

Application for

# **Summer Bridge Mentors Summer 2017**

The Summer Bridge Program is a seven-week program that introduces incoming freshmen to Finlandia University. It is an academically based enrichment program designed to prepare students for college coursework.

**PEER MENTORS** are selected to support, nurture, and guide Summer Bridge participants throughout the tenure of the seven-week program. They provide structured one-on-one attention, encouragement, advice, tutoring and academic support. Peer mentors will work to provide a welcoming environment that is conducive to students needs and supports student success. Peer Mentors provide an example to the students through actions in and outside the classroom. The Summer Bridge Peer Mentor position is a live-in position, compensated with room and board and a \$125 weekly stipend. Peer Mentors will work approximately 30 hours a week.

## **Job Responsibilities**

1. Serve as a mentor to assigned students by providing guidance, support and accurate information, both formally through the Sisu Seminar and/or Vocational Exploration and informally, through their role in the residence hall.
2. Provide follow-up on class assignments and special assistance to students in consultation with program faculty
3. Be thoroughly familiar with the courses material including knowledge of the syllabus, assignments, exam schedules, and competency in all materials covered in the courses offered as part of the Summer Bridge Program
4. Facilitate group study/review sessions, as scheduled, for no less than 4 hours a week
5. Provide a safe, secure and educational environment in Finlandia Hall
6. Coordinate at least 2 engagement activities during the program (example: movie night, off-campus hike, beach trip, karaoke, volunteer opportunity, etc...)
7. Inform Bridge Staff immediately of students who appear to be exhibiting behaviors that are counterproductive to academic success; for example, sadness, angry or despondent, obsessive worrying, not attending class, thinking about dropping a class or withdrawing from university, substance abuse, threats to self or others
8. Report maintenance problems in Finlandia Hall and communicate them to the Coordinator of Residential Life as soon as possible. If problem is urgent (i.e. leaking pipe) report to security immediately.
9. Assist with data collection and file maintenance
10. Participate in Training, Welcome Picnic, Program Orientation, Program Residence Hall Move In/Out, and other misc. events organized for program participants.
11. Maintain confidentiality and adhere to FERPA policy

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**June 24-August 11, 2017**

**Please Answer the Following Questions (Please type responses on a separate document)**

1. What do you hope to gain from being a Summer Bridge Mentor?
2. What is the greatest strength that you feel you could bring to this position? What do you feel is your weakness that could be strengthened through being a Mentor?
3. What would you bring to the program that would contribute to the development of your fellow mentors and the mentees you would work with?
4. What would you attribute your success at Finlandia University to?

Applications are due to Erin Barnett by Friday, March 21st at 2pm.