The Haslam College of Business is seeking outgoing and motivated students to serve as Peer Mentors for the Fall 2016 semester. As a Peer Mentor, you will have the opportunity to make a significant impact on the academic, social, and personal development of first-year business students. You will also have the opportunity to gain valuable leadership experience by:
- working cooperatively with staff, instructors, and peers;
- developing and enhancing communication skills; and
- serving first-year students as they transition from high school to the university community.

There are two different opportunities within the Peer Mentor program:

1. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION 100 (BUAD 100)**
   BUAD 100 is a one-hour course designed to help first-year business students gain knowledge and experiences that will ease the transition to the University of Tennessee, to facilitate integration into the university and HCB communities, to provide an opportunity to explore academic and career options, and to develop strategies for success in college and in life beyond college. BUAD 100 meets once per week on either Tuesday or Thursday.

   BUAD 100 Peer Mentors will assist instructors in a section of the course during Fall 2016 and will serve as a role model, peer advisor, and campus resource for students in their class. BUAD 100 Peer Mentors are expected to commit 3-4 hours per week to these responsibilities throughout the duration of the course (fall semester only).

2. **VENTURE LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY**
   Participants of Venture LLC are first-year students in business who live in Hess Hall and are enrolled in common courses (including BUAD 100) during the fall and spring semesters. Themes of leadership, service to community, and social responsibility in business are emphasized through coursework and co-curricular activities throughout the year.

   Venture Peer Mentors will also assist instructors in a section of BUAD 100 during the fall term. However, this leadership role extends throughout the academic year (fall and spring semesters) and provides the opportunity to work closely with first-year business students in the Venture Community—serving as a mentor for academic, co-curricular, and leadership involvement.

Students who are selected as BUAD 100 Peer Mentors will have the opportunity to apply for a Venture Peer Mentor position later this semester (rising sophomores and juniors only). If you have an interest in working with the Venture program, please indicate so on the application form.

**BENEFITS**

BUAD 100 Peer Mentors will receive two credit hours for their service: one for completing Peer Mentor training (Business Administration 401) in Spring 2016 and one for serving as a Peer Mentor (Business Administration 402) in Fall 2016.

Participants will also build valuable leadership skills by working cooperatively with an instructor; by developing and enhancing group facilitation and communication skills; and by serving first-year students as they transition from high school to the university.
Applications are available on the Undergraduate Programs website: undergrad.bus.utk.edu/opportunities/mentor.asp

Application materials must be submitted to 338 Haslam Business Building by Monday, February 8 at 5:00 p.m. Group interviews will be held on February 11 and 12. Be prepared to sign up for an interview slot when you submit your application. Applicants will be notified of final decisions by February 16.

Please note: Business Administration 100 is similar in content and purpose to First-Year Studies 101. As such, students interested in serving as Peer Mentors for BUAD 100 should not also be engaged in the FYS 101 Peer Mentor program.

For additional information, contact:
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QUALIFICATIONS
• Pursuing a major in the Haslam College of Business
• Cumulative UT GPA of at least 3.0
• Clear judicial record
• Good interpersonal and communication skills
• Genuine interest in serving as a role model of positive behavior and as an advocate for the interests and needs of first-year students

SELECTION
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PEER MENTOR RESPONSIBILITIES
• Enroll in and successfully complete BUAD 401, Peer Mentor Techniques, during the second session of Spring 2016 (1 credit hour).
• Respond to communications made to you by your instructor over the course of the summer in preparation for BUAD 100 in the fall.
• Attend a Peer Mentor training session prior to the beginning of the fall semester.
• Actively participate in your assigned BUAD 100 section by assisting your instructor and engaging the students in class activities and discussions.
• Contact students outside of class to facilitate their successful transition into the UT community.