First Husker Peer Mentor Position Description

The First Husker Program is designed to help first-year, first-generation students build community, connect to campus resources, and learn the skills and strategies they need to achieve academic success. First Husker begins with a 4-day foundational event Sunday, August 16 – Wednesday, August 19, 2020 and extends into the semester through a seminar course taught by CAST staff and Peer Mentor teams. First Husker Peer Mentors are first-gen students who have “been there, done that” and learned how to thrive on campus. Their role is to help the new class of First Huskers transition to college life by making connections, offering support, and serving as role models.

Compensation
• $10.00 per hour (minimum 4 hours per week during the fall semester)
• Early move-in expenses paid for Peer Mentors living on-campus during August training/foundational event

Minimum Qualifications
• First-generation student who participated in First Husker
• Cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher
• No pending incomplete (I) courses on transcript
• Must maintain full-time status
• Experience working with others in a leadership/mentoring role

Position Requirements
• Must be available for all training/program dates and times (see detailed list below)
• Attend and co-facilitate weekly seminar course
• Regularly communicate with 20-25 First Husker students
• Lead small group activities and discussions
• Be willing to share your experiences as a first-generation student in a variety of forums
• Schedule and facilitate required one-on-one meetings with First Husker students
• Attend weekly meetings with your CAST staff partner
• Attend Professional Development training sessions (see dates/times below)
• Abide by University of Nebraska – Lincoln policies and procedures

Mandatory Training/Program Dates:
• First Husker 2020 Kickoff – Thursday, March 19, 5:00-7:00 pm
• First Husker Peer Mentor Training – Monday, August 10 – Friday August 14
• First Husker Foundational Program – Sunday, August 16 – Wednesday, August 19
• First Husker Seminar – Time, day, location TBD
• CAST staff partner meeting – 30 minutes per week, TBD
• First Husker 4-Day Debrief – Tuesday, August 25, 2:30 – 4:00 pm
• Professional Development Trainings – Tuesdays 2:30-4:00 pm
  o September 15 & 29
  o October 13 & 27
  o November 10

Applications are available online at https://success.unl.edu/peer-mentor-application.
Application deadline is Sunday, February 2, 2020.
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