

2021-2022 Peer Mentor Information

What is a Peer Mentor/Pack Leader?

- Peer Mentors work to welcome new students “find their fit” in the HBU community and provide new students with the tools and knowledge they need to start their college career.
- During Welcome Days, the responsibilities of a Peer Mentor is to serve as a Pack Leader and to lead a small group, attend all Welcome Days functions, and help new students get acquainted with the campus. As a returning HBU student, Pack Leaders are asked to invest in the lives of incoming students as they transition into a new stage of life. This will be a very rewarding experience and a time when fun memories are made.
- After Welcome Days, you will continue to lead your Pack from Welcome Days as a Peer Mentor for these incoming students throughout their first year in college. Please see below for additional responsibilities of a Peer Mentor.

How will Peer Mentors benefit?

- Many of the skills learned are transferrable to careers after HBU. Peer Mentors will increase their self-awareness of their leadership styles and strategies, develop a deeper understanding of group work, learn how to effectively facilitate discussions and/or meetings, and improve their ability to think reflectively and critically.

Responsibilities of a Peer Mentor

- Attend a mandatory Peer Mentor training on Friday, March 27th from 2PM-10PM
- Attend a mandatory **Student Leadership Retreat** to be held off campus for 3 days between August 9-11, 2021.
- Attend and participate in all Peer Mentor/Pack Leader training in August 2021. **Pack Leaders living on campus will be REQUIRED to move in to the residence halls early.**
- Be available via email and groupme over the summer as needed to plan for the Fall Semester.
- Share your HBU experiences with your students to help them understand the importance of academics and college life.
- Take your group to all Welcome Days activities and maintain a timely manner.
- **Attend a FYS Class during the Fall semester (MWF 11-1150)**
- Collaborate with other Peer Mentors and Faculty/Staff to enhance new student experiences.
- Help students become familiar with University resources.
- Serve as a role model exhibiting enthusiasm, motivation, and involvement.
- Exercise good judgment in representing the university and uphold institutional standards.
- Work with committee of other peer mentors to create a social activity/team building event during the academic year for the freshman class.
- Attend one-on-one meetings with the First Year and Commuter Engagement Coordinator and/or the FYE Intern throughout the fall and spring semesters.
- Continue to serve as a Peer Mentor in the spring semester by conducting community groups and a continued connection with your FYS students.

Qualifications

- 2.5+ GPA. Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University.
- Sophomore, Junior, or Senior (not graduating before May 2022) standing by Fall 2021
- Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to connect with a diverse group of students. Previous experiences leading groups (orientation, ambassador, etc.).
- Commitment to the purpose and mission of Houston Baptist University.

- **Demonstrated ACTIVE Christian faith**

Compensation

- Develop valuable leadership skills, working with small and large groups, and a variety of individuals.
- Develop a professional relationship with your first faculty and advisor.
- Students may be eligible to receive a grant up to \$1500 for the year.

Interviews

- There will be two rounds of interviews (individual and group).
- Each interview will be attended by faculty and staff observers that will help with the final selection process.