Call for Applicants: The Lead Peer Mentor (LPM) and Assistant Peer Mentor (APM)

Dear third- and fourth-year English students,

Starting this year, the Department of English will be offering The English Peer Mentorship Program designed to engage with first-year students studying literature and to support their successful transition to university life. The mentorship program is open to students enrolled in ENG140Y, ENG150Y, and the First-Year English Seminars (ENG 196, 197, 198, 199). Meetings will be held weekly in September and then biweekly on a date and time to be determined. The meetings will be led by the Lead Peer Mentor and Assistant Peer Mentor/s. Topics and activities for these meetings will vary at the discretion of the mentors and may include workshops on best strategies for reading and writing in English courses, study tips, how to get the most out of U of T Libraries for research, meeting with faculty members and graduate students in an informal atmosphere, and other fun activities.

As a mentor, you will be able to share your knowledge of the subject and the university, connect with fellow students, develop leadership skills while mentoring your peers and offering information to freshman students as they navigate their degree paths.

The Lead Peer Mentor will be given an honorarium of $1000 to be paid in two installments (December and April) based on 12 sessions and completion of the assigned tasks. The Assistant Peer Mentor will be given an honorarium of $500 to be paid in two installments (December and April) based on six sessions and completion of the assigned tasks. Participation in the mentorship program will be recognized in co-curricular notation.

Responsibilities:

**The Lead Peer Mentor (LPM) and Assistant Peer Mentor (APM) will work under the direction of the Undergraduate Administrator.**

**LPM (one position):**

- develop and lead meetings;
- coordinate biweekly activities with the APM;
- receive mentees’ feedback and adjust the thematic focus of meetings accordingly;
  - attend all meetings of The English Peer Mentorship Program (dates and time to be determined);
  - refer mentees to services at U of T as necessary;
  - create a fun, safe, and engaging atmosphere for the program participants;
- Commit to 12 sessions.

**APM (two positions):**

- coordinate biweekly activities with LPM;
- develop activities based on mentees’ feedback;
  - attend all meetings of The English Peer Mentorship Program (dates and time to be determined);
  - refer mentees to services at U of T as necessary;
  - create a fun, safe, and engaging atmosphere for the program participants;
- commit to 6 sessions.

**Requirements:**

The LPM and APM must:
- be registered in an English major or specialist for the 2021-22 Fall/Winter session;
- have a strong interest in English studies and humanities in general;
- be familiar with the University of Toronto rules, as well as the academic and non-academic services available to undergraduate students;

Participation in the Mentorship and Peer Programs Foundations Training offered by Student Life is recommended but not required [https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/program/mentorship-foundations-training/](https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/program/mentorship-foundations-training/).

*Some activities this year may take place online to ensure the safety of our mentors and mentees.*

How to apply:

Please send your CV, contact information for two referees, and a cover letter (no more than 200 words) highlighting your interest and possible contribution to the program to larysa.jarovenko@utoronto.ca by July 26, 2021.

Interviews will be scheduled for July 28-29.