**Engage and Riser LLC Peer Mentor**

**Position Description**

**What is a living learning community?**

Students who participate in a living learning community (LLC) are assigned to the same residence hall and are enrolled in academic courses toward an Engineering degree. LLCs attempt to integrate curricular and co-curricular experiences that complement and extend learning beyond the classroom.

Participants of Engage and RISER LLC are first-year students in the College of Engineering. The students live in Morrill Hall and are enrolled in common courses in the fall and spring semesters.

**Goals of the Engage and RISER Living Learning Communities**

* To bring new students together to form a network of peers, instructors, advisors, and mentors
* To promote student success, active learning, teamwork skills, and intellectual engagement
* To create meaningful opportunities for campus involvement and activities within the college

**Role of a Peer Mentor**

Engage and RISER Peer Mentors provide meaningful contributions and guidance to the community by actively building relationships with first-year students, serving as a connecting link to campus organizations and activities, providing academic support, and participating in community events.

Peer Mentors are expected to:

* devote an average of 5 hours per week to the peer mentor role over the fall and spring semesters and live in Morrill Hall
* serve as role models of positive behavior, representing the college and university with pride and respect
* serve as advocates for the interests, needs, and rights of first-year students in the community
* serve as liaisons for student feedback to housing staff, instructors and directors
* serve as mentors for academic, co-curricular, and leadership involvement
* display knowledge of campus resources, appreciation of diversity, maturity, approachability, dependability, flexibility, and good communication skills
* Support the RA for Engage and RISER LLC communities.

**Responsibilities**

* Be available during the week of August 13 for training and Welcome Week activities, including: move-in, welcome week kick-off events, and Life of the Mind discussion
* Maintain regular communication with Engage and RISER LLC members
* Plan and facilitate community-building activities throughout the year
* Support the RA for the Engage and RISER communities through programming and community building activities

**Benefits**

Engage and RISER Peer Mentors will receive a $1000 scholarship for their service over the fall and spring semesters ($500 each term). Peer Mentors will also gain valuable leadership and mentoring experience, as well as the opportunity to strengthen communication and teamwork skills.