contact Samantha Stocksdale with any questions.

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