Exploratory Peer Mentors  
2016 – 2017 Application

The Exploratory Peer Mentors is a select group of students who are dedicated to serving as a positive role model and a resource for first-year students in the Exploratory Studies Program. The group is comprised of current and former Exploratory Studies students who volunteer their time and wish to share their experiences of what it is like to be a beginning student without a major. They help support the students’ adjustment to Purdue University, academically, socially, professionally, and personally. Exploratory Peer Mentors also have the opportunity to work closely with the academic advising staff, serving as an essential component to student success.

**BENEFITS OF BEING A MENTOR:**
- Earn volunteer service hours and leadership experience you can record on your Co-Curricular Transcript
- Create networking opportunities (mentor/mentee socials)
- Strengthen your own character as you serve as a role model
- Share your knowledge and experiences with someone who can benefit
- Receive free quality mentor training
- Become involved in the Purdue community

**EXPECTATIONS:**
- Possess a genuine desire to work with students and help them succeed
- Exhibit strong verbal communication, active listening, and time management skills
- Set positive examples for others in personal, academic, and social behavior
- Establish productive relationships with students from a variety of backgrounds and abilities
- Possess an empathetic understanding of college transition concerns and problems faced by new students
- Be knowledgeable about student services, campus resources, and student activities
- Comfortable initiating contact with mentees and planning activities to involve them
- Demonstrate the willingness to volunteer when help is needed, including with EDPS 105
- Attend all training events, meetings, and social activities for mentors (*see note on next page)
- Answer “Ask A Peer Mentor” emails from current students
- **Mentor at least ONE new student in Exploratory Studies each semester as assigned**
- **Maintain regular contact with assigned mentees – either by phone, text, email, or face-to-face meeting – at least ONCE PER WEEK**
- Express pride in not only Exploratory Studies, but in Purdue University as a whole

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**
- Must be a full-time student, currently enrolled in 12 hours or more
- Must have been in the Exploratory Studies Program for at least one full semester
- Must be willing and able to assist new students for the entire academic year
- Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university
- Maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA or higher (overall) while at Purdue
- Exhibit the ability to lead, learn, and work effectively with a diverse group of team members
- Must be reliable, flexible, responsible, a good communicator, and willing to help others
- Must be open to personal growth and reflection
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Full Name: ________________________________ Major: ________________________________

Cell Phone: _______________________________ Purdue Email: ___________________________

Cumulative GPA: __________________________ Exploratory Studies Advisor: __________________________

Please answer the following questions (use the back of this application or extra pages if necessary):

1. Why are you interested in becoming an Exploratory Peer Mentor? What could you contribute? Be specific.

2. Do you have any previous experience in a mentor-type program? What was that like?

3. How did Exploratory Studies help you in your first year here at Purdue? Please give examples.

4. Tell us about one high school or college student organization that you have been involved with that meant the most to you and why.

5. What do you perceive to be the biggest concerns facing first-year students in college? As a Peer Mentor, how would you help a student facing these issues?

*You must be available for the Orientation & Training Event on
   Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

I hereby swear that all the above information is current and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Signed: ________________________________ Date: ________________________________

• Applications are due: Monday, April 4, 2016 by 12:00 noon at the front desk of the Exploratory Studies Office in Young Hall, 8th floor.
• There is a two-part selection process: 1) the application review and 2) the in-person interview.
• Not all who apply will be interviewed.
• Either way, you will hear from us by EMAIL by Monday, April 11, 2016.