

## **Position Title:** *Student Athlete Academic Mentorship Program Mentor*

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### **Position Summary:**

The Student Athlete Academic Mentorship program (SAAMP) was developed to ensure the success of our Western Varsity Student Athletes. The program connects incoming first-year Student Athletes, with an upper year student athlete who is in the same field of study. SAAMP aims to provide support to new students in their transition to university life by connecting them with a mentor who understands the challenge of balancing competing priorities between academics and athletics.

The SAAMP Mentor role is crucial for the overall success of the program. Mentors are responsible for providing academic and social supports to their mentees for the duration of the academic year. Mentors will be expected to participate in Campus Resource Training, initiate weekly contact and bi-weekly meetings with their mentees, attend bi-weekly Mentor team meetings, as well as monthly Mentor training, and help to encourage mentee participation in social events and activities.

SAAMP Mentors will be supported and supervised by a Team Leader and the SAAMP Student Coordinator to ensure all Mentors are well equipped to effectively support mentees and complete the day-to-day operations of SAAMP.

### **What will you gain from this role?**

- Experience giving presentations and facilitating meetings
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Leadership experience
- Time management and problem solving skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Strong project management, planning and organization skills
- Recognition through Western's Co-curricular Record

### **What do we ask from you?**

- Participation in Program events, including the mentor and mentee Fall Launch event and the January Refresh event, while encouraging mentees to attend as well
- Participation in monthly 2-hour training sessions
- In weekly contact with mentees, assess needs and provide resources and support, keeping them up to date about events, services and programs to enhance their Western experience
- Complete SAAMP Logs to use for tracking, reflection and accountability purposes
- Meet with the SAAMP Team Leader and Mentor team on a bi-weekly basis
- Respect differences of gender, ethnic origin, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation and those with disabilities.
- Other duties as assigned

## What kind of student leaders are we looking for?

- Interested in helping others and developing personal leadership skills
- Ability to problem solve and provide constructive feedback
- Dedication, integrity, dependability, initiative
- Able to work individually and as part of a team
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

## Position Requirements:

- Western, Brescia, Huron or Kings undergraduate student or graduate student who has completed an undergraduate degree at Western, Brescia, Huron or Kings
- Western Varsity Student Athlete
- Completion of at least 10 full courses (or equivalent) at Western or the affiliate colleges
- Minimum 70% academic average (65% in Engineering)

## Position Specifics:

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### Term Length:

September 2, 2019 - April 27, 2020

### Time Commitment:

Varies depending on the time of year and the needs of the mentoring team, but over the academic year will average out to approximately 3 hours per week.

### Compensation:

Volunteer position, Work Study eligible.

### Reports to:

Transitions, Leadership and Enrichment Programs Assistant

## Application Method:

Login to [CareerCentral](#), and navigate to the [Campus Student Leader posting boards](#) to find this job posting and instructions on how to apply (ex. Uploading/emailing required application documents or redirecting to the [Working at Western](#) website).

## Western Values Diversity:

The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact our Administrative Officer at [ralary@uwo.ca](mailto:ralary@uwo.ca) or phone 519.661.1111 (89081).