Mission Statement

The mission of the Freshman Mentor Program is to cultivate an environment of student leadership through mentoring that assists freshmen with the transition to college life and fosters a strong sense of belonging through academic engagement, social involvement, and community service.

About the Freshman Mentor Program

College presents many challenges, both academically and socially. The Freshman Mentor Program was created to connect incoming students with current UT Dallas students. Mentees who choose to join the Freshman Mentor Program are paired with a student mentor to help ease the transition to UT Dallas, specifically during their first two semesters at the University. Peer mentors at UT Dallas work to support new students in the following three areas: leadership development, academic support, and social engagement. In addition to providing personalized support for each mentee, the Freshman Mentor Program hosts service, academic, and social events throughout the year for participants to engage on-campus and with the program more deeply.
Mentors in the Freshman Mentor Program can help a new student find campus activities and resources that fit their specific needs and goals. Mentors and mentees can also participate in Freshman Mentor Program social, academic, and service events together throughout the year. Mentors in the Freshman Mentor Program help new students discover important campus departments and resources, such as the Student Success Center. Mentors serve as a personal guide through the challenges of adjusting to the academic rigor of college life, as well as provide tips on studying, time management, and goal setting.

Leadership Development

Mentors help their mentees navigate leadership opportunities on-campus including service-learning opportunities, student organizations, mentorship opportunities across campus, and other academically and personally beneficial forms of campus engagement focused on developing leadership skills.

My mentor was amazing. They told me about many opportunities to improve my experience in college and introduced to several different resources around campus to make my college life effective for my future.

– Mentee 2020-21
I am so glad that I am a part of this wonderful program. It allows me to directly interact and work with new students that may find it difficult to navigate a new environment.
— Mentor 2020-21

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