Overview
The First-Year Seminar Peer Mentor program is an academic leadership opportunity for upperclass students to serve as a mentor to our newest students in a first-year seminar classroom (TIDES and Honors Colloquium). Peer Mentors play a crucial role in the transition of first-year students to the academic and social communities of Tulane University. Additionally, Peer Mentors model a collaborative and inclusive environment and lay a foundation for success in the first year. More about the First-Year Seminar program can be found at firstyear.tulane.edu/seminar.

Responsibilities & Expectations
Peer Mentors are responsible for delivering important curricular themes, known as anchors. These are noted below, along with the requirements for each.

*Introducing Students to the Campus Culture and Academic Community*
Peer Mentors introduce students to Tulane’s community to help them thrive both academically and socially. Expectations include:

- Planning at least one out-of-class event during the semester, linking to already existing campus events or scheduling a new experience.
- Relaying important and/or interesting campus events in class every week, along with the weekly bulletin of information.
- Building class cohesion, beginning in New Student Orientation through the fall semester.
- Attending all course field trips and classes, supporting faculty on field trip logistics.

*Relaying Campus Resources*
Peer Mentors are connectors, introducing and referring students to the academic resources and campus support they need to succeed. Expectations include:

- Meeting one-on-one with students twice during the semester to learn about their transition process and what might be a helpful resource.
- Attending New Student Orientation to begin communicating with and supporting students.
- Relaying information about campus resources and opportunities to students in every class.
- Engaging students via an online platform, Wisr, periodically over the summer.

*Training & Meetings*
Peer Mentors are trained and mentored through their role to ensure they are successful. Expectations include:

- Attending spring and fall trainings to learn about, and be trained on, the position.
- Attending one mid-semester and two check-in meetings with First-Year Experience staff.
• Meeting initially with your course faculty to set expectations then again weekly to ensure you continue dialogue throughout the semester.
• Submitting all check-in reports to ensure staff are alerted to any course or student issues.

Application Process
Applications for Fall 2022 Peer Mentors are in conjunction with the Wave Leader application and will be live on February 1 in the New Student & Leadership Programs WaveSync portal. A full breakdown of the application process is as follows:

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<td>February 1</td>
<td>Peer Mentor app is live on the New Student &amp; Leadership Programs WaveSync portal.</td>
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<td>February 25</td>
<td>Peer Mentor applications are due at 11:59p CST on the WaveSync portal.</td>
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<td>March 7 - 25</td>
<td>Peer Mentor interviews are held.</td>
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<td>Peer Mentors are notified of their status.</td>
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<td>April TBD</td>
<td>Spring Peer Mentor training is held.</td>
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<td>Confirmed Peer Mentors will be placed with their First-Year Seminar course.</td>
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If you are interested in serving in the dual Wave Leader/Peer Mentor role, you will be asked to answer additional questions on your application. Peer Mentors serve for the full semester and are employees of the Office of First-Year Experience in Newcomb-Tulane College. More information on the Wave Leader position can be found at orientation.tulane.edu/wave-leaders.

Compensation
Peer mentors are compensated $250 for the semester, paid in five bi-weekly installments throughout the fall semester. The stipend will not interfere with federal work-study eligibility. Your stipend is contingent upon good standing within the program.

Questions
Any questions can be directed to Cristina Lawson, director of the office of first-year experience, at clawson4@tulane.edu or 504/314-2624.