

2024 - 2025 First-Year Experience Community Peer Mentor Application

(Due by 11:59 PM, Sunday, May 19th, 2024)

Application Checklist

In order to be considered for an interview, you must have a completed application.

- Application
- Essay Questions
 - Question 1
 - Question 2
 - Question 3
 - Question 4
- 3 References
- Submitted by 11:59 PM on Sunday, May 19th, 2024. Contact uofye@uoregon.edu to request an extension due to extenuating circumstances.

If you would like to apply via our online application, please visit <https://fyp.uoregon.edu/work-fyes> and click the “Apply Here for 2024!” button.

First-Year Experiences (FYEs)

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Program Description

The First-Year Experience Community is a year-long course for First-Year and Transfer-Year students that guides them through resources, activities, and discussions designed each term to help students make connections and achieve success in their first year at the University of Oregon. All first-year and transfer-year students opt into their communities but are automatically enrolled when admitted. These communities are more than a resource; they are an experience.

The First-Year Experience Community is within the department of First-Year Programs. First-Year Programs is dedicated to making incoming students' transition to the University of Oregon seamless, substantial, and rewarding by promoting resources and curriculum.

First-Year Programs seek to hire at least three FYE Community Peer Mentors to work as either a First-Year or Transfer Peer Mentor.

First-Year Experience (FYE) Community Peer Mentor Position Description

The First-Year Experience (FYE) Community Peer Mentor role is a year-long position which offers exceptional undergraduate students the opportunity to be leaders and mentors to First-Year and Transfer-Year students participating in the FYE Community. FYE Community Peer Mentors assist in the development, planning, and instruction of the content within the Canvas Community. FYE Peer Mentors organize educational and social opportunities to better acquaint their students with each other, faculty members, and the University of Oregon.

Qualifications

The ideal applicant for this position will be a student who has engaged with the University of Oregon and wants to contribute to a welcoming campus environment. They should be able to demonstrate strong communication and organizational skills. Additionally, this position requires an ability to operate independently and collaboratively in a group setting of student employees and staff. The applicant's collective skills will contribute to punctuality, reliability, and capacity to independently complete assigned tasks. The position of Transfer Peer Mentor requires a UO transfer student. Participation in an FYE during your first year at the University is *not* required.

FYE Community Peer Mentor Responsibilities and Duties

- Mentoring incoming First-Year and Transfer-Year Students
- Meet with First-Year and Transfer-Year Students on a 1:1 basis to support them as they acclimate to campus.
- Connect First-Year and Transfer Year Students to resources on and off campus.
- Develop and execute content for the Canvas Course.
- Monitor and respond to discussion board posts.
- Facilitate and participate in Wellbeing Curriculum.
- Schedule and run at least one event per term
- Attend weekly team meetings/check-in.
- Host weekly open hours to connect with First-Year and Transfer-Year students. For First-Year Peer Mentors, these are referred to as "Snack and Chat" Hours; for Transfer Peer Mentors, these are referred to as Transfer Tea and Coffee Hours.
- Represent the First-Year Experience Community at events, public presentations, and tabling, where there will be opportunities to inform and connect with First-Year and Transfer Year Students through tabling events.
- Communicate in a professional manner, which includes timely responses to inquiries and concerns and making referrals appropriately
- Create a safe and welcoming environment.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Requirements

- Attend and participate in any training programs:
 - **Fall one-day training September 25, 2024**
 - Complete First-Year Program's training modules prior to the Fall one-day training.
- Plan and host the annual Week of Welcome Oregon Hall Open House on September 27, 2024.

Hours and Compensation

- Approximately 6-10 hours per week, with occasional evening and weekend work being required
- Starting at \$16.00/hr

FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE) COMMUNITY PEER MENTOR

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Students selected for an interview will have submitted a complete application demonstrating an ability to meet the listed responsibilities, requirements, and duties.

A. Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Local Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Academic Major(s): _____

Minor(s): _____ Year Started at UO: _____

Career Plans: _____ Fall 2024 (anticipated) Credit Load: _____

Do you qualify for the position of Transfer Peer Mentor?

Yes, I am a UO transfer student

No, I am not a UO transfer student.

B. List your work experience, beginning with the most recent employment. List any additional experience on another sheet.

1. Employer (name and address) _____

Supervisor's name _____ Phone _____

Your title and position duties _____

2. Employer (name and address) _____

Supervisor's name _____ Phone _____

Your title and position duties _____

3. Employer (name and address) _____

Supervisor's name _____ Phone _____

Your title and position duties _____

C. Have you been involved with or are currently involved with any organizations, clubs, and/or activities at the University of Oregon? When and how were you involved?

D. How did you find out about this position? Please Check all that applies.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> FYE Community Peer Mentor | <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Posters/Flyers | <input type="checkbox"/> Email |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty/Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> First-Year Programs Website |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

E. Essay Questions

On a separate page, please write responses to the following questions for your application to be considered complete. Make sure your last name is at the top of EVERY page. Please answer all four questions to the best of your ability and ensure you provide a thoughtful response that is at least an entire paragraph. **Short and/or undeveloped responses will make your application ineligible to be selected for an interview.**

1. What was the most challenging aspect of transitioning to the University of Oregon? How did you navigate the transition during your first year?
2. Looking back on the experience of starting at the University of Oregon, what is one piece of advice/information you wish you had?
3. What is the most important piece of advice first-year or transfer-year students need to know in order to be **academically** successful?
4. Why are you interested in becoming an FYE Community Peer Mentor for the First-Year Experience Community?

F. References

Please list three references who can attest to your ability to meet the requirements and be an exceptional undergraduate student who can lead and mentor. These references can be academic, supervisor, or personal.

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| 1. Reference #1 | Name: _____ | Phone: _____ |
| 2. Reference #2 | Name: _____ | Phone: _____ |
| 3. Reference #3 | Name: _____ | Phone: _____ |

**Submit a complete application to
First-Year Programs at 107 Oregon Hall Or via email: uofye@uoregon.edu
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