

Peer Mentoring Role Description

Role – Volunteer

Commitment – Up to 2 hours per week

Location – All Campuses

Responsible to – Peer Mentoring Team

What is Peer Mentoring?

Peer Mentoring is an opportunity for returning students to actively support first and second years throughout University. Mentors can share advice on a variety of topics such as; budgeting, accommodation, study skills and clubs/societies, pointing students in the right direction to meet people with similar interests and signposting university services if required.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for students from any subject area, site or campus, who are willing to volunteer their time to help others make the most of university.

What will you do?

Whilst matching can take place at any time during the academic year, mentors are most likely to be assigned a mentee during the summer before students start at University. Beginning in August, mentors will communicate via email with their mentees, answering questions and sharing their experiences to make the transition as easy as possible.

Once students arrive in Chester, the role is more flexible; mentors can continue to contact students by email, or arrange to meet up in person for coffee and a campus tour. The key is to build an effective mentoring relationship. The Volunteering and Mentoring Team will also be hosting a number of social events throughout the first term for mentors and mentees to attend.

Please be aware that demand for mentors is variable and whilst we do our best to assign everyone a suitable mentee, it is important to note that a match is not guaranteed.

What is expected?

Tasks can vary, but you should expect to:

- Attend training.
- Contact mentees in the summer before they arrive at University.
- Meet and greet students during Welcome Week.
- Continue to support new students throughout their first/second year.
- Offer study skills support as appropriate.
- Refer students to appropriate university services.

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Why become a Peer Mentor?

Being a Peer Mentor is an excellent opportunity to develop valuable employability skills whilst helping others. All Peer Mentors are volunteers and can log their hours, which contribute to both the UCV Awards and The Chester Difference Award. You will receive training, further development opportunities, exclusive merchandise and a certificate of recognition for your role.

How do you get involved?

All students wishing to be a Peer Mentor must complete an application form. This can be found by searching 'Peer Mentoring' on Portal.

If your application is successful, Peer Mentors must also complete the training provided by the Volunteering and Mentoring Team within Student Futures.

What qualities makes a great Peer Mentor?

- Enthusiasm.
- Friendliness.
- Reliability.
- Good communication.
- Empathy.
- Informative.
- Supportive.
- Able to maintain confidentiality where appropriate.
- Commitment.

Save the dates!

Please keep these events and tasks in mind:

Date 2020/21	Event
February	Recruit Peer Mentors
March/April/May	Mentor training
August	Assigned mentees
September	Meet mentee or continue email contact
December	Peer Mentoring Feedback (Survey 1)
February	Focus Groups
April	Peer Mentoring Feedback (Survey 2)

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