

# Overview

Hi there!

We at NUS Hackers, along with SoC's Office of Student Life, are organizing the 4th iteration of a peer mentorship programme targeted at freshmen. We're reaching out because we think that you'd be a good fit to be a peer mentor.

Freshmen in SoC face a daunting challenge in adjusting to life at university, since they have to navigate through academics, social life, internships, CCAs, and career prospects in an unfamiliar environment. From our experience last year, we've seen that peer mentors can help freshmen transition to university, provide them perspective about life in uni, and answer their pressing questions.

Peer mentorship has a strong positive impact on the experiences of freshmen. We hope that you can contribute as a peer mentor to help make that happen this year.

Here are some of the goals of the programme:

- Guide your mentees through starting university
- Providing mentees with support and encouragement
- Make new friends and meet people!

We value your time greatly, and we've come up with the typical commitment (~8 hrs) expected from mentors over a semester:

- [1 hour] mentor briefing
- [2 hours] welcome tea with other mentors and mentees
- [3 hours] 3x casual meetings with your mentees
- [2 hours] sharing insights & resources with mentees & answering questions via Telegram

A rough idea of what you could be doing as a mentor:

- Orienting students to the general computing landscape: academics, focus areas, and careers
- Coming up with a 4 year module plan with mentees
- Pointing them to pertinent resources / programs / CCAs in NUS based on their interests
- Answering questions with them through various means (e.g. Telegram chats)

You will be grouped with another mentor to mentor a pair of mentees (2 mentors to 2 mentees), to make it less daunting and allow you to have richer discussions. You can also choose to co-mentor with a friend of your choice.

If you're interested to sign up to be a mentor for freshmen this coming semester (AY24/25 Sem1), please do fill up this [form](#). We'd be very happy to have you.