

### Rice University Coding Boot Camp

# **Central Support Tutoring Services**

Tutoring is a free, value-added service, neither guaranteed nor included in your tuition. There are a few eligibility requirements for Central Support:

- 1. Excellent class attendance.
- 2. Consistent attendance at Office Hours.
- 3. Spending the minimum recommended hours outside of class per week (20 hrs for PT, 40 hrs for FT) working on your coding skills and studying.
- 4. Tuition payments current.

Tutoring will not compensate for spending insufficient time on self-study. Coding is a skill that requires many, many hours of study and practice and can only be learned by devoting yourself to consistent hard work.

#### **Our Tutors**

A tutor should be assigned to you within a few days of Central Support receiving the request from your SSM. You will be assigned a tutor who will work with you **remotely** on your coding questions, study skills, strategies for boot camp success. Tutors are **not allowed to solve or do** your homework assignments for you; they **may help**, however.

Every tutor on our team is either a boot camp graduate, a TA/substitute TA, or a software developer. The one thing that every tutor has in common is first-hand knowledge of both the challenges of learning to code and the boot camp. Every tutor has a genuine desire to help you and to make your boot camp experience a little easier.

### Session allowances

- Maximum tutorial sessions per week our week is Monday Sunday:
  - Part-time (6-month boot camp) students are entitled to 1 session per week.
  - Full-time (3- month boot camp) students are entitled to 2 sessions per week.
- 1 Assigned Tutor
- Tutorial sessions cannot be saved for a future week nor accumulated to be used later. The maximum session per week is strictly enforced.
- one-on-one sessions are 50 minutes in length.

Central Support is <u>not</u> the primary student support resource in the boot camp. Your teacher and TA's are your primary support resources and you always work with them first. **Please take advantage of Office Hours where you can have extra support before and after every class.** 

Utilize tutoring only after you have exhausted all other resources; it is not a primary source of support and will only help if you are already devoting <u>many hours per week</u> to coding practice and study. To be successful in the boot camp you must spend - **20+ hours/week for part-time boot camp & 40+ hours/week for full-time boot camp -** working on the boot camp curriculum, projects, and homework as well as outside resources.



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## Requesting a Tutor

If you meet the above requirements, you may request a tutor at <a href="https://www.bootcampspot.com">www.bootcampspot.com</a> via:

- -BCS Live Chat
- -BCS Support

## **Tutor Assignment Email**

You will be introduced to your tutor via email. Both you and the tutor are CC'd on the Tutor Assignment email and you should then hear directly from them within 24 hours so that you can schedule your first tutoring session.

If you do not receive an email from your tutor within 24 hours, please email Central Support.(centraltutorsupport@bootcampspot.com) to let us know.

On the introductory email you will see your class code. Please make a note of it because you will need it after each session to complete this required form: <u>Student's Evaluation Of Tutoring Session</u> (Please bookmark)

All tutors make their own tutoring schedules and will communicate with you via email and a special Slack that has been set up for that purpose. Your tutor will invite you to the <u>Tutors & Students</u> Slack. Make sure to discuss it with them if you have not received the invitation.

The assignment to your specific tutor continues for the duration of the boot camp. <u>You should</u> reach out to your tutor when you need to schedule a session. Tutoring ends when you graduate.