



# Faculty of Sciences Volunteer Program

## Peer Mentor Position Description

**Position Title:** Faculty of Sciences Peer Mentor

**Description and purpose of the role:**

Commencing University or transferring to a new degree can be a daunting and overwhelming experience for new students. The role of the Faculty of Sciences Peer Mentor is to, *in pairs*, plan and deliver weekly mentoring sessions for the first 3 weeks of Semester 1, 2020, with the aim of providing new, commencing Sciences students with useful information, personal insights/advice and the opportunity to meet new people and settle in to University life, thereby providing them with the best possible chance of success in their first year of study in the Faculty of Sciences.

Faculty of Sciences Peer Mentors:

- Support, motivate and inspire new students to continue and successfully complete their studies
- Provide students with an insight into university life, personal and academic support services, enhancement opportunities and helpful tips and tricks, all based on their own experiences
- Facilitate the formation of friendships and support networks among commencing students

**2020 Peer Mentoring Program Plan:**

Peer Mentors must be available to fulfil the responsibilities in regards to their role in delivering the 2020 Peer Mentoring Semester 1 program of events, as outlined below:

Date	Activity	Peer Mentor role/responsibility
Mid-Feb, date TBC	2hr training session for all Peer Mentors	Attend training
Wk 1, 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 12-1pm	Peer Mentoring session #1	Plan and deliver session
Wk 2, 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 12-1pm	Peer Mentoring session #2	Plan and deliver session
Wk 3, 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 12-1pm	Peer Mentoring session #3	Plan and deliver session

Peer Mentors work in pairs which are assigned by the Faculty. However, you also have the opportunity to apply with a friend if you wish to. Please see the next page for additional details, including how to apply.

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### **Eligibility to be a Peer Mentor:**

- All volunteers must be enrolled in a Faculty of Sciences degree program (students enrolled in a double degree e.g. B.Science/B.Teaching *are* eligible to apply), and must have completed at least one Semester of study (i.e. four 3-unit courses)
- Minimum GPA of 4.0 (higher GPA will be considered more favourably)
- Well-developed communication and teamwork skills
- Excellent organisational skills, reliability and punctuality

### **Training provided:**

- Students will be required to attend one approx. 2-hour training session in January/February 2020, scheduled by the Faculty of Sciences and the Senior Peer Mentor team.

### **Location of work:**

- University of Adelaide North Terrace campus

### **Supervision (to whom do volunteers report):**

Peer Mentors are mostly self-guided, and will be responsible for the management of their group of mentees and the planning of their own mentoring sessions (with their partner mentor).

Overarching program management will be provided by the Faculty of Sciences Learning and Teaching Support Officer; Joel Driver ([joel.driver@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:joel.driver@adelaide.edu.au)) and the Senior Peer Mentor team will provide general direction, guidance and support.

### **Benefits of becoming a Peer Mentor:**

- Develop a variety of transferable professional and personal skills that will increase your employability and enhance your resume
- Build relationships and expand your networks with fellow students, Faculty staff and academics
- Help support new students in their transition to university life and the Faculty of Sciences
- Boost your career readiness in a variety of areas including leadership, communication, administration, project management, customer service, research and critical thinking
- Be acknowledged by the University of Adelaide and receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Executive Dean of Sciences
- Receive formal recognition of your time by receiving approval of 15 volunteering hours to be counted towards the [Adelaide Graduate Award](#)

### **How to apply:**

Students interested in applying for the volunteer position of Peer Mentor should use the following link to complete the: [online application form](#) and select "peer mentor" as the program of interest.

### ***Applications close 9am, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.***

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis so applying early is strongly encouraged.