# **UTSA**. Department of Integrative Biology

### **Peer Mentor Application**

The Department of Environmental Science and Ecology's peer mentors serve a very important role for our students and faculty. We depend on the peer mentors to help us reach out to those students who are low performing and give them the tools to become successful in the classroom. As a peer mentor, you will be responsible for helping with lecture courses under the supervision of the faculty member who teaches the course. Aside from that, peer mentors are responsible for holding office hours and study sessions for their assigned courses. We expect all peer mentors to actively engage the students in the courses they are assigned to. They are expected to monitor the student progress, and reach out to the students who are not performing at an acceptable level.

Position Type: Part Time 15 hours per week

### **Assignment Dates:**

- For fall semesters, you are required to work from August 15-December 15th. You will receive your first check on October 1.
- For spring semesters, your start date will be January 16-May 15. You will receive your first check on February 1.

### Required:

- Undergraduate student at UTSA with at least a junior status (60+hours) and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- You must be in good standing
- Successful pass of a Criminal Background Check (CBC) is required

### **Description:**

You will be required to attend all classes that you are assigned to. For each class you are assigned to you are expected to have at least one hour of office hours. The hours must be posted and you are required to work during those times. You are also expected to hold study sessions for your assigned courses. You may be excused from work or office hours only if you are sick and need to go to the doctor (a doctor's note IS required) or if you have a death in the immediate family. You must notify your supervising professor and Julian Chavez (julian.chavez@utsa.edu) when you will be absent.

According to UTSA policy, you may only have a peer mentorship for four semesters. A waiver will be required if you are a Peer Mentor for more than four semesters.

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Banner ID: @ Your Degree Progra Level:	am:				
How many hours to	wards your o	degree have you co	mpleted?		
Term Applying for:	Fall:	Spring:			
Have you previously	served as a	Peer Mentor?			
If yes, for ho	w many sem	esters?			
Are you a U.S. citize	n?				
If not a U.S. (	Citizen, TOEF	FL score:			
Overall GPA:					
Major:					
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Please write a 250 word essay on how you will engage, monitor, reach out, and support our students.

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Class schedule. List all hours you are taking including independent study.

Course Number	Course Name	Days	Time-in	Time-out

Please list other any times you are NOT able to work.

### **Checklist:**

### **Completed Application**

**Letter of recommendation form.** A letter of recommendation is required for all applicants. If this is your first time as a teaching assistant, we ask that you have one of your professors form your undergraduate program asses your abilities and/or potential as a teaching assistant. If you have been a peer mentor before you must have a letter from your supervising professor for which you worked.

#### Resume

Once you have everything on your checklist completed please send all information to Julian Chavez at <a href="mailto:julian.chavez@utsa.edu">julian.chavez@utsa.edu</a>.