

Peer Mentorship Overview

Purpose

The role of a Peer Mentor is a great opportunity to help new international students connect with our campus, culture, and one another. You will play an invaluable role in aiding in their transition, gain skills and experiences that will help you with your future plans, and have a lot of fun in the process!

As a Peer Mentor, you will be a representative of CEAS and the Engineering Diplomats and will be one of the new students' first points of contact. Your general role will include:

- Assisting CQU students with their transitions
- Collaborating with the Peer Mentorship Chairs to facilitate and/or execute meetings, programs, or events for your mentees
- Communicate regularly and effectively with your mentees during the summer as well as throughout the semesters
- Communicate one on one with your mentees
- Actively participate in other EDPM programming and perform other duties as assigned

Structure

Mentor/mentee pairs will be randomly matched. Mechanical and Electrical Engineering students will be assigned to CQU students of their respective majors when possible. All other majors will be randomly assigned to either Mechanical or Electrical Engineering students. Our goal is to have 1:1 peer mentorship, but depending on the number of current mentors and incoming CQU students, each mentor will have up to but no more than 3 mentees. Mentor/mentee pairs will be combined into larger teams. As teams, they attend various group activities, and compete together in the Team Olympics.

Responsibilities & Requirements

To successfully complete the peer mentorship program, mentors must:

- Log a minimum of 14 hours/semester with mentee
 - Complete log sheet
 - Provide picture from event
 - **NOTE:** Most types of interactions count for hours (i.e. academic, social, etc). HOWEVER, partying & drinking do not (if you are uncertain if an interaction will count and would like to verify before submitting a log sheet check with one of the peer mentorship planning committee chairs).
- Monthly meeting w/ Peer Mentorship Chairs
- Attend required events:
 - 1 team event/semester
 - Welcome Dinner (Fall Semester)
 - Welcome Event(mandatory)
 - Team Olympics (Spring Semester)
 - Graduation celebration (Spring Semester)

Peer Mentorship Notes

What Peer Mentorship IS vs. What Peer Mentorship IS NOT

The opportunity to participate through the Engineering Diplomats as a Peer Mentor is a valuable experience for both the mentor and the mentee provided that the following basic guidelines are followed.

What Peer Mentorship IS	What Peer Mentorship IS NOT
A general resource for the CQU students. You are expected to be responsive and available as needed.	A tutoring service. Homework can be worked on together but you are not responsible for the CQU student's academic success.
Friendship. You are encouraged to step out of your comfort zone to get to know the CQU student that you are paired with.	A dating service. Keep your interactions professional.
Being a cultural ambassador. Show parts of U.S. and Cincinnati culture that interest you to your mentee.	A language exchange program. You can offer to assist with language cultural barriers but this is not your responsibility to address.
A support system. You are expected to listen to your mentee's concerns and do your best to connect them to the appropriate resources.	Therapy. If your mentee is struggling to adjust to American life or is having other issues contact the appropriate organization/office on campus for assistance. If you are uncertain who to contact, contact the engineering diplomats gmail for assistance.