

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

## STUDENT PEER ADVISOR – JOB APPLICATION

Applications are due by: **Friday, April 14, 2017**

The Environmental Studies Program is looking to hire TWO new Student Peer Advisor to join the ES Program Advising team for the 2017-2018 academic year. Working as a Peer Advisor is a challenging and exciting opportunity to gain valuable experience in the counseling field. Peer Advisors learn about the many opportunities offered within environmental studies, work with faculty and fellow peers, and make a valuable contribution to the Environmental Studies Program community.

### **Job Description:**

Environmental Studies Peer Advisors serve a critical role assisting students fulfill their desire to graduate as an Environmental Studies or Hydrologic Sciences major. Under the supervision of the Academic & Internship Coordinator they advise students about major requirements, course selection, university policies, academic internships, environmental careers, graduate school, and how to pursue education abroad and international environmental field studies opportunities. They also maintain a career resource library, update the ES advising webpage, and participate in a variety of department outreach and information sessions. Other administrative duties and special projects are assigned as needed. The job is for a minimum of one academic year beginning Fall, 2017, with initial training sessions provided during the second half of the current Spring quarter.

### **Qualifications:**

Candidates should be an Environmental Studies or Hydrologic Sciences major with at least sophomore standing and have a minimum GPA of 2.75. They must be able to hold the position for at least one full academic year and work approximately 8-10 hours per week (two to three hour sessions, three to four days).

Other desirable qualifications include:

- **enthusiasm for the ES Program and studying the environment**
- desire to help others understand and navigate the bureaucracy of UCSB
- strong verbal and communication skills
- excellent listening skills
- strong organizational skills
- high level of initiative, motivation, and responsibility

### **Selection:**

The application is available on the reverse side and is due no later than: **Friday, April 14, 2017**

Applications should be returned to the ES Academic Advisor (Bren Hall, 4312), current Peer Advisors (Bren 4313) or as a .pdf attachment by email to [zimmerman@es.ucsb.edu](mailto:zimmerman@es.ucsb.edu). Applications will be reviewed and interviews conducted by the current ES advising staff and a final candidate will be selected by mid-April.

### **Training and Compensation:**

The newly hired Peer Advisor(s) receive initial training during the second half of the Spring quarter and then work 8 to 10 hours a week during the upcoming academic year. Compensation will be at a rate of \$11.00/hour.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PERM #: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: B.A. \_\_\_\_\_ B.S. \_\_\_\_\_ B.S. Hydrologic Sciences \_\_\_\_\_ OVERALL GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

DOUBLE MAJOR/MINOR? If so, in what: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPECTED GRADUATION (qtr/yr): \_\_\_\_\_ # OF UNITS LEFT TO GRADUATE AFTER SPRING: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR WORK STUDY VIA FINANCIAL AID NEXT YEAR?  Yes  No  
(not a requirement to be an ES Peer Advisor!)

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**Please express your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.**

- 1) Please list and briefly describe any past work experience, both paid and voluntary, and provide dates of employment (**an attached resume is acceptable**).
- 2) What extracurricular activities have you participated in since attending UCSB?
- 3) Why are you pursuing a degree in Environmental Studies/Hydrologic Sciences and what are your long-term academic/career goals?
- 4) Describe your experience as a UCSB student so far? Feel free to share any academic, social, and/or cultural experiences (positive and negative) that have been most influential.
- 5) What do you feel the role of the ES Peer Advisor is? Please elaborate on any qualifications that make you ideal for this position.
- 6) Do you think it's important for students to pursue experiential education opportunities such as an internships or study abroad opportunities? Why or why not?
- 7) Have you done an internship and/or participated in a study abroad or field studies program since attending UCSB? If yes, briefly describe with whom, where, and how that experience has influenced you.
- 8) Role Play Exercise: Assume you're a current Peer Advisor and a student comes to see you. How would you answer the following three questions and what resources would you use?
  - a) I've taken ENV S 1, 2, and 3. Do any of these apply towards General Education requirements? If so, may I simultaneously apply them towards the ES major?
  - b) I think I might get a grade of "D" in Econ 1, will I still be able to apply it towards my ES major? Would it be a good idea to change my grading option to P/NP (why/why not)?
  - c) How many total hours do I need to work at my internship to receive 3 units of ENV S 192 credit?

Turn this application into the Environmental Studies Program in Bren 4312 by **Friday, April 14, 2017**. **Please staple this page face up, to the front of your application.**