

What to do with Returnees?!

Ideas for Peer Advisor Programming

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Agenda

- Benefits & Challenges
- Approaches to Peer Advisor Programs
- Student Panel
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Benefits and Challenges of Peer Advisor Programs

Benefits:

- Students build leadership & mentoring skills
- Strengthen their international and cross-cultural communication skills
- Give students opportunity to share their excitement & experiences
- Gain a student perspective
- Extend your reach as an office

Challenges:

- Time
- Money
- Keeping students engaged, motivated

Wheaton College Peer Advisor Program

- 14 - 16 Peer Advisors (volunteer), 1 Peer Advisor Coordinator (paid)
- 4 Committees (each PA serves on one):
 - Group Advising
 - Events
 - Marketing
 - Newsletter
- Additional Requirements:
 - Write one post for Peer Advisor blog
 - Attend/assist with Study Abroad Fair and Pre-Departure Orientation
 - 3 “points” (workshops, info tables, additional blog post, etc.)
- One group meeting per month, everything shared in Team Drive
- Expected 15-20 hour commitment per semester

Bridgewater State University

Student Outreach Coordinator & Ambassador Program

- Student Outreach Coordinators - 2 students
 - Hire one x per year
 - Full day training in August before classes begin
 - One hour of office hours per week
 - Expected commitment of 1-2 hrs per week
 - Create & market two events per semester as a team, or separately
 - Receive \$100 stipend per semester
- Study Abroad Ambassadors - currently 15 students
 - Rolling admission
 - Training as needed before events
 - Help at events and table for us on campus

Towson University Peer Advisor Program

- Four paid peer advisor positions
- Hired usually once per year; commit to full year
- Front office staff
 - Answer phones, greet walk-ins, handle initial paperwork intake, fulfill office duties
 - Maintain some aspects of student files in database
- Marketing & Outreach
 - Produce & distribute flyers
 - Table & attend events
 - Blog & Newsletter
- Advising - run the 101 & 201 Study Abroad Information Sessions; Advising Folders
- Full day training with all Study Abroad staff & meetings once per month for additional training & check-in

Student Panel

Questions?

Feel free to contact us!

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