Proud to Be First Mentor 2019-2020 Description & Application Process

We are now accepting applications for 2019-2020 CAS Proud to Be First Mentors program. Incoming first-year, first-generation students have the opportunity to opt-in to receiving a Proud Mentor for the academic year. Mentors work to plan and implement meetings, events, and workshops; serve as sources of information and support, and help connect first-year students to College and University resources, faculty members, and staff. Proud Mentors are encouraged to share their stories and experiences as first-generation students to promote student engagement and success.

The university defines a first-generation college student whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) has/have not completed a bachelor’s degree in the United States

Minimum Qualifications

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- First-generation student at CAS
- Good judicial/disciplinary/academic standing with the University
- Commitment to the mission and goals of the Proud to Be First Program
- Leadership potential, strong work ethic, and willingness to take initiative
- Openness to strengthening understanding of multiculturalism, diversity, and social justice
- Positive attitude, energy, knowledge of and enthusiasm for CAS and the Proud to Be First Program
- Good teamwork, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Ability to work effectively with a College Cohort Program, Proud Advocates, staff and faculty
- Desire to learn about the University’s community, programs, resources, policies, and procedures
-Flexibility, responsibility, and willingness to assist others
- Please note that mentors may not study away during 2019-2020 academic year. J-term study away is acceptable.

Responsibilities

- Attend mandatory spring training (Friday, May 10, 2019, 4-7pm, Silver 905) and August training (August 26*-28, 2019, 2-5pm, Silver 905)
  *Training on Monday, August 26 is TBD. Also, if you are currently studying away, you are excused from the spring training and we will coordinate another time for you.
- Attend and participate in biweekly staff meetings held every other Friday in Silver 905, Zimmer conference room from 4pm-5pm
• Maintain communication with first-year, first-generation students regularly via email, social media, and scheduled one-on-one’s.
• Collaborate with fellow mentors to plan one social and one academic event per semester. Attend all Proud to Be First events during the fall and spring semester.
• Be an advocate for the Proud to Be First Program and its students.
• Answer questions about social and academic aspects of University life.
• Provide administrative support for the program, including event preparation.
• Work closely with the Graduate Coordinator and Assistant Director of Proud to Be First to create workshops and events that support student growth and transition.
• Participate as a mentee in the CAS Alumni Mentor Program in the spring semester (you will be matched with a CAS alumni related to your field of study/interests and conduct an informational interview with your assigned alumnus).
• Participate in additional projects as necessary.

Compensation and Benefits

• Proud to Be First Mentors will receive pay of $300 in the form a check each semester (fall and spring).
• One returning Proud to Be First Mentor will receive pay of $350 in the form a check each semester (fall and spring). This returning mentor will have some additional responsibilities.

Application Timeline and Instructions:

1) Please complete the application via Google Forms here by Friday, March 24th, 2019 at 11:59 pm EST.
2) All applicants must upload a resume, unofficial transcript, and a small photo to the Google form as part of their application.
3) Invitations to interview will be sent out by Friday, April 5th. Individual interviews will take place April 10th-17th.
   • If you are currently studying away, please select that option via the Google Form and we will coordinate a date and time that will work for everyone.

If you have any questions about the program or role, please feel free to contact the program Graduate Coordinator, Mia Flores at cas.proudtobefirst@nyu.edu. We hope you strongly consider this unique opportunity and decide to apply today!