Kirby Student Center

Bulldog Beginnings
Welcome Leader Position Description

The purpose of Bulldog Beginnings is to help new students transition to UMD and support their integration into their academic and social life of the University. The programming consists of numerous events – both before the semester begins and throughout – designed to help students meet other students, learn about opportunities, services, and academic expectations.

Through the program (which begins with Move-In on Thursday), the Bulldog Beginnings Team serves as resources and mentors for new students who are making the transition to UMD.

Welcome Leader

Responsibilities
The Welcome Leaders will assist in orienting new students to campus. This includes:

Community Building
- Mentor and guide a group of 15-25 first-year students in their initial days on campus with a UST 1000 Peer Leader, TA, or SCSE Ambassador
- Connect students to appropriate resources and ease their transition to college
- Lead icebreakers to help students connect with one another
- Answer fundamental questions about UMD service, facilities, and activities
- Participate actively and assist with required Bulldog Welcome Week student events
- Guide and direct students to various locations

General Responsibilities
- Be prompt, prepared, and positive
- Encourage student participation in events & create a welcoming environment for new students
- Assist lost students before and after events
- Role-model appropriate academic and social behaviors to incoming students
- Serve as an ambassador for UMD & support the Bulldog Beginnings program
- Abide by and reinforce University policies

Time Commitment
- Prior to Bulldog Welcome Week
  - Student Leader Trainings
- During Bulldog Welcome Week,
  - ~1 hour per day co-leading small group meetings
  - Active participation and engagement in Bulldog Welcome Week mandatory events
  - Encouraged participation in optional events
- During Welcome Back Week
  - Activate participation and engagement in at least 3 Welcome (Back) Week Events
- During Fall 2020
  - Active participation and engagement in at least 2 First-Year Programs events

Compensation
- Meals during trainings and through welcome week, T-shirts, and other freebies
- Early move-in to campus residence halls and apartments at no charge
- Development of leadership and interpersonal skills
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Required Qualifications

- Must be a current UMD degree-seeking undergraduate student registered for the Fall 2020 semester
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above
- Energy, enthusiasm, and sensitivity for assisting students facing many new experiences
- Demonstrated effective teamwork, communication, critical thinking, and conflict resolution skills
- Excellent customer service skills
- Ability to work individually and within teams
- Overall understanding of Kirby Student Center and UMD
- Cannot be a Peer Leader for UST 1000 for Fall 2020

How to Apply

Welcome Leader: The application can be found online here. Applications open on February 17th and will be accepted until March 18th.

Program/ Unit Description: Kirby Student Center is the hub of student activities on the UMD campus. KSC houses and supports more than 270 student organizations, the Kirby Leadership Institute, the Welcome Desk, and Event and Conference Services. Through the efforts of ten professional staff and more than 30 student employees, Kirby strives to offer a positive and engaging experience for everyone on the UMD campus.

OUR MISSION Kirby Student Center creates community at the heart of campus. We do this by serving the needs of the campus and community by providing involvement opportunities, services, programming and facilities that promote and strengthen the student learning experience for everyone on the UMD campus.

OUR VISION We will be the true center of campus: the place where students, staff, faculty and community will meet to learn from each other and share experiences in inclusive, innovative and inspiring ways.

OUR VALUES Student development, connection, inclusivity, support and excellence.