International Village Peer Mentor Job Requirements
2020-2021

If you plan to live on campus next year, please consider applying for a Peer Mentor position in the International Village Living Learning Program.

Description: We are looking for academically successful students who have completed at least one year at UK or will be completing it at the end of spring 2020. We hope you’ll consider becoming a student leader and assist us in supporting first-year students who are joining the International Village LLP.

Peer Mentors will:
• Design academic and social activities for assigned floor residents in order to create a sense of community.
• Develop relationships as active members of their floors.
• Encourage residents to use a variety of academic resources.
• Work to increase student and faculty interactions.
• Promote attendance at a variety of events held in Blazer Hall and the campus community.
• Collaborate with the residence hall staff to better enable students to succeed in their transition to college.

Each Peer Mentor will be assigned approximately **10-15 students** to mentor. You will be housed on the same floor as your mentees. Peer Mentors will be given a $500 scholarship for fall semester and a $500 scholarship for spring semester. Peer Mentors will be expected to spend an average of **4-5 hours per week** in LLP-related activities in order to receive their scholarship funds.

Qualifications:
• Achieve sophomore standing or the equivalent of two semesters of academic work by the end of the spring 2020 semester and be enrolled in classes during the 2020-2021 academic year at UK.
• Achieve a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA by the end of the spring 2020 semester and maintain a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA throughout the fall 2020 and spring 2021 semesters.

Availability Requirements (could be subject to change):
• Spring 2020 Training Session (Date TBD)
• **August 12, Wednesday** - Required date for early move-in (Blazer Hall). *Housing is paid for early peer mentor move-in, August 12-17.*
• **August 13-14, Friday-Saturday** - Peer mentor training- Residence Life training and A&S LLP training.
• **August 17-19, Monday-Wednesday** - You are expected to fully participate in the LLP Early Move-In day, including the ice cream social. You are expected to attend the International Village Induction Ceremony, Community Building event, and any other events held during this time for the International Village Community.
• **August 20-23, Thursday-Sunday**– You are expected to attend K-Week activities with your mentees.
*You will not be excused from training or any other events listed above.*

**Responsibilities include:**

- Actively participate in a leadership course, A&S 160-002: Leadership & Personal Development. This is a one-credit hour seminar offered during the fall and spring semesters and will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 – 4:50 PM. **Please plan your class schedule accordingly.**
- Attend all weekly Village Talks: Wednesday from 5pm-6pm in Blazer Hall.
- Maintain weekly contact with mentees in the form of email, Facebook, and other forms of social media contact; extend personal invitations to events, etc. Additional activities will be discussed during training and/or outlined in the class syllabus.
- Attend all events planned by the International Village LLP partners.
- Plan International Village activities with your mentees.
- Perform required administrative functions such as record-keeping and evaluating events.
- Submit programming ideas to the International Village LLP partners.
- Maintain an optimistic attitude and serve as a positive role model, which includes, but is not limited to, being on time and prepared for all International Village related commitments, meeting deadlines, managing time, using appropriate language and humor, and checking/responding to email in a timely fashion.
- Maintain good judicial standing with the Office of Residence Life.
- Communicate and be respectful at all regularly scheduled meetings with the Resident Director, Resident Advisors, and International Village LLP personnel, serving as a role model to freshmen.
- Work as part of the living learning team, including the Faculty Director, International Village LLP partners, and fellow peer mentors, as well as a part of the residential hall staff team.

**What are the benefits of being a Peer Mentor?**

- Make some great friends.
- Boost your resume.
- Make a difference in the lives of first year students at UK.
- Work alongside top UK administrators and UK alumni.
- Foster public speaking skills.
- Gain knowledge and expertise about transitional issues of first year students.
- Enhance personal knowledge and understanding of leadership principles and characteristics.

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact Lisa Sibley-Hlscox at lisa.sibley@uky.edu, or Brad Harrington at bdharr3@uky.edu.