How to Be a Mentor

Mentors for the Transfer Mentor Program are current UT Dallas students that have also transferred to the University of Texas at Dallas from another institution. Mentors are specifically selected for their desire to help new transfer students transition to UT Dallas. Mentors are volunteers seeking to help their fellow Comets.

Successful and engaged UT Dallas undergraduates are encouraged to apply for the opportunity to mentor an incoming transfer student. Being a mentor provides valuable experience for students who seek to develop their communication and leadership skills, strengthen their connection to UT Dallas, and create a meaningful legacy.

Mentor applications for the 2021-2022 academic year are now open! Please review the application requirements and program expectations below.

Click here to begin the application to become a mentor in the Transfer Mentor Program.

Application: Prospective mentors undergo a vetting process that includes an application, interview, and two
professional or academic references. Mentor applicants have learned from their own experience as an incoming transfer student about how to succeed in a college classroom, utilize vital campus resources, approach faculty and staff on a new campus, and get involved as leaders at UT Dallas.

**Training:** Selected mentors participate in live group and online training sessions to prepare them to mentor their assigned mentee. Training topics include Everyday Leadership, Mentoring Ethics, Cultural Competency, On-Campus Resources, and more. Training sessions occur during the summer and throughout the school year.

**Requirements for Mentors**

- Mentors must possess a cumulative GPA 3.0 or above.
- New mentor applicants must supply two references and participate in a phone interview.
- Students selected to serve as mentors for the 2021-22 academic year must complete a series of online training modules by August 30, 2021.
- Mentors must attend an in-person orientation and training session at the start of both the fall and spring semesters.
- Program participation requires attendance of monthly small group sessions (six sessions per academic year). Participating mentors may sign up for these sessions based on the availability of their schedule.

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MENTORS IN THE PROGRAM REPORTED

**GOOD LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

100% of mentors reported that their experience was a good campus leadership opportunity.

**SUPPORTED OTHER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Mentors reported that this experience supported and encouraged them to pursue more leadership on-campus.

**STRONGER LEADER ON CAMPUS**

Mentors reported that this experience made them a stronger leader on-campus.

**CREATE A CAMPUS LEGACY**

93% of mentors reported that mentoring contributes to their legacy at UT Dallas.

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Contact Information

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