

International Peer Mentoring

Mentor Position Description for Fall 2020

Overview

International Peer Mentors have a unique opportunity to volunteer in a leadership role within the BCIT community and to make a real difference in the lives of new international students – all while having a lot of fun and enjoying fantastic benefits!

Program Objectives

- Help new international students transition to life as a BCIT student
- Encourage mentees to set goals and to create an action plan to work towards achieving these goals
- Create a network of peer support for all participants
- Provide an opportunity for mentors to gain valuable leadership experience
- Strengthen the BCIT student community

Mentor Responsibilities

- Review training materials provided before the program starts
- Participate in the mandatory Mentor Training Session and Program Kickoff event
- Coordinate at least four small group activities done via email, Zoom, etc. (*activity plans to be provided*)
- Be available to provide guidance and support for up to four mentees
- Sign a Mentor Agreement form
- Complete a feedback survey to help the coordinators improve the program

Mentor Eligibility

To be eligible to become an International Peer Mentor, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a current BCIT student
- Have already completed a minimum of one term at BCIT
- Be in good academic standing
- Abide by the *BCIT Student Code of Conduct*
- Commit to fulfilling all of the mentor responsibilities

Benefits for Mentors

- Meaningful volunteer experience in a leadership role
- Ability to make a real difference in the lives of new international students by sharing your knowledge and experience as a BCIT student and resident of Canada
- Support from the program coordinators throughout the program
- Great opportunities to network and socialize with other mentors and new students
- An excellent addition to your resume and cover letters that will catch employers' attention
- A \$30 gift card and an official letter of recognition from BCIT & BCITSA upon successful completion of mentoring duties