Department Overview:

Mentors within the Mentor Collective program are enthusiastic and supportive peers committed to supporting first year UW students. Conversations with mentees can range from academics, getting involved on campus, staying balanced, and future career goals. As a mentor, you will be able to be a strong support for your mentees and help share tips and tricks for navigating our large campus! Every student deserves support in making the transition to college life and you’ll have the unique opportunity to provide support in that transition and show them what’s special about being a Badger.

The Mentor Collective Program is part of our Success Services within the Office of Student Financial Aid; which aim to support students’ experiences so they can achieve their own journey of success. We offer Success Coaching, Basic Needs support, mentorship, and skill development through Be Engaged Workshops. Learn a bit more about Success Services here: https://financialaid.wisc.edu/success

Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled UW-Madison student
- A willingness to support and provide resources to first year students

Start & End Dates:

- Summer 2023 through May 2024
- After completing the Mentor training with Mentor Collective; you will be matched with mentees signing up for the program

Expectations & Responsibilities:

- Complete Mentor Collective Mentor Training
- Attend Mentor Onboarding
- Communicate and engage with 5-10 student mentees in person, email, or text messages at least 1x/month on topics helpful to the mentees
- Complete conversation logs within the Mentor Collective platform after connecting with mentees; at least 1x/month
- Complete important insight flags when needed to provide additional support to mentees from Success Services team and UW-Madison resources
● Commit at least an hour per week to engage with mentees
● Provide Mentor Collective and UW-Madison with feedback on how to improve the program (e.g. by surveys, user interviews, etc.)

Resources & Benefits for Mentors:

● A $600 stipend
  o $50 Sign On Bonus (in July 2023)
  o $275 Fall Semester & Spring Semester
● Potential to earn additional $150 Recognition Award
● Professional development opportunities to learn about mentorship & enhance your skills
● Access to the OSFA Success Services team for community, feedback, and advice
● Opportunity to network with fellow mentors
● A way to text mentees without sharing personal phone number
● A list of UW-Madison specific resources to help answer questions and direct students
● Counts toward Leadership Certificate requirements

Anticipated Schedule:

Mentors have the flexibility to create their own schedule. Mentors should plan for approximately 5-10 hours per month connecting with first year students. This may vary depending on mentee needs and level of engagement. Additionally, mentors may find engagement is higher at the start of the fall semester.

Compensation:

$600 Stipend. $50 Sign-On Bonus in July 2023; $275 in December 2023 & $275 in May 2024. Potential to earn additional $150 Recognition Award