

# Gemstone CONNECT Mentor Position

## Fall 2017 - Spring 2018 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 CONNECT mentor 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 2017 and Spring 2018)
- Must be Gemstone student in good academic standing (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Must be a rising sophomore, junior or senior in Gemstone.
- Must be enrolled in classes for Fall 2017 semester on campus (cannot study abroad)

### Compensation:

- At the conclusion of each semester (fall and spring), CONNECT mentors will be compensated through 1-3 credits via GEMS208E, depending on # of hours staffed.

### Fall Responsibilities (including but not limited to):

- Attend **Virtual** CONNECT Mentor Training & Introduction: **Friday, Aug. 25, Time TBD**
- Attend a monthly Gems100/CONNECT Mentor Staff Meeting, all held in La Plata Multipurpose Room (Fall 2017 dates and times below)
  - **Sunday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> (5:30-7:00pm)**
  - **Sunday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> (7:00-8:30pm)**
  - **Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> (ONLINE)**
  - **Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> (5:30-7:00pm)**
- Attend CONNECT Kickoff and Welcome events. Events marked with a (\*\*) are mandatory for all mentors unless you have a legitimate conflict and have notified Jessica.
  - **Thursday, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00pm** – Honors Convocation Volunteering
  - **Sunday, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm\*\*** Mentor Meet & Greet and Find Your Classes Tours
- Lead two presentations in Gems100 classes (more info soon)
  - **Week of Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** – UMD Resources (Introducing CONNECT)
  - **Week of Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>** – CONNECT as Gemstone Scholars (four year plans, time management, study skills, etc.)
- Staff 1-2 evening study hour/s per week (Sunday through Wednesday evenings, 6pm-12am).
  - Evening study hours begin the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 20, 2017
- 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 monthly CONNECT Mentor Meeting (dates TBD, will announce by January 2018)
- 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)

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