Grad Peer Mentor Program

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Grad Peer Mentor Funding Proposal Template

The Graduate Division and the Graduate Student Commons are pleased to announce a new call for funding proposals. The Graduate Division has designated $25k for academic year 2024-25 to support both existing departmental peer mentoring programs and to offer support for departments to launch new department/divisional peer mentoring programs that support graduate students. Up to $5k is available for each academic division.

DUE DATE: Proposals are due in Spring Quarter on **Friday, May 2, 2025**

Use the below template to answer the following questions prior to submitting the form:

Peer Mentor Program Proposal

- Title of existing or proposed new graduate student peer mentor program:

- Please provide a brief description of your peer mentor program goals (max four sentences)

- Provide an outline of proposed activities, including a plan and timeline for implementation (Character limit: 400,000):

- Describe how your graduate peer mentor program will be inclusive of diverse backgrounds, academic interests, and research interests:

Student Impact

- Please check whether your peer mentor proposal directly impacts the following:
  - Diversity, equity and inclusion
  - Historically excluded communities
  - Sense of belonging, community and collaboration
  - Supporting equity in mental health
  - None of the above apply

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- Please explain how you will address the above impacts:

- Elaborate the impact and benefit program will have (e.g., direct vs. indirect impact, student employment, specific type of direct student services, etc.) Direct impact provides immediate benefit while indirect impact can be more about long term success.

- What student population(s) are you planning to serve? (Examples: a certain academic department or division, a certain student affinity group, a specific lab group, etc.)

- How many graduate students will be served by the program? (Please provide an approximate number).

- How many graduate students will help organize this program?

- Approximately how many graduate students will serve as mentors in the program?

Outreach Overview

- Please provide a detailed plan for how you will outreach to students about the services offered by your Peer Mentor program.

- Optional: Please upload/attach websites, social media, emails, flyers, testimonials, student government announcements to support your response above. Statistics/metrics on attendance and student affiliation are also welcome.

Budget

- Amount of money are you requesting for your grad peer mentor program:

- Please provide a detailed budget outlining how you will spend these funds and include an itemized list of expenses, such as mentor stipends, catering, room reservations etc.

- Does your graduate peer mentor program have existing funding support?

- If yes, how much money does your department peer mentor program currently have?

- Required: Name of department budget approver:

- Email of your department /budget approver.

- Organizational Code (a.k.a. the "O" in FOAPAL), where funds will be transferred to:

Proposal Organizer Information

- First Name of Proposal Authors:

- Last Name of Proposal Authors:

- UCSC Email Address:

- First Name of Faculty Sponsor:

- Last Name of Faculty Sponsor:

- UCSC email address of Faculty Sponsor:

- Required: Please upload a signed confirmation of support from your budget approver and your faculty sponsor.

- Did you attend our Application Preparation workshop on April 18 or consult with any Lead Mentor(s) or Peer Mentor Staff?

  ☐ Attended an application preparation workshop
  ☐ Arts Division Lead Mentor - Arya Tavallaei - artavall@ucsc.edu
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