**Peer Mentor Application 2019/20**

Essex Abroad would like to invite you to apply to become a Peer Mentor during academic year 2019/20.

As a Peer Mentor, we would like you to:

* Offer support and advice to new incoming exchange students at the University of Essex.
* Help exchange students to settle in and make them feel a part of the University.
* Answer any questions new students may have, and signpost them to further university support services.
* Welcome new students to the University during specific Essex Abroad Welcome events in October and January.
* You may also get the opportunity to help organise and attend various workshops and events throughout the year.

As a Peer Mentor, you will not be required to give any academic advice, careers advice, counselling or to deal with sensitive situations – we have trained teams across the university to support with these instances.

You will be playing a vital role within Essex Abroad, and by becoming a Peer Mentor you could also benefit in the following ways:

* Develop and learn new skills outside of your degree.
* Experience to add to your CV – demonstrating a volunteering role to potential employers.
* Count hours towards your Big Essex Award, to be displayed on your HEAR <http://www.essex.ac.uk/careers/bige/default.aspx>
* Meeting new people around the university who you may not have met otherwise.
* Play a key role within Essex Abroad and keep up to date with news and events.

In order to equip you with the skills and knowledge to become a Peer Mentor, you will be required to complete some short online Moodle modules to complete.

We require Peer Mentors to be:

* Reliable, friendly and approachable
* Trustworthy and able to maintain confidentiality
* Willing to help new students to settle into university life
* Responsive to students asking for help or advice
* A friendly face around campus for new students
* Complete the required preparatory Moodle training
* Available during the Welcome period to meet new students

If you would like to register your interest in becoming a Peer Mentor during academic year 2019/20, please complete the information on the following page, including a statement about why you would like to undertake the role.

Please complete this application form and return it to essexabroad@essex.ac.uk **before 30 August 2019.**

**Please note that if you have already applied to be a peer mentor for your department, you won’t be able to apply to be an Essex Abroad peer mentor, but you can still support us with events.**

Successful applicants will be invited for an interview via Skype.

Many thanks for your interest.

Ellie Laing

Essex Abroad

**Please fill in all details below:**

Essex Abroad

Department:

Surname:

Name:

Registration number:

Current year of study:

Course:

Essex email address:

Study abroad university:

Please use this space to explain why you are interested in becoming a Peer Mentor and what you think you can bring to the role: Max 200 words.