Exploratory Studies Ambassadors Program
2019 - 2020 Application

Exploratory Ambassadors are a select group of students who are dedicated to the positive promotion of Exploratory Studies and Purdue University. The group is comprised of current and former exploratory students who wish to share their experiences with prospective Purdue students. Ambassadors have the vital role of communicating their knowledge of what it is like to be a beginning student without a major. Additionally, Ambassadors also have the opportunity to work closely with Purdue staff at various campus events, serving as an essential component of Exploratory Studies' recruiting efforts. Finally, Ambassadors are invested in growing as a group and frequently meet for social activities throughout the year and participate in a mentoring program.

responsibilities:
• To positively represent Exploratory Studies, its students and staff, and Purdue University at campus events
• To present information about Exploratory Studies to prospective students and their families
• To maintain active and productive membership by attending all Ambassador member meetings, participating in recruiting events, and volunteering when needed

specific duties may include:
• Mingling, hosting, and providing information at recruiting events
• Eating lunch with prospective students and their families
• Formally speaking about the Exploratory experience and/or emailing prospective students to provide Exploratory Studies-specific information
• Giving PowerPoint presentations to visiting groups of anywhere from 6 to 100+ people
• Participation in campus programs, including Fall Preview Days, Introducing Purdue, Purdue's For Me, Destination Purdue, and Purdue Receptions (all held on campus)
• Assisting in social media campaigns for the @PurdueExplorers accounts on Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat
• Promote the Exploratory Ambassador program, both on and off campus

Rewards:
• Meet, interact, and network with future students, their families, and fellow peers
• Sharpen time management, leadership, interpersonal communication, and public speaking skills
• Share personal experiences and Purdue knowledge
• Network with Purdue faculty and staff
• Develop professionally through workshops & trainings, not just hands-on experience

Qualifications:
• An enthusiastic and positive attitude
• The ability to communicate individually and in small groups
• The ability to initiate conversation with prospective students and their families
• The genuine desire to meet and interact with new people, Purdue staff, and future students
• The willingness to volunteer when help is needed
• Excellent time management skills, reliability, responsibility, proven leadership, and friendliness
• Can clearly demonstrate and articulate their understanding and appreciation of Exploratory Studies and the Exploration process
• Purdue Pride!

Requirements:
• Upon applying, must be a full-time student (12 hours or more)
• Must have been in (or currently in) Exploratory Studies for at least one full semester
• Maintain a cumulative 2.50 GPA (overall) while at Purdue
• Your first semester in the program will be a probationary period. You will hear at the end of the semester if you are eligible to continue as an Ambassador.
• First Year Ambassadors must complete a minimum of 10 office hours (3 in Fall, 7 in Spring).
• First Year Ambassadors must participate in a mentoring program with a Veteran Ambassador
• Active participation in a minimum of three (3) events per semester.
• Punctuality and professionalism
• Attendance at all meetings and training sessions.
  • Ambassadors Social … Friday, September 27th from 6:30-8pm
  • Orientation & Training Event … Wednesday, October 9th from 6:30-9:30pm
  • Meet your Mentors Event … Monday, October 21st from 8-9:30pm
  • Professional Development Meeting … November TBD
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Full Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____
Campus Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Home Address: _____ Exploratory Advisor: _____

Please answer the following questions:

1. How did you hear about the Exploratory Studies Ambassador program?

2. Why are you interested in becoming an Exploratory Ambassador?

3. How do you think Exploratory Studies will help you / has helped you?

4. As an Exploratory Ambassador, what could you contribute most to the program and Purdue University?

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

6. Tell us about an award, honor, scholarship, or other recognition that you have received that meant the most to you and why.

7. What experience do you have working with social media that was not your own personal accounts? What ideas might you have for the Exploratory Studies social media platforms?

8. In your opinion, why would frequently socializing with other Exploratory Ambassadors outside of required events and training be beneficial to you and/or the program as a whole?

Please include the name and contact information for one reference. This person CANNOT be a relative.
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Relationship to you: _____ Email: _____

I hereby swear that all the above information is current and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
Initials: _____ Date: _____
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**STEPS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION:**

Applications are due no later than **Thursday, September 12th at 11:59pm**. Page 2 should be saved as a PDF and emailed (from your @purdue.edu email) with the following subject line:

“Last Name, First Name // 2019-20 EXPL Ambassadors Application”

In **ONE** email, please attach your application and send to the following:

EXPL Ambassadors Co-Chair, Haley Miller (mil2335@purdue.edu)
EXPL Ambassadors Co-Chair, Jordan Bridges (jjbridge@purdue.edu)
EXPL Ambassadors Development Team Member, H Drake Stancil (hstancil@purdue.edu)

In addition, please CARBON COPY (CC…):

EXPL Ambassadors Development Team Member, Jacob Bridgewater (bridgew1@purdue.edu)
EXPL Ambassadors Development Team Member, Sara Mylrea (samylrea@purdue.edu)
EXPL Recruitment Specialist and Ambassadors Advisor, Kyle Paquin (kpaquin@purdue.edu)

**THIS IS A THREE-PART SELECTION PROCESS:**

1. Application and Review
2. Group Interviews (held September 16-19th)
3. Individual Office Interviews (held September 23rd-27th)

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Not all who apply will be given a Group Interview.

Not all who participate in Group Interviews will receive an Individual Office Interview.

Regardless, you’ll hear from us by email.