



College of Engineering

Student Development Center

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Position Description – Engineering Peer Advisor

PURPOSE:

- Provide personalized support and guidance to undergraduate students as they pursue academic, career, and personal success. Tailor advice and refer to resources based on individual students' concerns, questions, and goals.
- Share individual perspectives with engineering students as they progress through coursework, search for an internship, co-op, full-time employment opportunities, and seek further involvement.
- Advance goals and priorities associated with one of the administrative special teams (Advising and Records, Employer Engagement, Student Engagement, Events and Logistics).

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Cultivate a welcoming environment and strive to be approachable to all students, both in-person and in a virtual format.
- Provide one-on-one assistance and support to students during regularly scheduled office hours on the following topics:
 - Review and provide feedback on resumes and cover letters and conduct mock interviews.
 - Search techniques and resources for internships, co-ops, and full-time positions.
 - Decisions between engineering majors, as well as Focus Area or Track options within the majors.
 - Information and insights about course requirements, course scheduling, and University and College policies and procedures.
- Collaborate with professional advisors and faculty leadership to assist in departmental outreach, including email communications, presentations in seminar courses, and when offered, drop-in group advising.
- Assist in the coordination and promotion of the Engineering Career Fairs and career/academic development workshops throughout the year.
- Serve on a special team (Advising and Records, Employer Engagement, Student Engagement, Events and Logistics) and collaborate with other peer advisors.
- Complete other projects and tasks as assigned.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be enrolled as junior or above in the College of Engineering by Fall 2027.
- Maintain UI GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Display excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Be willing to reflect on personal experiences in college and communicate those positively with peers.
- Exhibit a team-oriented attitude as well as the ability to work autonomously with minimal supervision.
- Proven ability to manage multiple tasks and competing priorities.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Have completed at least 2 years of coursework in engineering by Fall 2027.
- Have completed at least one internship, co-op, or research experience in an engineering related field by Fall 2027.
- Participation in academic experiences abroad, leadership in student organizations, or involvement in Honors or LEaPP.
- Demonstrate initiative to independently create and implement projects to promote student success.

SALARY: \$12.00/hour

EMPLOYMENT PERIOD: August 2027—May 2028

WORK HOURS:

- Work approximately 6-8 hours per week, primarily during business hours. You seldom work weekend and evening hours but are paid when they occur.
- Attend mandatory staff training, weekly staff meetings, and individual one-on-one meetings as needed.

The College of Engineering is committed to building a welcoming and inclusive community of learning and scholarship with the support systems for all persons to thrive. We recognize that diversity enriches the educational experience when everyone has the opportunity to excel and have their contributions respected and valued. We strongly encourage engineering students from diverse backgrounds to apply for this position, including students of all races, national origins, colors, creeds, religions, sexes, ages, abilities, veteran status, sexual orientations, gender identities, and all other representations of diversity.