Peer Ambassadors

Overview

Commonwealth Honors College Peer Ambassadors are leaders and representatives in the Honors community. Ambassadors work with Commonwealth Honors College Recruitment Division to assist in the recruitment of prospective students. Peer Ambassadors conduct information sessions for prospective students and their families, participate on student panels, and assist the College with special recruiting events.

Students who work as Peer Ambassadors can expect to develop a variety of useful and transferable social and leadership skills. They will gain experience in public speaking, decision making, organizational planning and problem solving. Peer Ambassadors will also develop strong communication skills and cooperative working skills with other peers, University staff members, and diverse groups of people.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the Peer Ambassador position, students must first complete the "Peer Ambassador Training Practicum" course (Honors 298F), a one-credit practicum offered on a scheduled weekend as well as shadowing current Peer Ambassadors at a spring recruitment event(s). Hiring for this position typically occurs in early spring.

Prospective Peer Ambassadors must maintain good academic standing as a member of the Commonwealth Honors College and students must also demonstrate:

1. Exceptional public speaking skills (large and small groups)
2. Professional communication skills
3. Openness and commitment to working with diverse groups
4. Basic office and computer skills as well as problem solving skills

5. Initiative, enthusiasm, and excitement when presenting the Honors College at UMass Amherst

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