



Mentoring, Educating, and Training for Academic Success

Peer Mentoring Program

Mentee Application



Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center



PROGRAM INFORMATION

What is METAS?

The METAS (Mentoring, Educating, and Training for Academic Success) Program is designed to assist first-year and transfer students with their college transition by pairing them with a peer mentor that will provide guidance and support. Benefits to participation include earning coursework credit, learning about resources and opportunities at UConn, attending educational, cultural and social events sponsored by the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC) as well as other departments throughout campus and meeting other students who are going through the same experience. The program's goals are: to enhance student retention; to create a strong sense of community among Latino students; to provide leadership opportunities; and to provide a support system for Latino freshman and transfer students as they transition into college life.

How does the program work?

During the summer, future UConn freshmen and transfer students are recruited into the program and matched with peer mentors according to common interests and characteristics such as major, extracurricular activities, hometown, hobbies and/or gender. Participants will be able to take part in a number of activities during the year, which include the METAS Orientation, social and cultural events, educational workshops, fieldtrips, etc. Mentors and mentees can work together to determine expectations and how to best structure their mentoring relationship.

What are my commitments?

Students in the program are encouraged to enroll in a 1-credit course (INTD 1820--Connecting with METAS!). This course will connect you to university resources and provide an opportunity for students to learn about and discuss issues pertinent to Latinos. Each week, students will learn about a range of topics such as cultural and campus resources, study skills, time management and problem solving. You will also learn how to positively contribute to the Latino community at UConn. The course will meet once a week for an hour; date & time to be determined. Other commitments include:

- Commit to be involved during the year and participate in PRLACC's activities.
- Request guidance about campus resources, coursework, career goals, and other educational and social opportunities as needed.
- Attend mandatory workshops (dates TBD).

What are the enrollment requirements?

- Must be a first-year or transfer student in the fall at the Storrs campus.
- Must submit the completed application to PRLACC, 2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3188, Storrs, CT 06269-3188. Deadline to apply is **19 July 2013**.
- Enroll in the 1-credit course. Enrollment in this course is encouraged and by instructor consent only. Please contact the center at (860) 486-1135 with questions regarding the class or to get your permission number to enroll.

Questions?

All questions regarding the program should be directed to (860) 486-1135 or METAS @uconn.edu.

METAS 2013 – 2014 Mentee Application

Part I: Background Information (please print legibly)

Submission deadline is 19 July 2013

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Middle Initial: _____ Nickname: _____ DOB (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Gender: Female Male Languages spoken/written: _____

Race/Ethnicity: White, non-Hispanic/Latino African American Asian/Pacific Islander

Latino/Hispanic (country of origin): _____ Other: _____

PeopleSoft Number: _____ Email: _____@uconn.edu

College/School (i.e. College of Liberal Arts & Sciences): _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____
(if undecided, indicate what you are considering)

Class Standing: Freshmen or Transfer Student If transfer student, what year are you? _____

If transfer student, where did you attend last? _____

Are you a part of the Student Support Services (SSS) Program? (Yes/No) _____

If yes, are you involved in the mentoring program of the SSS? (Yes/No) _____

Expected Graduation Date (mm/yyyy): _____

Campus/Local Address (if known):

Home Address/Summer (required):

City: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Home/Summer Phone: _____

Part II: Short Answer

Please type or write the answers to the following questions. Please write no less than 3 sentences and be very specific as these responses are used for matching purposes.

1. What are you looking for in a mentor?

2. What areas do you know or feel that you will need assistance with when you arrive at the University of Connecticut (e.g. major, student organizations, student employment, etc.)?

3. List activities, hobbies, and interests.

4. In your own words, describe yourself and your personality (please be specific).

5. In what way would you like METAS to support you academically?

Part III: Preferences

Please check all that apply.

"I would describe myself as..."

Talkative or Quiet

Energetic or Laid back

Funny or Serious

Outgoing or Shy

_____ _____

"I would prefer a Mentor who is..."

Talkative or Quiet

Energetic or Laid back

Funny or Serious

Outgoing or Shy

Male or Female

Part III: Acknowledgement

*I understand that in order to be considered for participation this application must be submitted by the deadline of **19 July 2013**. Late applications are considered, but space is not guaranteed. I further acknowledge that the information on this application is true and accurate. If accepted, I understand that I am responsible for signing a contract with this program, which outlines expectations of me as a mentee.*

Signature

Date

***Applications should be mailed to:**

University of Connecticut
Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center
2110 Hillside Road, Unit 3188
Storrs, CT 06269-3188

For office use only:

Date received: _____ **Acceptance sent:** _____

Mentor: _____