Learning Community Mentor Description
Spring 2015

Learning Community mentors are upperclass students who provide support for first-year students and work with faculty and staff to enhance the first-year experience of these students. Some of the typical responsibilities of mentors include:

- Planning and leading co-curricular programs
- Maintaining regular contact with students in their Learning Community
- Working as a liaison between the students and faculty in a Learning Community
- Being a team player on the Learning Community team

Mentors work on average 6-7 hours/week and are compensated hourly at a rate of $8/hour during the fall 2015 semester and $9/hour during the Spring 2016 semester.

Applications are due April 3, 2015 to Krystal McCain, contact information below. Copies of the application available at learncom.unl.edu, under the Faculty/Staff tab.

If you have questions while filling out the application, please contact:

Krystal McCain
Graduate Assistant for Learning Communities
111 Abel Hall
(402) 472-7135
uh-kmccain@unl.edu

OR

Jordan Black
Assistant Director of Residence Life for Learning Communities & Academics
114 Abel Hall
(402) 472-0698
jblack2@unl.edu
Personal Information:

Name: ___________________________ Gender: Male____ Female____ Prefer Not to Answer _____

Student ID: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ Current Class standing: Fr So Jr Sr

Email: _______________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________

Current Address
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Permanent Address
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Learning Community for which you are applying: Please rank up to 5 preferences (1 being your first preference). Full details about each Learning Community are available at learncom.unl.edu.

____ Advertising & PR: Opening the Door to Communication Careers
____ Ag Futures: Entrepreneurship and Leadership
____ Art & Design
____ Beyond the Practice Room: Developing Music Professionals
____ Biological Sciences: Research on the Cutting Edge
____ Branch Out: Joint ROTC
____ Business Leaders: Start Your Future Today
____ Business Around the World: Global Perspectives
____ Discover the Classroom: A Passion for Teaching
____ Discover the Healthy Human: Nutrition and Health Sciences
____ EcoLeaders: Environmental Sustainability in Action
____ Engineering a Green World
____ Engineering For Everyone: Investigating the Possibilities
____ Engineering Robotics
____ Exploring Dentistry
____ Exploring Medicine
____ Exploring Nursing
____ Melvin W. Jones Scholars
____ Media Smarts: Broadcasting, Journalism & Sports Communication
____ Pre-Law Opportunities: Preparing for your J.D. and Beyond
____ Pre-Vet: The Path to Veterinary Success
____ Programming & Building the Future: Computer Science & Computer Engineering
____ Psyched Up! Analyzing Psychology
____ Responsible Design: Changing the World Through Design
____ University Exploration
____ Transfer Learning Community

Academic Information:
Major: ___________________________  Minor: ___________________________

Credit Hours Completed: ____________  Cumulative GPA: ________________

Fall 2013 GPA: _____________________

Credit Hours to be carried during the Mentor appointment period: Fall _______ Spring _______

Co-Curricular Activities:
Please indicate your anticipated time commitments during the Mentor appointment period, August 17, 2014—May 9, 2015.

Hours per week

__________ Varsity/Club Athletics
__________ NSE Leader
__________ Armed Forces
__________ Student Organizations
__________ Student Teaching

Music/Drama
Clinic work/Labs
Marching Band
UNL Committee
Other (specify)
Involvement/Activities/Leadership:
Please list special interests or hobbies you have that will contribute to the development of the learning community.

Describe leadership roles you have held here at UNL, in the community, or in high school.

In your opinion, what can mentors do to help first-year students successfully transition to UNL?
References:
1. List an Academic reference (e.g.: a professor, academic adviser, etc.):

   Name                             Title                             Phone #
   ____________________________________________________________

2. List a Housing or student organization reference (e.g.: a Resident Assistant, Mentor Resident Hall Director, a RSO adviser, etc.):

   Name                             Title                             Phone #
   ____________________________________________________________

Please give the attached reference form to a Professor, Academic Advisor, High School Teacher, or Supervisor. Please encourage him/her to return the reference form by April 2, 2014 so your application will be complete. You may ask the Academic reference you listed above or choose someone else.

   Name                             Title                             Phone #
   ____________________________________________________________

Please return completed application to:
Krystal McCain
111 Abel Hall

OR email to: uh-kmccain@unl.edu

You may also return applications to Abel Front Desk.

Application Deadline Friday, April 3, 2015
Mentor Agreement:

I have read the Mentor Job description and I agree to perform these duties if I am appointed to the position. I also understand that this appointment is for one academic year and that I must perform my duties in a satisfactory manner or my appointment may be terminated. I also understand that future reappointment is subject to reapplication. Further, I verify the information I have provided in this application is truthful.

_____________________________  __________________________
Signature of Applicant          Date

Academic Services Grade Check Authorization

I grant permission to Academic Services to release my Grade Point Average to the Office of University Housing for the purpose of verifying my current cumulative Grade Point Average.

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Signature of Applicant          Date

*It is the policy of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln not to discriminate based upon age, race, ethnicity, color, national origin, gender, sex, pregnancy, disability, sexual orientation, genetic information, veteran’s status, marital status, religion or political affiliation.*
Mentor Application Reference Form
First-Year Learning Communities

Mentor Applicant Name: ________________________________

Reference’s Name: ________________________________

Reference’s Position: ________________________________

Reference’s Phone Number: ________________________________

Reference’s Relationship to Applicant: ________________________________

This section to be completed by Applicant:

_____ I retain my right to review this reference after it has been completed.

_____ I give up my right to review this reference after it has been completed.

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Signature of Applicant          Date

Reference Form Information:
Each Learning or Scholar Community will have one or more students who are at least of sophomore status that serve as a Mentor for the incoming first-year students in each community. Some of the typical responsibilities of Mentors include coordinating programs, completing bulletin boards, working as a liaison between the students and faculty, and being a team player on the Learning & Scholar Community teams.

Thank you for agreeing to provide a reference for this Mentor candidate. Your input is a valuable contribution and helps us identify qualified candidates. Please respond by placing the appropriate response in the space provided before each statement.

Please use the following scale to respond to the following questions:
SA = Strongly Agree
A  = Agree
D  = Disagree
SD = Strongly Disagree
NA = Not Applicable to my experience with the applicant

_____ The applicant would be a good role model for first-year students.

_____ The applicant models healthy study habits.

_____ The applicant is aware of campus resources.

_____ The applicant is a team player.

_____ The applicant communicates in a clear and consistent manner.

_____ The applicant has the ability to maintain a positive attitude.
The applicant is timely in completing administrative tasks.

The applicant can set goals and execute them.

The applicant understands other people's emotions and can deal with them appropriately.

The applicant is patient with others.

The applicant does not try to impose his/her beliefs on others.

The applicant can be a leader when necessary.

Please comment on this applicant's strengths or limitations that have not already been addressed.

Please check the statement that most closely fits your assessment of the applicant as a Mentor.

[ ] Highly Recommend
[ ] Recommend
[ ] Recommend with Reservations
[ ] Do Not Recommend

Signature of Reference ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Please address any questions to:
Krystal McCain at (402) 472-7135 or uh-kmccain@unl.edu

Applicant: Please return completed reference form, attached to your application, to:
Krystal McCain
Abel 111
You may also drop off application at Abel Front Desk or email to uh-kmccain@unl.edu

Reference due April 3, 2015