Peer Mentor Position Description

The Peer Mentor team consists of 20 current Ohio State students who will be responsible for mentoring Buckeye Leadership Connection participants (first year students) during the entire 2014-2015 academic school year. This year-long commitment begins with the BLC Conference that takes place in the summer. Peer Mentors are essentially the face of the Buckeye Leadership Connection, are motivated, adaptable, punctual, able to work well with others, and possess strong leadership skills.

Peer Mentor Responsibilities

**BLC Conference:**
- Represent Ohio State in a professional manner and remain present, active, and energetic during conference implementation and activities
- Serve as a small group facilitator alongside another current Ohio State student and a professional staff member leading small group sessions during the conference
- Stay in residence hall with BLC participants during the entirety of the program
- Communicate clearly and directly with small group co-facilitators about small group interactions and objectives of the group
- Act in an inclusive manner with all participants

**2014-2015 Academic Year:**
- Mentor 2-3 students from small group during the year
- Communicate with mentees on a weekly basis via face-to-face interactions
- Upkeep of mentee interaction log to be submitted to Economic Access Initiative staff
- Aid in mentees’ transition process from high school to college by being an active, open, and available support system

**Time Commitment**
*Peer Mentors must be present for ALL of the following dates.*

**For BLC Conference:**
- Attend three (3) training sessions during spring semester in late February, late March, and mid-April.
- Arrive to Columbus campus in June (dates TBD) for pre-conference training and preparation and remain on campus until the conclusion of the conference (4 days total).

*Note:* Peer Mentors are permitted to take classes and hold other jobs/internships and non-Columbus commitments during the summer, but must be available during the conference without any other commitments. This should be taken into consideration when arranging class and work schedules.

**2014-2015 Academic Year:**
- Able to commit at least 7 hours a month to communicating with mentees and attending BLC reunions
• Spend a minimum of 30 minutes with each mentee each week (~1.5 hours/week)
• Attend monthly BLC reunions (~1 hour/month)

Accommodations and Professional Outcomes
This is a volunteer position, yet Peer Mentors will experience the following benefits:

• All meals and overnight accommodations in a residence hall are provided for Peer Mentors during the conference
• Résumé enhancement
• Cultivation of lasting relationships with university faculty, staff, and students
• Exploration of leadership qualities and involvement while at Ohio State
• Opportunity to meet influential university, Greater Columbus area, and state of Ohio leaders

Please email questions about this position to economicaccess@osu.edu.