



Peer Mentor Job Description 2020-2021

We are looking for academically successful students who have completed or will complete the STEMCats Program (both fall and spring semesters). We hope you'll consider becoming a student leader and assist us in supporting first-year students joining the STEMCats LLP.

Peer Mentors will:

- Design academic and social activities for STEMCats students in order to create a sense of community
- Develop relationships as active members of their floors
- Encourage STEMCats students to use a variety of academic resources
- Promote attendance at a variety of events held in Woodland Glen II and the campus community
- Collaborate with the residence hall staff to better enable students to succeed in their transition to college
- Assist in connected courses including BIO 101 and BIO 199

Each Peer Mentor will be assigned approximately **10-15 students**. Peer Mentors will be given a \$500 scholarship for fall semester and \$500 scholarship for spring semester. Peer Mentors will be expected to spend an average of **4-5 hours a week** in LLP-related activities in order to receive their scholarship funds.

Peer Mentors will be required to live with STEMCats in WG2.

Qualifications:

- Achieve sophomore standing or the equivalent of two semesters of academic work and be enrolled in classes
- Maintain a cumulative 3.00 minimum

Availability Requirements:

Move in:

- **August 13**– STEMCats Peer Mentor required date for early move-in (Woodland Glen II). *Housing is paid for early peer mentor move-in, August 13-18*
- **August 14-19** - STEMCats LLP move in day, FastTrack, Peer mentor training
- **August 20-23** – You are expected to attend K-Week activities with your mentees.

Fall Semester:

- BIO 101 - Mondays 5-5:50pm
- Mentor leadership class - Mondays 6-6:50pm

Spring semester:

- BIO 199 as assigned
- Mentor leadership class – Tuesdays 4-4:50pm

Responsibilities include:

- Actively participate in the STEMCats leadership course, A&S 160. This is a one-credit hour seminar offered during the fall and spring semesters. In the fall it will be held on Monday from 6:00 to 6:50 PM, in the spring it will be held Tuesday from 4:00-4:50 PM. **Please plan your class schedule accordingly.**
- Maintain weekly contact with mentees.
- Attend all events planned by the STEMCats LLP partners.
- Plan STEMCats activities with your mentees. Activities and programming requirements will be discussed during training and/or outlined in the class syllabus
- Perform required administrative functions such as record-keeping and evaluating events.
- Assist in one STEMCats lab section of BIO 199 in the spring semester.
- 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 STEMCats 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 conduct yourself in a professional manner with the Resident Director, Resident Advisors, and STEMCats LLP partners, serving as a role model to first-year students.
- Work as part of the living learning program team, including the STEMCats LLP partners, fellow mentors and the residential hall staff.

What are the Benefits of Being a Peer Mentor?

- Make great friends.
- Boost your resume.
- Make a difference in the lives of first year students at UK.
- Work alongside top UK administrators and faculty.
- Experience assisting in a research lab and EXP 396 credit
- Gain knowledge and expertise about transitional issues of first year students.
- Expand personal knowledge and understanding of leadership principles and characteristics.

If you have any questions regarding this position, please contact:

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