Gemstone CONNECT Mentor Position
Fall 2016-Spring 2017 Responsibilities

What is Gemstone CONNECT?
CONNECT is Gemstone’s peer mentoring initiative that seeks to connect incoming students with current students during the summer. The Summer CONNECT role focuses on helping incoming students with their transition to the Gemstone Honors Program and the University of Maryland.

General Requirements:
- Must commit to a year-long position (Fall 2016 semester and Spring 2017 semester)
- Must be Gemstone student in good academic standing (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Must be a sophomore, junior or senior in Gemstone
- Must be enrolled in classes for Fall 2016 semester on campus (cannot study abroad)

Compensation:
- At the conclusion of each semester (fall and spring), CONNECT mentors will be compensated through 1-2 credits via GEMS208E, depending on # of hours staffed.

Fall Responsibilities (including but not limited to):
- Attend CONNECT Mentor Fall Training: **Sunday, September 11th 5-6pm**
- Attend a one hour monthly CONNECT Mentor Meeting (First Sunday of each month from 5-6pm) all held in La Plata Multipurpose Room
  - **MEETING DATES: Sunday 10/2, Sunday 11/6, and Sunday 12/4**
- Participate and contribute to CONNECT Kickoff and Welcome events. Events marked with a (**) are mandatory for all mentors unless you have a legitimate conflict and have notified Jessica.
  - **Friday, August 26th, Time TBD**– Gemstone Class of 2020 Welcome
  - **Sunday, August 29th, 6:30pm & 7:30pm** (only 1 time required per mentor) - Classroom/Campus Tours for new Gemstone students
  - **Monday, August 30th, 7:00pm-8:00pm**- CONNECT Mentor Meet & Greet
- Staff 1-2 evening study hour/s per week (Sunday through Wednesday evenings, 6pm-12am)
  - Evening study hours begin the week of September 11th
- Conduct one *formal* in person, one-on-one First Year Check-In with each mentee (linked to Gems100 participation points for first-year students).
  - The deadline for all check-ins is Friday, October 21, 2016
- Conduct one *informal* in person mentoring session with mentees (Attend a Gemstone event, on campus sporting event, dinner at the Diner, coffee, etc. These informal mentoring sessions can be done in small groups)
- Conduct two virtual communication touch points via email

Spring Responsibilities (including but not limited to):
- Attend CONNECT Mentor Spring Training: Date/Time TBD
- Attend a one hour monthly CONNECT Mentor Meeting (First Sunday of each month from 5-6pm, dates TBD).
- Staff 1-2 evening study hour/s per week (Sunday through Wednesday evenings, 6pm-12am)
• Conduct two virtual communication touch points via email
• Conduct one *informal* in person mentoring session with mentees (Attend a Gemstone event, on campus sporting event, dinner at the Diner, coffee, etc. These informal mentoring sessions can be done in small groups)

**Questions? Email Jessica Lee at jlee1021@umd.edu or gemstoneconnect@gmail.com.**