Apply to Be a Psychology Peer Advisor!

The Psychology Department is recruiting a peer advisor to serve during the 2020-2021 academic year. Peer advisors assist other students in planning class schedules that will allow them to complete all requirements in the correct order in order to graduate on time, and to plan ahead to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities that enrich a student’s education in Psychology.

Duties and Hours
Each peer advisor will commit to peer advisor training, at least four group advising sessions, and up to three hours per week of advising hours throughout the semester when Psychology majors can schedule appointments. Pending approval of funding, this will be a paid position with a standard rate of $15/hour.

Skills and Qualifications
Peer advisors must be currently enrolled Psychology majors, with at least sophomore standing at the University of San Francisco, and must make a commitment to serve for at least one year. To advise other students effectively, peer advisors must possess qualities and skills including the following: (1) Academic performance, (2) social skills and ability to interact successfully with diverse Psychology majors, (3) reliability, and ability to work independently, (4) attention to detail, (5) taking initiative, (6) ability to work as part of a team, (7) honesty and integrity. We encourage Psychology majors to apply who represent the wide diversity of students in our major.

Training and How Peer Advising Will Benefit Peer Advisors
Peer advisors must be able to advise other students about all aspects of the major, and be able to answer a wide range of questions that students might raise about minors, study abroad, pre-professional programs, internships, research and volunteer activities, Honors in Psychology, etc. To prepare peer advisors, who are not expected to have experience in all of these areas, the Psychology Department and CASA will train all peer advisors so that they can provide the best possible advice to all students. Through this training and your work as a peer advisor, you will cultivate your ability to listen, your sensitivity to other students’ diverse backgrounds and aspirations, and your ability to plan effectively with each student to realize her/his aspirations. All of these skills are critical in the careers that most Psychology majors intend to pursue.

Application Procedure
To apply, submit an email with the following attached information (Word or PDF) to Prof. Ed Munnich at emunnich@usfca.edu by Monday, September 28th at 5:00 PM. In the subject line, write “Psychology Peer Advisor Application 2020-21”:
(1) Cover letter explaining why you would be a strong peer advisor
(2) Your résumé
(3) List of all past and current Psychology classes and the grades you earned, and your expected graduation date.
(4) Names of two Psychology faculty members who can serve as references, and name and contact information for a third reference (who may be, but is not limited to Psychology faculty). References should be able to speak to your leadership ability, responsibility, and capacity for advising other students. This should be a list of names, not letters of recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Munnich at emunnich@usfca.edu.