

Peer Assistant Job Description

Role of the Peer Assistant

Peer Assistants (PA's) work alongside members of the college advising staff during New Student Orientation (NSO) and Advising and Registration for Transfers (ART) to assist new students with their academic transition to the University of Houston. Because the position requires almost 30 hours a week in the summer, applicants wanting to take summer session coursework will need to have schedules approved by their college supervisor. Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply. This opportunity allows students to explore and develop interpersonal, professional and leadership skills that allow them to grow into exceptional student leaders.

Mandatory Dates:

In addition to weekly schedules which are sometimes flexible, all applicants must be available:

- May – mid August

Characteristics

Peer Assistant members should possess and demonstrate the following:

- Strong knowledge of own academic area.
 - Ability to learn and understand academic requirements.
 - Understanding and support of the goals and philosophies of the University of Houston.
 - Ability to encourage academic success and to motivate self and others.
 - Strong interpersonal communication skills.
 - Ability to establish rapport with peers, students, parents, faculty and staff.
 - Ability to serve as a role model demonstrating good judgment and ethical behavior.
 - Ability to set a positive tone for interaction, demonstrating responsibility and respect for others' rights, feelings, lifestyles, diverse backgrounds, and for personal and University property.
 - Ability to work on a team and to be flexible.
 - Strong demonstration of leadership abilities.
 - Ability to navigate University of Houston website.
 - Knowledge of University of Houston campus resources.
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Qualifications

1. Undergraduates must have a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA **and** have completed at least 24 credit hours in residence at the University of Houston by conclusion of the current Spring semester.
2. Graduate students must have completed one fall semester at the University of Houston.
3. Available to work during scheduled New Student Conferences and trainings during current Spring and upcoming Summer semester.

Job Duties

Peer Assistant members will be responsible for the following:

- Assist new students with questions about UHin4.
- Communicate with students as they opt into the UHin4 program.
- Communicate University of Houston academic policies and standards to new students.
- Communicate information regarding major and minors options to new students.
- Communicate information regarding course pre-requisites to new students.
- Communicate college expectations to new students.
- Assist with Academic College's preparation prior to New Student Conferences.
- Assist with communication between Academic College and new students prior to New Student Conferences.
- Assist with class registration at New Student Conferences.
- Assist colleges with day to day office responsibilities, including but not limited to: data entry, answering calls, filing, and conducting benchmarking/research as needed.
- Assist Academic College with post New Student Conference follow-up.
- Assist Academic College's strategic planning for future terms and New Student Conferences.

Housing

- Housing is not provided as part of this position. Students should make accommodations for summer housing on their own.

Time Commitment

- Part-time: Approximately 30 hours per week, including selected work days outside of New Student Conferences during the upcoming Summer semester.

***Instructions for Application Submission**

*The following materials must be submitted (during spring semester **only**) by the first Friday in April **in person to the front desk in Agnes Arnold Hall Room 320.***

1. *Completed Application*
2. *Academic Writing Sample (provide a paper you have written for a course)*
3. *Unofficial transcript*

***Incomplete applications and unsigned applications will not be reviewed**

I certify that the above information is accurate to the best of my knowledge. You have my permission to verify my grade point average and disciplinary standing.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

****EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY** *It is the policy of the University of Houston that all applications shall receive equal opportunity for employment and that during employment shall be treated equally in all respects regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, handicap or veteran status.*

Spring/Summer Peer Assistant Application

(Please type or print all responses)

Applications are due by the first Friday in April at Agnes Arnold Hall Room 320. Applicants will select from available interview times communicated at the time the application is delivered to AH320.

Personal Data

Name: _____
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PeopleSoft#: _____ Male: _____ Female: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Current Email: _____

Languages spoken fluently: _____

Educational Information

Present UH Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Student Citizenship Status: Domestic International

Academic College: _____ Major: _____

Current UH GPA: _____

Current Number of Hours Completed at the University of Houston: _____

Graduate Student: Yes or No

Work and Involvement Experience

Please describe your five most recent professional experiences:

Position	Time Period	Description
